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**Re: Connolly-Beyer amendment to H.R.6147 to ensure continuation of Pruitt OIG inquiries**

Dear Representative,

On behalf of our millions of members and activists nationwide, we write to you in support of amendment #30 to H.R.6147, the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2019. The amendment would safeguard the integrity of the Environmental Protection Agency while the full scope of ex-Administrator Pruitt's conflicts of interest and polluter bias become known. It would do this by withholding funding to finalize rulemakings initiated under Pruitt until after the Inspector General probes into his conduct are complete.

The tenure of Administrator Pruitt was marred by unprecedented scandal. Much of the conduct that would come under scrutiny from independent investigators features some combination of financial malfeasance and inappropriate closeness with regulated industries. It is wrong to proceed with Pruitt's agenda before there is a full accounting of his conflicts and corruption.

Over a dozen rulemakings initiated under Pruitt are ongoing, including efforts to weaken fuel efficiency standards, carbon limitations for power plants, and protections for the Waters of the United States. These are all major policy shifts that would benefit the very industries that Pruitt is accused of having improper relationships with. To ensure that the EPA is truly listening to the American people we ask you to vote for this amendment to suspend these rulemakings while the remaining investigations continue.

Sincerely,

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