



April 30, 2018

Dear [Senator or Representative];

As 170 federal representatives and senators have introduced formal resolutions (S. Res. 473 and H. Res. 843) calling for the immediate resignation of Scott Pruitt as U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator, and Mr. Pruitt's ethics, expenditures, and other actions in that office are the subject of at least 10 federal inquiries, Waterkeeper Alliance and the 94 undersigned Waterkeeper Organizations and Affiliates write to respectfully request that you take urgent action, through any and all legal means, to pursue Administrator Pruitt's resignation or removal from office.

Waterkeeper Alliance unites more than 300 Waterkeeper Organizations and Affiliates that are on the frontlines of the global water crisis, patrolling and protecting more than 2.5 million square miles of rivers, lakes, and coastal waterways in 44 countries on 6 continents. In the United States, Waterkeeper Alliance represents the interests of its 174 U.S. Waterkeeper Member Organizations and Affiliates, as well as the collective interests of thousands of individual supporting members that live, work, and recreate in watersheds across the country, in our shared goal of restoring and protecting drinkable, fishable, and swimmable water everywhere.

As EPA Administrator, Scott Pruitt has been entrusted with the responsibility to protect the citizens of the United States and the environment from pollution, including restoring and maintaining the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation's waters under the Clean Water Act. This is a solemn responsibility that must be approached with seriousness, integrity, and dedication to implement our nation's environmental laws as intended in true partnership with the states, tribal governments, the public, and a broad range of stakeholders. Administrator Pruitt has fallen far short of that mark.

In addition to his ever-expanding litany of ethical, financial, administrative, and legal breaches,¹ Administrator Pruitt is attempting to undermine EPA and its mission by, among other things, eliminating staff and experts; limiting public information and access; reducing programs and funding; eliminating and delaying regulations; reducing enforcement; consolidating enforcement authority to Headquarters; and ignoring expert and scientific recommendations. Mr. Pruitt has also abused his position of power to lead EPA in a series of poorly executed and blatantly anti-environment regulatory actions that are not consistent with the law and, thus, certain to lead to lengthy, expensive litigation.² Many, if not all, of these efforts will ultimately be unsuccessful and a massive waste of taxpayer resources.

¹ <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/18/climate/scott-pruitt-epa-investigations-guide.html>

² See e.g., Environmental Protections on the Chopping Block, Environmental Integrity Project, <http://www.environmentalintegrity.org/trump-watch-epa/regulatory-rollbacks/> (last visited April 11, 2018).

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Even more importantly, while focusing EPA's resources on his politically-driven deregulatory agenda, he has entirely ignored urgent environmental and public health issues that require EPA's attention, indisputably demonstrating that he is both unwilling and unfit to perform the duties required by his office. Unfortunately, the majority of our nation's assessed waters are polluted and do not meet the federal Clean Water Act's minimum standards for protection of public health, public water supply, propagation of fish and wildlife, and/or recreational, agricultural, industrial, and other purposes.³ EPA reports that this includes 97% of assessed Great Lakes Open Water, 79.5% of assessed Bays and Estuaries, 72% of assessed Coastal Shoreline; 91% of assessed Ocean and Near-Coastal Waters; 70.6% of assessed Lakes, Reservoirs and Ponds; and 52.7% of assessed Rivers and Streams.

This pollution, and EPA's failure to address it, has caused serious and tangible damage to the public, the economy, businesses, communities, and ecosystems across the country. We have dangerous toxic algae blooms in all 50 U.S. States; in 2015 nearly 21 million people relied on water supplies that didn't meet minimum health standards; 200 million people in all 50 states — more than two-thirds of the population — have drinking water supplies contaminated by Chromium-6; 179,030 miles of rivers and streams are polluted by dangerous pathogens; 8,314,973 acres of lakes/reservoirs/ponds are polluted by mercury; and waters across the country are polluted by PCBs, Dioxin, Metals, Pesticides, Pathogens, Nutrients, Toxics, Radionuclides, Petroleum Hydrocarbons, and/or many other pollutants.

Administrator Pruitt has rarely, if ever, even mentioned most of our nation's very serious and widespread water pollution problems, and he has certainly given no indication that he plans to address them. He is not implementing our nation's environmental statutes in a manner that protects human health and the environment consistent with Congressional intent. Instead, he has intently focused his attention, and EPA staff time, on weakening environmental and public health protections in order to promote the interests of his industry supporters, his political allies, and himself. And he has done so at great, unjustified expense to U.S. taxpayers. This is a serious breach of the public trust and is extremely dangerous.

The public deserves an EPA Administrator who is focused on protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare. Scott Pruitt, with his inexplicable and outlandish demands for bullet-proof desks, 24/7 security, Kevlar-like SUV seat covers, first-class airline seats, requests for emergency lights/sirens in non-emergencies, and \$43,000 soundproof phone booth, is clearly focused on something else entirely.

On behalf of Waterkeeper Alliance, Waterkeeper Organizations and Affiliates and our individual members whose health, safety, and well-being depend on clean water, please take urgent action to pursue Administrator Pruitt's resignation or removal from office, and ensure that he is replaced by a new Administrator who is committed to faithfully fulfilling the mission of the EPA.

Sincerely,

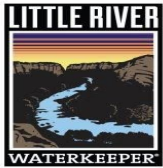
³ U.S. EPA, National Summary of State Information, available at: https://ofmpub.epa.gov/waters10/attains_nation_cy.control (last visited April 27, 2018).



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