**1/25 Climate Friday Materials: Wheeler**

**Suggested Hashtags:** #ClimateFriday, #StopWheeler

**TIES TO INDUSTRY**

***What to say:***

* “Wheeler has continued to advance an agenda focused on undermining safeguards upon which Americans rely to keep their air and water safe.” – @kenkimmell of @UCSUSA on why we must #StopWheeler #ClimateFriday [https://cnn.it/2FzOjMV](https://www.cnn.com/2019/01/15/opinions/andrew-wheeler-bad-choice-epa-kimmell/index.html)
* “It's not too late for the Senate to do its job. Wheeler has a long track record that shows he does not follow science and is not advancing the EPA's core mission to protect public health and the environment.” – @kenkimmell of @UCSUSA #StopWheeler #ClimateFriday<https://cnn.it/2FzOjMV>
* .@EPAAWheeler’s “disregard for the agency’s core mission — to protect public health and the environment — is brazen. But what else should we expect from a former coal industry lobbyist?” – @DmnqBrowning of @CleanAirMoms #StopWheeler#ClimateFriday<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/14/opinion/epa-trump-andrew-wheeler.html>
* .@EPAAWheeler is an environmental disaster. Period. #StopWheeler#ClimateFriday<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/14/opinion/epa-trump-andrew-wheeler.html>
* There are a million reasons why ex-coal lobbyist @EPAAWheeler is unfit to lead the @EPA. Here are @CleanAirMoms’ top ten: <https://www.momscleanairforce.org/why-moms-oppose-wheeler/> #StopWheeler #ClimateFriday

**IGNORING SCIENCE/SCIENTISTS**

***What to say:***

* Instead of reading #NCA4 (a report from his own scientists!), @EPAAWheeler continues to ignore science and scientists in his quest to destroy our health. #StopWheeler #ClimateFriday<https://cnn.it/2FzOjMV>
* .@EPAAWheeler blamed his failure to read #NCA4 on the #TrumpShutdown… even though the report came out a month before the shutdown began. 🤔🤔🤔 #StopWheeler #ClimateFriday <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UX0nJ9ZmGcs&feature=youtu.be>
* #NCA4 came out a month before the #TrumpShutdown started. @EPAAWheeler’s excuses for not reading the report are all about his disregard for science, and are getting stale. He can’t blame anyone but himself. #ClimateFriday <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UX0nJ9ZmGcs&feature=youtu.be>

**NOMINATION PUSHED DURING SHUTDOWN**

***What to say:***

* .@ChrisVanHollen - thank you for lifting up the stories of furloughed @EPA employees during the #TrumpShutdown. Pushing @EPAAWheeler’s nomination through during the shutdown is unconscionable. #ClimateFriday<https://youtu.be/hEHnTII_nv8>
* With thousands of @EPA employees out of work due to the #TrumpShutdown, it’s completely inappropriate that @EPAAWheeler is vying for a raise. #StopWheeler #ClimateFriday<https://youtu.be/hEHnTII_nv8>
* .@EPAAWheeler refuses to commit to urging @realDonaldTrump to sign a bill guaranteeing that @EPA employees get back pay after the #TrumpShutdown. #ClimateFriday <https://youtu.be/hEHnTII_nv8>

**NEW POLLING ON CLIMATE**

***What to say:***

* NEW POLL: Ex-coal lobbyist @EPAAWheeler’s refusal to #ActOnClimate is out of step with what the majority of Americans want. #ClimateFriday <https://nyti.ms/2sH2vfj>
* .@KHayhoe on the urgent need to #ActOnClimate: “Today, nearly everyone can point to a way they… are being personally affected by the impacts of a changing climate.” #ClimateFriday <https://nyti.ms/2sH2vfj>
* NEW POLL: The majority of Americans agree – we must #ActOnClimate to protect the people and places we care about. @EPAAWheeler is dangerously out of step. (via @nytimes) #ClimateFriday <https://nyti.ms/2sH2vfj>
* NEW POLL: Unlike ex-coal lobbyist @EPAAWheeler, most Americans understand the urgent need to #ActOnClimate. #ClimateFriday <https://nyti.ms/2sH2vfj>
* Earth to @EPAAWheeler - instead of rolling back lifesaving climate and health protections, you should listen to the majority of Americans and #ActOnClimate. #ClimateFriday <https://nyti.ms/2sH2vfj>

**EPA ENFORCEMENT DOWN**

* “The public expects @EPA to protect them from the worst polluters. The @realDonaldTrump @EPA is not doing that.” – former @EPAJustice head Cynthia Giles #StopWheeler #ClimateFriday <https://wapo.st/2Rb6r1U>
* “The troubling lack of enforcement not only threatens the water we drink and the air we breathe, but also sends a dangerous message to polluters that @EPA will continue to turn a blind eye.” – @FrankPallone on why we must #StopWheeler #ClimateFriday <https://wapo.st/2Rb6r1U>
* NEW: Bombshell report shows that @realDonaldTrump and ex-coal lobbyist @EPAAWheeler are letting polluters off the hook at unprecedented rates. #StopWheeler #ClimateFriday <https://wapo.st/2Rb6r1U>
* Under the @realDonaldTrump administration, fines for corporate polluters have dropped a whopping 85%. If ex-coal lobbyist @EPAAWheeler is confirmed as @EPA head, things will get worse. #StopWheeler #ClimateFriday <https://wapo.st/2Rb6r1U>
* Criminal enforcement at the @EPA under @realDonaldTrump and ex-coal lobbyist @EPAAWheeler isn’t just bad – it’s at its lowest level in 30 years. This is UNACCEPTABLE: we must #StopWheeler to hold corporate polluters accountable. #ClimateFriday <https://wapo.st/2Rb6r1U>
* The American people deserve an @EPA administrator committed to holding corporate polluters accountable. Ex-coal lobbyist @EPAAWheeler’s dismal enforcement record proves he’s unfit for the job. #StopWheeler #ClimateFriday <https://wapo.st/2Rb6r1U>

**IMPACTS OF HIS TOXIC AGENDA**

***What to say on cars:***

* .@EPAAWheeler refused to acknowledge reports (from his own agency!) proving that rolling back #CleanerCars standards would be cause pollution to skyrocket. #ClimateFriday <https://bit.ly/2QCdpwA>
* No matter what the science says, @EPAAWheeler will put corporate polluters ahead of #CleanerCars standards that protect our health, environment, and economy. #ClimateFriday <https://bit.ly/2QCdpwA>
* #CleanerCars standards protect our communities and our wallets. At his confirmation hearing, @EPAAWheeler made it clear that he doesn’t care about either. #ClimateFriday <https://bit.ly/2QCdpwA>
* We need to #StopWheeler from attacking [STATE]’s authority to protect its residents from dangerous tailpipe pollution. #CleanerCars #ClimateFriday<https://bit.ly/2QCdpwA>

***What to say on mercury:***

* Parents, people of faith, and even utilities are standing together to send a clear message to @EPAAWheeler – we can’t afford his #PoisonPlan. #StopWheeler [#ClimateFriday https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/14/opinion/epa-trump-andrew-wheeler.html](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/14/opinion/epa-trump-andrew-wheeler.html)
* Almost 2 million Latinos live within a half mile of an oil and gas facility. @EPAAWheeler’s #PoisonPlan will put them directly in harm’s way. #StopWheeler #ClimateFriday (via @NHMAmd President @ElenaRiosMD)<https://bit.ly/2RT03k2>
  + *Casi dos millones de latinos viven a media milla de una fábrica que procesa petróleo o gas natural. El #PoisonPlan de @EPAAWheeler los afectará directamente. Para más información lee este artículo de @ElenaRiosMD, presidenta de @NHMAmd:* [*https://bit.ly/2RT03k2*](https://bit.ly/2RT03k2) *#StopWheeler #ClimateFriday*
* Latino families are already exposed to dangerous toxins like mercury, lead, and arsenic at disproportionate rates. @EPAAWheeler’s #PoisonPlan will make things worse. #StopWheeler #ClimateFriday (via @NHMAmd President @ElenaRiosMD) <https://bit.ly/2RT03k2>
  + *Las familias latinas ya están expuestas a toxinas peligrosas como el mercurio, plomo y arsénico en tasas desproporcionales. @ElenaRiosMD de @NHMAmd explica por qué el #PoisonPlan de @EPAAWheeler empeorará las cosas. #StopWheeler #ClimateFriday* [*https://bit.ly/2RT03k2*](https://bit.ly/2RT03k2)
* .@EPAAWheeler’s #PoisonPlan to roll back mercury pollution standards puts our health and environment at risk. @SenatorCarper called him out. #StopWheeler #ClimateFriday<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=razolDfXmOA&feature=youtu.be>
* READ: Health leaders representing over 300 hospitals outline why @EPAAWheeler’s #PoisonPlan is dangerous for everyone – especially pregnant women, babies, and children. #StopWheeler [#ClimateFriday https://bit.ly/2ssqmzy](https://bit.ly/2ssqmzy)

**More resources:**

[State-specific mercury social [English/Spanish]](http://materials.actonclimate.com/asset/4150/)

***What to say on methane:***

* .@EPAAWheeler ducked and dodged question after question about how his rollbacks of vital protections like those that #CutMethane impact our health. He’s more concerned with polluter profits than with our health. #ClimateFriday <https://nyti.ms/2NvEDHB>
* During his confirmation hearing, @EPAAWheeler’s ties to corporate polluters were on full display. His efforts to roll back standards that #CutMethane are tipping the scales in their favor. #ClimateFriday <https://nyti.ms/2NvEDHB>
* Hey, @EPAAWheeler, if you really cared about #CleanAir4Kids, you wouldn’t roll back vital standards that #CutMethane. #ClimateFriday <https://nyti.ms/2NvEDHB>
* By gutting standards that #CutMethane, @EPAAWheeler is putting the health of communities of color at risk. We deserve an EPA Administrator who is focused on protecting the health of vulnerable residents. #ClimateFriday <https://nyti.ms/2NvEDHB>

**RACIST SOCIAL MEDIA BEHAVIOR**

***What to say:***

* Among the many reasons reasons to #StopWheeler: <https://bloom.bg/2FWHeX2> #ClimateFriday
* Wheeler might “forget” his racist social media activity, but we don’t. He’s unfit to lead the @EPA. Period. #StopWheeler #ClimateFriday <https://bloom.bg/2FWHeX2>
* Wheeler might “forget” his Facebook post, but actions speak louder than words. His dangerous #PoisonPlan would disproportionately impact communities of color. Enough is enough. #StopWheeler #ClimateFriday <https://bloom.bg/2FWHeX2>

**WHEELER PETITION PUSH**

***What to say:***

* During his tenure at @EPA, @EPAAWheeler has put polluters before your health. Every. Single. Time. Now is the time to #StopWheeler. #ClimateFriday [LINK]
* Our health is more important than the wish lists of corporate polluters. We can’t afford @EPAAWheeler as EPA administrator. #StopWheeler #ClimateFriday [LINK]
* An ex-coal lobbyist shouldn’t control the @EPA. Period. It’s time to #StopWheeler. #ClimateFriday [LINK]
* For our health, for our planet, and for our future, we must #StopWheeler. #ClimateFriday [LINK]
* Andrew Wheeler is an environmental disaster. We can’t let him get confirmed as EPA administrator. Add your voice to #StopWheeler: [LINK] #ClimateFriday