**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:**

**FROM:**

**RE:**Thanks to POTUS, State of the Union is Polluted

**DATE:** [DATE] 2018

During his first State of the Union address, President Trump will try to excuse his broken promise to the American people to provide clean air and “crystal clear” water. The truth? Instead of defending clean air and water and protecting our communities, President Trump dedicated his first year to rigging the system for corporate polluters.

What is the state of the union? Thanks to the president and his corrupt cabinet, it’s polluted.

**So when you cover the president’s State of the Union address, please cite his broken promises to everyday Americans on clean air, water and climate. They are many:**

* In year one, President Trump and his EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt went after the lifesaving Clean Power Plan, America’s first and only federal limits on carbon pollution from power plants. By the administration’s own estimates, the repeal could lead to 4,500 more premature deaths each year by 2030.
* Trump and Pruitt went after fuel efficiency standards that have cut tailpipe pollution and saved families more than $50 billion at the pump. They hope to allow automakers to sell dirtier cars that pollute the air and harm our health; cars so dirty that automakers might not be able to sell them in Europe or China.
* The Trump administration went after the Bureau of Land Management’s methane waste rule, which was meant to prevent oil and gas drillers from wasting natural gas extracted from public lands. By repealing the rule, the president would cost taxpayers about $800 million over the next decade.

No one is safe from Trump’s relentless efforts to please polluters. Not the hundreds of thousands of people in your state who suffer from asthma. Not Latino and African-American children, who face disproportionate harm from power plant pollution and who are significantly more likely to die from asthma than white children.

Not even the president’s most ardent supporters are safe from his policies. Trump promised to restore coal country. However, he is [reportedly planning to repeal](https://www.wvgazettemail.com/news/politics/trump-regulatory-initiative-targets-black-lung-protections/article_0710897c-7059-5343-a586-88fbfa0afaa8.html) a rule that protects coal miners from black lung disease.

**Please include the president’s environmental failures in your coverage of his speech. Because despite his alternative facts, thanks to him, the state of the union is polluted.**