**TALKING POINTS: Scott Pruitt Catchphrases**

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* Administrator Scott Pruitt likes to say that the EPA needs to get “back to basics.” But his anti-health agenda isn’t back to basics. Really, it’s to fade to black for the EPA and public health protections.
* Protecting the health of Americans is the most basic and essential part of the EPA’s mission. And yet, Pruitt continues to oppose vital health protections, most recently against dangerous smog and carbon pollution.
* And while Pruitt claims he will prioritize Superfund clean-up and collaborating with states, the Trump-Pruitt dirty energy budget significantly cuts funding to both.
* So he’s not interested in returning the EPA to any sort of basic principles. Instead, Administrator Pruitt is looking to take our country’s environmental cop off the beat in order to rig the system for big, corporate polluters.

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* When it comes to federalism and empowering states, Pruitt is only paying lip service. The Trump-Pruitt budget cuts state funding and zeroes out state programs for cleaning up bodies of water like the Great Lakes and the Chesapeake Bay, an interstate collaboration Pruitt once fought in court despite representing Oklahoma, a state about a thousand of miles away from the bay.
* Meanwhile, Administrator Pruitt is only interested in the rule of law as a fundraising tool, not a true principle.
  + As head of the Republican Attorneys General Association (RAGA), Pruitt founded a corporate crony slush fund called the Rule of Law Fund. He collected millions of dollars in donations from corporations and big polluters. And then Pruitt and his RAGA colleagues took official actions to stop health and consumer protection rules the corporation didn’t like.
  + But while espousing rule of law at fundraisers, Pruitt refused to practice what he preaches at EPA. He has broken rules to stop limits on methane and ozone pollution, all because his polluter allies don’t like them. Sound familiar? Old habits die hard.
* Finally, if Pruitt truly respected the rule of law, he’d act to combat climate change. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled on three separate occasions that the EPA has a responsibility under our nation’s clean air laws to protect our families and communities from carbon pollution. And so, by rule of law, EPA must act. But Pruitt refuses to and has even halted the Clean Power Plan, which sets the first-ever federal limits on carbon pollution from power plants.

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* Pruitt’s right, the future ain’t what it used to be. The U.S. was leading the world into a 21st century economy built on robust clean energy. Yet, as evidenced by President Trump’s retreat from the Paris climate agreement, America’s global leadership is now in question—as is our clean energy economy.
* Also, Pruitt’s never-ending giveaways to big polluters and his refusal to protect our health truly endangers our future. After decades of cutting pollution while growing our economy, the future of that trend is increasingly in doubt.
* Thanks to Pruitt, our future now looks more like our dark, polluted past, dominated by 19th century dirty energy. So, yes Scott, our future AIN’T what it used to be.

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* Claiming that regulations are meant to make things regular for business, Pruitt again demonstrates his hostility to the true mission of the Environmental Protection Agency.
* The EPA’s core mission is to protect our health and environment. But Pruitt is trying to radically redefine the agency to serve the interests of corporate polluters.
* Despite Pruitt’s claims, the EPA doesn’t exist to serve corporate polluters. It serves the people. And as the leader of the EPA, Pruitt needs to start serving the people too. That’s the job of a regulator like Pruitt, not currying favor with past and future political donors.

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* Pruitt is trying to cut down his predecessors in order to hide his own terrible record of attacking environmental protections and endangering public health.
* Just months into the job, Pruitt continues to try and take an ax to the EPA’s mission, data, staffing, funding and programs -- all of which the American people rely on.
* And while the Obama Administration stepped forward to address the growing threat of climate change, Pruitt wants America to do the opposite and step away from the development of clean, renewable energy that create jobs and protect our health.
* Finally, Pruitt loves to talk about how America has cut pollution and grown its economy since the EPA’s start in the 1970s. Clearly, President Obama’s Administration was part of that vital march toward environmental, health and economic progress. However, Administrator Pruitt is the start of a terrible retreat.

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