**Template Statement on Resignation of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt**

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WASHINGTON, DC (July 5, 2018) – This statement provides boilerplate for groups to use in response to the resignation of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt:

“After an unbelievable barrage of headlines revealing scandal after scandal, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt was forced to resign in disgrace from his position in the Trump Administration. While Pruitt should have been gone months ago, with Republicans and Democrats and Republicans alike calling his corruption intolerable, parents now can sleep easier knowing Pruitt can no longer use taxpayer dollars to do the bidding of corporate polluters and their lobbyists in exchange for personal favors.

From his sweetheart D.C. condo deal with an energy lobbyist, to his illegal $43,000 soundproof phone booth, to his first-class travel at taxpayer expense, to retaliating against whistleblowers who have challenged his personal spending, Pruitt’s ethical challenges were unprecedented and cannot ever be repeated. Acting Administrator Wheeler has a long road ahead of him to repair the damage Pruitt has done. If he chooses to attack bedrock environmental and public health safeguards or abuse his public office for personal benefit, he should expect the same fate as Pruitt.”

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