To: Pruitt, Scott[Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov]
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Subject: quote from your speech to the EPA that concerns me

Mr. Pruitt,

If the Huffington Post is to be believed as a source of real news, you recently gave a speech to the EPA, which you now preside over. You were quoted in this article as follows:

"Regulations ought to make things regular," Pruitt said. "Regulations exist to give certainty to those they regulate. Those we regulate ought to know what's expected of them so they can place and allocate resources to comply."

I agree that one goal of "regulations" is to give certainty to those who must comply with those "regulations". I did not catch the rest of what you said, but I hope it included something to the effect that the Environmental Protection Agency exists to protect the environment, and that those "regulations" you refer to must do that, first and foremost. You and the Trump administration do not have a mandate to abandon that mission.

I will be urging my congressional representatives to investigate fully the emails between you and your friends in the energy business during your time as Oklahoma Attorney General that you resisted making public. You could save us all a lot of "uncertainty" by requesting your former office release them voluntarily.

John Harrington