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September 11, 2017

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Whitehouse:

This letter is in response to your letters dated March 16, May 9, June 6, and July 26, 2017, in which you inquired about Carl Icahn's involvement in issues related to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS); particularly, the point of obligation.

Mr. Icahn was one of many of the president's advisors that I met with during my confirmation process. During that meeting, I made no assurances with regard to the point of obligation or any other substantive issue. Additionally, to be responsive to your request, EPA's Office of Environmental Information searched the EPA e-mail boxes of 39 senior leadership employees, including both political and career staff. There were no emails to or from any of those employees and Mr. Icahn or CVR on any subject, including ones responsive to your request. The search covered the period from February 17 to August 18, 2017.

As you know, Mr. Icahn has announced that he is no longer an advisor to the Trump Administration; and EPA has taken no final action with regard to the point of obligation. I will continue to rely on the counsel of my talented staff – both political and career – to provide advice and inform the Agency's decision making with regard to the RFS.

Respectfully yours,

E. Scott Pruitt

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