

May 16, 2018

Inspector General Arthur A. Elkins, Jr.
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Inspector General
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2410T)
Washington, D.C. 20460

Re: Request for Investigation into Conduct of Administrator Scott Pruitt

Dear Inspector General Arthur A. Elkins, Jr.:

On August 28, 2017 your office announced its intention to investigate potential ethics violations pertaining to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's travel expenses. As former employees of EPA who served both Republican and Democratic Administrations, we are deeply concerned that the numerous scandals surrounding Administrator Pruitt have compromised the Agency's mission and damaged the morale of its work force, while the evidence increasingly shows that millions of dollars are being wasted that could be better spent protecting public health and the environment. We write to respectfully request that you complete your investigation and present your findings as soon as possible, so that EPA can better focus on its statutory responsibilities.

We trust that your investigations will be informed by long-standing rules that are supposed to ensure that federal employees serve the public interest rather than their own, and do not waste resources that taxpayers have entrusted them to manage. For example:

- Employees have a duty to act impartially and not give preferential treatment to any private organization or individual, and to avoid any actions creating an appearance of bias. *See* Executive Order 12674, Executive Order 12731, 5 C.F.R. § 2635 et seq., "Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch."
- Agencies must conduct rulemaking in a publicly transparent manner. This requires that any communications with outside parties, oral or written, containing significant discussion or facts affecting a formal or informal rulemaking proceedings be summarized in writing and placed in the public rulemaking docket. *See* Administrator William D. Ruckelshaus. "Contacts with Persons Outside the Agency." May 19, 1983; Administrator Lisa P. Jackson to all employees. "Transparency in EPA's Operations." April 23, 2009.
- Federal appointees are explicitly barred from accepting any gifts from registered lobbyists or lobbying organizations during their service. *See* Executive Order 13490 (January 21, 2009), and Executive Order 13770 (January 28, 2017). This gift ban is intentionally much more restrictive than OGE gift regulations in Subpart B of 5 C.F.R. § 2635,¹ and an appointee may not so much as "accept a \$15 lunch from a registered lobbyist," and must make proper disposition of gifts by paying fair market value or returning tangible items. 5 C.F.R. § 2635.205.

¹ Robert I. Cusick, Director of OGE: Memo to Designated Agency Ethics Officials. February 11, 2009.
[https://www.oge.gov/Web/OGE.nsf/0/3BB000F6B9C1309A85257E96005FBB7C/\\$FILE/DO-09-007.pdf](https://www.oge.gov/Web/OGE.nsf/0/3BB000F6B9C1309A85257E96005FBB7C/$FILE/DO-09-007.pdf)

- Employees may not misuse their office for private gain, or for the private gain of friends, relatives, or persons with whom the employee is affiliated in a nongovernmental capacity. 5 C.F.R. §§ 2635, Subpart G.
- Employees have “a duty to protect and conserve Government property and shall not use such property, or allow its use, for other than authorized purposes.” 5 C.F.R. § 2635.704(a).
- Employees may not use government aircraft unless no commercial airline is reasonably available, and the actual cost of using government aircraft is no more than the cost of using commercial aircraft. *See* OMB Circular No. A-126. Employees must travel by common carrier when it is reasonably available, 41 C.F.R. § 301-2.3, traveling in coach-class unless more expensive fares are warranted by “exceptional security circumstances” where use of coach accommodations would “endanger [employee’s] life or government property.” § 301-10.123.
- Agencies may cover only those expenses “essential to the transaction of official business,” § 301-2.2, and may not cover “costs resulting from circuitous routes, delays, or luxury accommodations or services unnecessary or unjustified in the performance of official business.” § 301-2.4.
- Retaliatory personnel action, threatened or actual, against federal employees who disclose evidence of “Government illegality, waste, and corruption” is explicitly illegal. Federal Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989, 5 U.S.C. § 1201 et seq.

We believe there is currently sufficient information available in the public record to allow your office to fairly determine whether the rules above have been violated. Attached to this letter is a long (yet non-exhaustive) list of what we believe are the most serious of these allegations. *See* Attachment A. While we acknowledge that the scope of your inquiry has expanded considerably since your announcement in August, we are concerned that until your investigation is completed, Administrator Pruitt will continue to act in ways that call into question his adherence to ethical standards and harm EPA’s ability to protect public health and the environment.

We thank you for considering our views, and look forward to your report.

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Dwight Alpern, former Attorney-Advisor, Clean Air Markets Division

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Marc Alston, former Watershed Coordinator, Water Programs Region 8

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J. Michael Davis, former Senior Science Advisor, Office of Research and Development

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Kent Hustvedt, former Group Leader, Office of Air and Radiation

Deborah Janik, former Comptroller, Region 8

David Jesson, former Environmental Protection Specialist, Region 9

Karen Johnson, former Hydrologist, SDWA -ground water and enforcement

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Karen Kellen, former Attorney, Superfund
Janet Keough, former Associate Director for Science, Office of Research and Development, Midcontinent Ecology Division
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Sally Rand, former Program Manager, Office of Atmospheric Programs
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Katherine Sibold, former Program Analyst, Office and Air and Radiation
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Steven Silverman, former Attorney, OGC
Samuel Silverman, former Deputy Director, Office of Environmental Stewardship, Region I in Boston
Ron Slotkin, former Director, Office of Multimedia, Office of Public Affairs
Bruce Smith, former Project Manager, Water Division, Region 3
Linda K Smith, former Deputy Director, Office of Environmental Justice
John B Smith, former I.T. Specialist, Office of Environmental Information
Joseph Somers, former Chemical Engineer, Office of Air and Radiation
Betsy Southerland, former Director of the Office of Science and Technology, Office of Water
Tom Speicher, former R -8 Regional Counsel, General Counsel
Jonah Staller, former Associate Regional Counsel, Office of Regional Counsel, Region 8
Ann Stavola, former Senior Biologist, Office of Pesticide Programs
William Stevens, former Senior Advisor - Power Technologies, Office of Atmospheric Programs
Frederick F. Stiehl, former Attorney, Director, Enforcement Planning, Targeting and Data Management
Bernard Stoll, former Engineer, OIG
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Russell Wiener, former Research Physical Scientist, Office of Research and Development

Betty Wiese, former Program Manager, Region 10

Mary Wilkes, former Regional Counsel, Region 4

Weston Wilson, former Environmental Engineer, Region 8

John Wilson, former Program Analyst, Office of Water

Neil Wise, former Director, Office of Waste Programs Enforcement, Office of Regional Counsel, Region III

William Wisniewski, former Deputy Regional Administrator, Region 3

Lily Wong, former Environmental Scientist, Region 9 Air Division

William Wuerthele, former Environmental Scientist - Water Quality Standards, Office of Water

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Nancy Yoshikawa, former Environmental Scientist, Office of Water

David Ziegele, former Director/Office of Planning, Analysis & Accountability, Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Attachment A

Employees have a duty to act impartially and not give preferential treatment to any private organization or individual, and to avoid any actions creating an appearance of bias;

Agencies must conduct rulemaking in a publicly transparent manner; communications with outside parties must be summarized in writing and placed in the public rulemaking docket.

- Pruitt has reserved his time almost exclusively for meetings with industry representatives, and has granted almost no time to opposing viewpoints. Between February 12 and May 18, 2017, for example, he met multiple times almost daily with industry executives and lobbyists while meeting only two environmental groups and one public health group.¹
- Pruitt has frequently met privately with industry representatives shortly prior to major regulatory decisions directly benefiting the parties in question. For example, Pruitt met with officials from Fitzgerald Truck Sales, the nation's largest manufacturer of truck components known as gliders, on May 8, 2017.² On August 17, 2017, Pruitt announced the repeal of recently approved emissions and fuel efficiency standards for gliders, specifically in light of "significant issues" raised by stakeholders in the industry.³
- Pruitt's decision to replace six qualified university experts on the Science Advisory Board with representatives of manufacturers, petrochemicals, and other regulated industries, as well as his new policy of barring all scientists who have received any EPA funding, serves no rational function except to sharply limit expertise to industry sources.⁴
- From July 6 to October 20, 2017, Pruitt held at least seventeen closed door meetings with agribusiness, farm groups, and other industries to discuss proposed repeal and changes to the Waters of the U.S. rule. The rulemaking docket contains no information about Pruitt's remarks at these meetings, from which members of the public and media were barred.⁵

¹ Juliet Eilperin, Brady Dennis. "Obama blocked this controversial Alaskan gold mine. Trump just gave it new life." The Washington Post. May 12, 2017. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2017/05/12/obama-blocked-this-controversial-alaskan-gold-mine-trump-just-gave-it-new-life/?noredirect=on>

² Juliet Eilperin. "EPA plans to repeal emission standards for truck components." The Washington Post. October 23, 2017. https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/epa-may-repeal-emission-standards-for-truck-components/2017/10/23/993170a0-b814-11e7-9e58-e6288544af98_story.html?utm_term=.e915fdcb6237

³ US EPA. "EPA Announces Intent to Revisit Provisions of Phase 2 Heavy-Duty Rules." August 17, 2017. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-intent-revisit-provisions-phase-2-heavy-duty-rules>

⁴ Lisa Friedman. "Pruitt Bars Some Scientists From Advising E.P.A." The New York Times. October 31, 2017. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/31/climate/pruitt-epa-science-advisory-boards.html>

⁵ Andrew Haffner. "EPA chief Pruitt holds series of closed-door meetings in GF, Fargo." Grand Forks Herald. August 9, 2017. <http://www.grandforksherald.com/news/4310124-epa-chief-pruitt-holds-series-closed-door-meetings-gf-fargo>

Federal appointees may not accept gifts from registered lobbyists or lobbying organizations, and must make proper disposition by paying fair market value or returning tangible items.

- Pruitt’s \$50-per-night lease agreement, covering February through April of 2017, for an apartment owned by Vicki Hart was significantly below market value for the Washington DC area. Vicki Hart is the wife of J. Steven Hart, chairman of the lobbying firm Williams & Jensen, which represented clients on at least half a dozen matters before the EPA during Pruitt’s lease, most notably a pipeline-expansion plan recently approved by EPA.⁶ Williams & Jensen has also disclosed that Mr. Hart was directly lobbying EPA during the time of Pruitt’s lease arrangement. *Id.* This included seeking appointments to the EPA Science Advisory Board for three candidates nominated by Dennis Treacy, president of the Smithfield Foundation arm of Smithfield Foods Inc., which Hart represented as a registered lobbyist at the time.⁷ Pruitt’s daughter, who was not covered by the lease’s written terms, also stayed in a second room in the apartment.⁸
- As an Oklahoma state senator in 2003, Pruitt purchased a luxury home from telecom giant AT&T, which was actively lobbying the legislature on several matters at the time, at nearly \$100,000 below its fair market value. Pruitt ultimately sided with AT&T on all these matters. The purchase was made through a shell company registered to Pruitt’s friend and business partner, Kenneth Wagner, with a mortgage issued by a bank run by business associate Albert Kelly.⁹ Upon becoming Administrator, Pruitt hired Mr. Wagner and Mr. Kelly to high positions at EPA, despite their lack of relevant qualifications. Mr. Wagner is currently a Senior Advisor at EPA, while Mr. Kelly was Director of EPA’s Superfund program until his resignation on May 1, 2018.¹⁰

⁶ Eric Lipton. “Pruitt Had a \$50-a-Day Condo Linked to Lobbyists. Their Client’s Project Got Approved.” The New York Times. April 2, 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/02/climate/epa-pruitt-pipeline-apartment.html>

⁷ Ellen Knickmeyer. “Memo: Pruitt landlord’s husband sought EPA work for client.” The Washington Post. May 2, 2018. https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/federal_government/epa-security-chief-superfund-head-leave-amid-ethics-probes/2018/05/01/3118554e-4da9-11e8-85c1-9326c4511033_story.html?utm_term=.40314e1ba3d6

⁸ Cristina Alesci. “EPA ethics official says he didn’t have all the facts on Pruitt’s lease.” CNN. April 5, 2018. <https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/04/politics/pruitt-lease-epa-ethics-decision/index.html>

⁹ Steve Eder and Hiroko Tabuchi. “Scott Pruitt Before the E.P.A.: Fancy Homes, a Shell Company and Friends With Money.” The New York Times. April 21, 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/21/us/politics/scott-pruitt-oklahoma-epa.html>

¹⁰ Juliet Eilperin, Brady Dennis, and Emma Brown. “Two officials close to EPA chief Scott Pruitt resign amid scrutiny.” The Washington Post. May 1, 2018.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/a-top-aide-to-epa-chief-scott-pruitt-resigns-amid-scrutiny/2018/05/01/9db56f44-4d44-11e8-84a0-458a1aa9ac0a_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.77bdb2aaeb0b

Employees may not misuse their office for private gain, or for the private gain of friends, relatives, or persons with whom the employee is affiliated in a nongovernmental capacity;

Employees have a duty to protect and conserve Government property, and must travel using coach-class accommodations unless use of coach would endanger life or property;

Agencies may cover only those expenses “essential to the transaction of official business,” and may not cover “costs resulting from circuitous routes, delays, or luxury accommodations or services unnecessary or unjustified in the performance of official business.”

- Pruitt reclassified two political aides, Sarah Greenwalt and Millan Hupp, as “administrative hires” under § 300j–10 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, in order to grant them extraordinary pay raises previously expressly denied by the White House.¹¹ The legislative history of § 300j–10, which grants the Administrator authority to appoint up to 30 “scientific, engineering, professional, legal, and administrative specialists” in supergrade positions, clearly notes that this “provision was intended to augment the Agency’s cadre of senior management and scientific personnel”¹² and enable the agency to meet its “*most critical needs* for additional personnel”(emphasis added).¹³ The raises were withdrawn after the information became public. Mr. Pruitt first denied any knowledge of the salary increases, then admitted he had approved them but denied knowing about the size of the increases.¹⁴
- According to former staffer Kevin Chmielewski, Pruitt directed his staff aides to find meetings to schedule that would allow him to travel to Oklahoma and other destinations he wished to visit on “official business,” with all costs reimbursed by taxpayers.¹⁵ Pruitt spent 43 out of 92 days travelling to Oklahoma in March, April, and May of 2017, primarily for speeches at industry functions.¹⁶
- In June of 2017, Pruitt and a retinue of staff spent a week traveling to Italy at a cost of over \$120,000, which included a cost of over \$39,000 for his personal security detail alone, as well as expensive meals and lodging in five star hotels.¹⁷ Some of these high costs,

¹¹ John Bowden. “Pruitt directed staff to approve raises for top aides: report.” The Hill. April 5, 2018.

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/381917-pruitt-directed-staff-to-approve-raises-for-top-aides-report>

¹² Floor statement of Sen. Randolph. 123 Cong. Rec. S18370-79 (daily ed. Nov. 1, 1977), at 249.

¹³ H.R. Rep.No. 338, 95th Cong., 1st Sess. 1977, 1977 U.S.C.C.A.N. 3648, at 3663, 1977 WL 16117.

¹⁴ Brady Dennis and Juliet Eilperin. “Scott Pruitt admits little culpability in EPA controversies, mostly blames aides and staff.” The Washington Post. April 26, 2018. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/04/26/scott-pruitt-braces-for-tough-questions-at-double-hearings-on-capitol-hill/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.2e751679d3b5

¹⁵ Brady Dennis and Juliet Eilperin. “Former Pruitt aide alleges wasteful spending, extravagant travel by EPA chief.” The Washington Post. April 12, 2018. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/04/12/former-pruitt-aide-alleges-litany-of-wasteful-spending-extravagant-travel-by-epa-chief/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.619eff2521d5

¹⁶ <http://www.environmentalintegrity.org/news/epa-administrator-pruitt-spends-almost-half-his-days-travelling-to-oklahoma/>

¹⁷ Lachlan Markay and Sam Stein. “Scott Pruitt’s Rome Trip: More Time on Tourism Than Official Business.” The Daily Beast. May 7, 2018. <https://www.thedailybeast.com/scott-pruitts-rome-trip-more-time-on-tourism-than-official-business>

including a \$36,000 chartered military jet from Cincinnati to New York enabling Pruitt to catch his flight to Italy, were incurred for a visit and private tour of the Vatican, which was not clearly related to the official business of the EPA.¹⁸ This trip was arranged in part by Leonard A. Leo, a longtime friend of Mr. Pruitt and head of the Federalist Society.¹⁹ Mr. Leo had previously coordinated closely with Pruitt during his tenure as Attorney General of Oklahoma, and was previously the director of a nonprofit group that donated \$145,000 to Pruitt's Rule of Law Defense Fund in 2014. Mr. Leo was responsible for arranging most of Pruitt's schedule in Italy, and travelled in Pruitt's motorcade and accompanied him to multiple events during the trip, over the objection of Pruitt's aides.²⁰

- In December of 2017, Pruitt and a retinue of staff spent four days traveling to Morocco at a cost of over \$100,000, which included \$16,217 for Pruitt's Delta Air Lines fare and \$494-per-night stays in a luxury hotel in Paris.²¹ News reports have revealed evidence that the purpose of this trip, which included meetings and dinners with representatives of Morocco's phosphate industry, was to promote natural gas exports. *Id.* The trip was arranged by Richard Smotkin, a former Comcast lobbyist and another longtime personal friend of the Administrator. Smotkin not only arranged the trip and served as a direct broker and liaison for Pruitt's meetings with Moroccan officials, but accompanied Pruitt to multiple official events on the trip itself, including a private meeting with the chairman of a major phosphate exporter. Shortly after the trip, in April of 2018, Smotkin was awarded a \$40,000 per month contract by the Moroccan government (retroactive to January 1, 2018), and is now registered as a foreign lobbyist representing Morocco's interests.
- Pruitt had also planned to travel to Australia in late fall of 2017 at the direct suggestion of former lobbyist Matthew C. Freedman, chief executive of the firm Global Impact Inc. and treasurer for the American Australian Council.²² Mr. Freedman was put in contact with Pruitt aides Millan Hupp and Sarah Greenwalt by Mr. Smotkin, and over several weeks of direct email and phone coordination with these aides, recommended reasons on which an official visit could be justified, as well as suggestions for Pruitt's itinerary. *Id.*

¹⁸ Michael Biesecker. "New travel costs revealed for EPA head amid ongoing scrutiny." The Associated Press. March 21, 2018. https://www.apnews.com/7c35a9f631344fa0ba87b09b28ee5927/New-travel-costs-revealed-for-EPA-head-amid-ongoing-scrutiny?utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=AP_Politics

¹⁹ Eric Lipton, Lisa Friedman, and Kenneth P. Vogel. "A Lobbyist Helped Scott Pruitt Plan a Morocco Trip. Then Morocco Hired the Lobbyist." The New York Times. May 1, 2018.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/01/us/pruitt-epa-trips-lobbyists.html>

²⁰ *Id.*

²¹ Kevin Sullivan, Juliet Eilperin, and Brady Dennis. "Lobbyist helped arrange Scott Pruitt's \$100,000 trip to Morocco." The Washington Post. May 1, 2018. https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/lobbyist-helped-broker-pruitts-100000-trip-to-morocco/2018/05/01/b2e20ee0-4d76-11e8-b725-92c89fe3ca4c_story.html?utm_term=.2d368bbc9392

²² Brady Dennis and Juliet Eilperin. "D.C. consultant and former lobbyist helped arrange Scott Pruitt's canceled trip to Australia, records show." The Washington Post. May 2, 2018. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/05/02/dc-consultant-and-former-lobbyist-helped-arrange-scott-pruitts-canceled-trip-to-australia-records-show/?utm_term=.a0f9e24136ef

- Pruitt has routinely flown using first and business-class accommodations citing security concerns,²³ in spite of an October 17, 2017 memo from a member of Pruitt’s personal security detail noting that there were “no known investigations... concerning threats to Scott Pruitt,” as well as a February 14, 2018 memo from EPA’s Office of Homeland Security Intelligence Team emphasizing that no credible security threat existed justifying such costs.²⁴
- Despite the conclusions of the memos described above, Pruitt has expanded his security detail to over triple the size of that of prior administrators. The unprecedented nature of this extensive 24/7 security detail necessitated pulling special agents from around the country, who would otherwise be investigating environmental crimes, in two-week rotations to serve as the Administrator’s personal bodyguards, at a cost to the taxpayers of over \$3 million including significant overtime pay.²⁵ These expenses also included full security coverage for the Administrator on vacation and over holidays, including attendance at a University of Kentucky basketball game, Christmas at his home in Oklahoma, and family trips to the Rose Bowl and Disneyland. *Id.*

Retaliatory personnel action, threatened or actual, against federal employees who disclose evidence of illegality, waste, and corruption is illegal.

- According to former Deputy Chief of Staff Kevin Chmielewski, Pruitt “sought to marginalize, remove, or otherwise retaliate against agency employees” who raised concerns about excessive spending. When Mr. Chmielewski refused to approve such spending requests, he was placed on administrative leave and replaced by Ms. Hupp.²⁶
- Chief of Staff Ryan Jackson was also marginalized after refusing to approve improper spending requests, resulting in his displacement by Ms. Hupp and Ms. Greenwalt.²⁷
- Special agent Eric Weese was dismissed as the head of Mr. Pruitt’s protective detail after denying Mr. Pruitt’s requests to use lights and sirens on his agency-issue vehicle to expedite non-emergency trips to restaurants and airports, and indicating that he would

²³ Brady Dennis and Juliet Eilperin. “EPA chief has unusual waiver to fly in first or business class.” The Washington Post. February 14, 2018. https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/epa-chief-has-unusual-waiver-to-fly-in-first-or-business-class/2018/02/14/9f29a658-11b0-11e8-9570-29c9830535e5_story.html?utm_term=.8e601d06774b

²⁴ Request to EPA OIG from Senators Thomas R. Carper and Sheldon Whitehouse for Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Probe of Scott Pruitt’s Security Detail Justification. April 10, 2018.

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/4435353/Request-for-Senate-Environment-and-Public-Works.pdf>

²⁵ Juliet Eilperin and Brady Dennis. “Pruitt’s round-the-clock security has cost taxpayers nearly \$3 million.” The Washington Post. April 7, 2018. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/04/07/pruitts-round-the-clock-security-has-cost-taxpayers-nearly-3-million/?utm_term=.5372171bf2d2

²⁶ Letter from Senators Carper, Whitehouse, and Reps. Cummings, Connolly, and Beyer to Administrator Pruitt. April 12, 2018. <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/4436639/Congressional-Democrats-Letter-Outlining.pdf>

²⁷ *Id.*

oppose signing security waivers allowing Pruitt to fly in first class.²⁸ Mr. Weese was transferred from the security detail and replaced by Pasquale Perrotta, who subsequently approved Mr. Pruitt's requests. *Id.* Mr. Perrotta also approved numerous other security expenses of questionable necessity, such as the construction of the \$43,000 security booth, a bullet-proof SUV, and a \$3,000 sweep of the EPA offices for listening devices conducted by a private security firm founded by Mr. Perrotta, and for which he served as Vice President during his tenure at EPA.²⁹

- At least three other EPA career officials were demoted, reassigned, or pushed to request new positions after raising concerns about Pruitt's improper spending and management.³⁰

²⁸ Eric Lipton, Kenneth P. Vogel, and Lisa Friedman. "E.P.A. Officials Sidelined After Questioning Scott Pruitt." The New York Times. April 5, 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/05/business/epa-officials-questioned-scott-pruitt.html>

²⁹ Kenneth P. Vogel, Eric Lipton, and Lisa Friedman. "At E.P.A., Pruitt's 'Sheriff' Clashed With Critics of Spending." The New York Times. April 12, 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/12/climate/epa-scott-pruitt-pasquale-perrotta.html>

³⁰ Eric Lipton, Kenneth P. Vogel, and Lisa Friedman. "E.P.A. Officials Sidelined After Questioning Scott Pruitt." The New York Times. April 5, 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/05/business/epa-officials-questioned-scott-pruitt.html>