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The Honorable Ken Calvert
Chairman
Subcommittee on Interior and Environment
House Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Betty McCollum
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior and Environment
House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member McCollum:

As you begin work on the fiscal year 2018 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill, we strongly urge you to include President Donald Trump's request of a twenty percent reduction in funding for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance for fiscal year 2018.

It is time we come together to revive the American economy and restore sanity in our regulatory environment. The American people cannot afford to continue to be burdened by an out-of-control EPA that overregulates and promulgates rules in the name of an unproven science, which causes economic distress, and stunts job creation.

In his Budget Blueprint for 2018, President Trump reduced the EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance budget to \$419 million, \$129 million below the 2017 level.

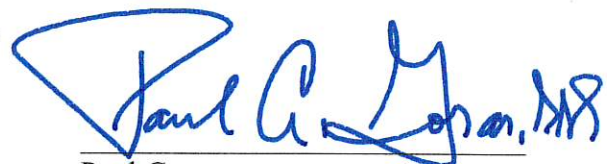
Reducing the budget on the EPA's enforcement arm will help to reign in inappropriate bureaucratic actions and reduce an undue burden on the American economy. Given the current fiscal climate of the United States, it is imperative that Congress take a hard look at how best to spend our limited resources and use taxpayer funds in a responsible way.

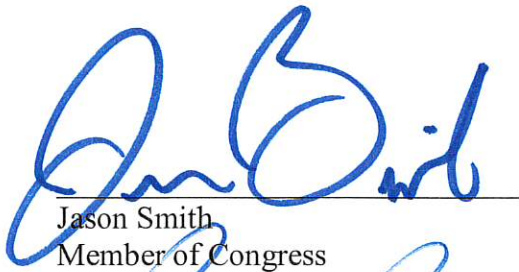
We ask that you adhere to the President's request and reduce the EPA's enforcement budget by 20 percent.

We thank you for your consideration of this request, and for your leadership on the committee.

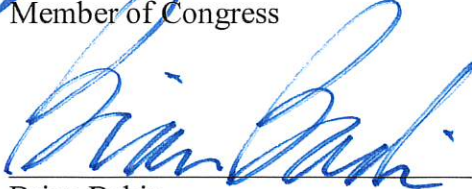
Sincerely,


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