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Dear Vincent:

Thank you for contacting me about President-elect Donald Trump's nomination of Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt to serve as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

I have long worked to [protect](#) the environment, halt the advancement of climate change, and make the development of clean energy a national priority. In the Senate, these issues are some of my top priorities.

As its leader, [Scott Pruitt](#) would have EPA stand for Every Polluters Ally. Denying the science of climate change and carrying water for Big Oil and the fossil fuel industry make him unsuitable to lead the EPA. The EPA is our cop on the beat, protecting the American people and our environment from harmful pollution, hazardous waste and the impacts of climate change.

As Attorney General of Oklahoma, [Scott Pruitt](#) has tried to undermine the Clean Water & Clean Air Acts, putting the public health of millions of Americans at risk. He has dedicated years of his career to rolling back the bedrock laws and rules that protect our water and our air.

The United States does not need federal agency leaders who would drag us back to 19th century dirty energy sources and try to stop our 21st century clean energy revolution.

I will vigorously oppose [Scott Pruitt's](#) nomination.

The American people want clean air and water and to protect the health of their children. Those are the time-honored American values that President-elect Trump's cabinet should reflect.

Our future, our children's future, and the future of our planet depends on what we do to address today's energy and environmental issues. As a U.S. Senator, I will continue to fight for legislation that will create new jobs in the clean energy economy, reduce our global warming pollution, and protect the health of citizens and the environment.

Thank you for contacting me. Thank you again for contacting me about this issue. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. To sign up for my newsletter, visit <http://www.markey.senate.gov/newsletter>. You can also follow me on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

Sincerely,

Edward J. Markey
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