

# Corporate Cabinet Profile Series



**Name: Scott Pruitt**

Cabinet Title: EPA Administrator

Oklahoma Attorney General

Corporate Connection: The entire fossil fuel industry (can use Devon Energy and Exxon Logos)

Scott Pruitt has been Oklahoma's attorney general since 2010. Pruitt has received more than \$300,000 from the fossil fuel industry since 2002 and believes the settled science of climate change is "far from settled." As Oklahoma attorney general, Pruitt has allowed the fossil fuel industry to draft letters on the attorney general's letterhead on multiple occasions and has joined with corporate interests in suing the federal government over regulations, including rules he would be obligated to enforce as head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

- Pruitt has received more than \$300,000 in contributions from the fossil fuel industry.<sup>1</sup>
- Pruitt believes the settled science of climate change is "far from settled."<sup>2</sup>
- In a letter to the EPA, Pruitt attacked the agency for its pollution estimates related to new natural gas wells in Oklahoma. Pruitt failed to mention that the "three-page letter was written by lawyers for Devon Energy, one of Oklahoma's biggest oil and gas companies, and was delivered to him by Devon's chief of lobbying."<sup>3</sup> If chosen to lead the EPA, Pruitt would be a key federal regulator of Devon Energy, the company he was a "stenographer"<sup>4</sup> for.
- According to the New York Times, Pruitt also allowed Devon Energy to draft letters from the attorney general's office to the Interior Department, the Office of Management and Budget and even President Barack Obama.<sup>5</sup>
- Pruitt worked together with corporate "self-interested co-plaintiffs" to sue the federal government on many occasions.<sup>6</sup>
- Pruitt joined the fossil fuel industry in suing the EPA over the Clean Power Plan, a plan he would be required to enforce as EPA head, for as long as it remains in effect.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.followthemoney.org/show-me?c-t-eid=6583668&d-cci=36,33&d-ccb=95,98,97#\[1|gro=y](http://www.followthemoney.org/show-me?c-t-eid=6583668&d-cci=36,33&d-ccb=95,98,97#[1|gro=y)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.nationalreview.com/article/435470/climate-change-attorneys-general>

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.nytimes.com/2014/12/07/us/politics/energy-firms-in-secretive-alliance-with-attorneys-general.html?\\_r=0](https://www.nytimes.com/2014/12/07/us/politics/energy-firms-in-secretive-alliance-with-attorneys-general.html?_r=0)

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/scott-pruitt-stenographer-oil-gas-industry-article-1.2902255>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2014/12/07/us/politics/1-devon-energy-scripted-letters.html>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2014/12/07/us/politics/4-oklahoma-joining-with-self-interested-co-plaintiffs.html>

<sup>7</sup> [https://www.ok.gov/triton/modules/newsroom/newsroom\\_article.php?id=258&article\\_id=16092](https://www.ok.gov/triton/modules/newsroom/newsroom_article.php?id=258&article_id=16092)