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**GREENLATINOS LAMBASTS SELECTION OF PRUITT FOR EPA ADMINISTRATOR  
CALLS ON SENATE ALLIES TO OPPOSE CONFIRMATION**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – News reports are indicating that President-elect Trump has selected Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt to be the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **In reaction to the announcement, GreenLatinos issued the following statement:**

The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency is the most significant role in federal public service for protecting our basic right to clean air, clean water, protection of public health concerns deriving from environmental hazards, and equal access, by all communities, to a safe and healthy environment – regardless of their economic condition or minority status. Attorney General Pruitt has shown time and time again to be in opposition to those basic rights. From his unwavering opposition to the Waters of the United State rulemaking that protects the drinking water sources of 117 million Americans to the Clean Power Plan that sets the first-ever limits on dangerous carbon pollution, his inability to even acknowledge that climate change is real and his intransigence to acknowledge basic science proves him to be a major threat to the environment and public health of this country. This nomination is a particular threat to Latino communities who disproportionately bear the burden of impaired air quality and water pollution, and reside in areas most impact by climate change induced extreme weather events.

GreenLatinos urges the Senate to strongly oppose the nomination of Mr. Pruitt in the vital interest of the environment and public health mission of EPA and for the sake of all Americans and, frankly, the future of our planet.