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MADIGAN: EPA ADMINISTRATOR MUST BE RECUSED FROM ATTEMPT TO REPEAL CLEAN POWER PLAN

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan joined a coalition of states and cities to submit a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with additional evidence of ethical lapses, due process violations and a lack of fairness stemming from Administrator Scott Pruitt's involvement in the EPA's efforts to repeal the Clean Power Plan. Madigan [previously submitted](#) a comment letter on this matter on January 9, 2018.

"Administrator Pruitt has a clear and consistent bias in favor of the fossil fuel industry and must be recused from any involvement in the EPA's attempt to repeal the Clean Power Plan," Madigan said.

In their letter, Madigan and the coalition again make clear that Administrator Pruitt cannot serve as a neutral and fair decision-maker on the EPA's attempt to repeal the Clean Power Plan. The Constitution's Due Process Clause and basic principles of administrative law, as articulated by the courts, entitle the public to a fair and open proceeding run by an impartial decision-maker. As Oklahoma Attorney General, Pruitt worked tirelessly at the behest of the fossil fuel industry to try to stop the EPA from moving forward with the Clean Power Plan, and his relentless attacks have continued as EPA Administrator.

Madigan and the coalition note that since they submitted their initial comment letter in January, Pruitt has continued to make comments in opposition to the Clean Power Plan, including:

- The CPP "is demonstrative of a violation of rule of law";
- Withdrawing the CPP "is absolutely an important thing";
- And he is "getting rid of [the Clean Power Plan]."

Joining Madigan in sending the letter were the states and municipalities of California, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington, the District of Columbia, Broward County, Florida, and the cities of Boulder, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, and South Miami.

A copy of the letter can be found [here](#).

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