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Hello,

I hope this note finds you well. My name is Kush Desai and I'm a fact check reporter with The Daily Caller News Foundation. I'm currently working on an article fact checking a claim made by Administrator Pruitt on Fox Business earlier today.

At one during his interview with Neil Cavuto, Administrator Pruitt claimed, "we've reduced our CO2 footprint by over 18%, almost 20%, from 2000 to 2014."

EPA data on annual CO2 emissions I was able to find ([link](#)) indicates that CO2 emissions in 2000 were around 5992.4 million metric tons, a figure that drops to 5556 in 2000. This is a 7% drop; it doesn't tie up with what Administrator Pruitt said in his interview.

His figure and the EPA data both, however, indicate significant CO2 emissions declines since 2000 -- can you clarify what specific data source he was looking at for this claim? Was he perhaps referencing a different statistic?

Happy to chat at anytime on the phone as well ([Ex. 6](#)) and also happy to discuss further on any medium off the record or on background as well.

Thanks,
Kush

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