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Sent: 12/5/2017 2:42:02 PM
To: Joseph Verruni [JVerruni@cato.org]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]
CC: Kundinger, Kelly [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=e3c9a5d16e2244079e222f342bf9992f-Kundinger,]
Subject: RE: Cato Visit

Thanks Joe. I am planning to be at Cato around 10:15 before the Administrator arrives.

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From: Joseph Verruni [mailto:JVerruni@cato.org]
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 9:37 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Cato Visit

Thank you, Tate--we look forward to having you today!

On Dec 5, 2017 9:35 AM, "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Joe! Also, and sorry for the late notice, but here is a good intro in case you want it for today:



E. Scott Pruitt

Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency

Scott Pruitt was confirmed as the 14th Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on February 17, 2017.

Administrator Pruitt believes that environmental stewardship is among the lifeblood priorities of the government, and the EPA is vital to that mission. He is a firm believer that environmental law, policy and progress should be rooted in the foundation of cooperation between the states and federal government, as well as cooperation between regulators and the public.

The Federalist Society has called him a “national leader in the cause to restore the proper balance between the states and federal government”, and he established Oklahoma’s first federalism unit to combat unwarranted regulation and overreach by the federal government.”

The Washington Post recently reported the Administrator has done as much as anyone else in the executive branch to advance President Trump’s goal to deconstruct the administrative state and declared him a rock star “on the right.”

Leading the agency for just under a year, Pruitt spearheaded over two dozen significant regulatory reform actions including the review of the Waters of the United States rule and the Clean Power Plan.

He also played a major role in President Trump’s decision to withdraw from the Paris Climate Accords that put foreign interests before those of America’s.

Prior to serving on President Trump’s cabinet, Pruitt served as Oklahoma’s Attorney General where he became a national leader through a career of advocating to keep power in the hands of hard-working Americans. He has a proven track record of working with others – including industry, farmers, ranchers, landowners and small business owners - who want to do the right thing by the environment.

Pruitt also served eight years in the Oklahoma State Senate in addition to formerly co-owning and managing Oklahoma City’s Triple-A minor league baseball affiliate.

Pruitt played baseball for the University of Kentucky, earned his bachelor’s degree from Georgetown College and graduated from the University of Tulsa College of Law. He and Marlyn, his wife of 27 years proudly raised their two children in Tulsa.

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 3:51 PM
To: 'Joseph Verruni' <JVerruni@cato.org>
Cc: Kunding, Kelly <kunding.kelly@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Cato Visit

Hey Joe! I know you spoke with Kelly earlier. Can I get a list of attendees and topics from you? We would suggest the following topics on our end:

Sue and Settle

Red Team Blue Team

Science Advisory Board Announcement

Recent Hardrock Mining Decision

Agency restructure

From: Joseph Verruni [mailto:JVerruni@cato.org]
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2017 9:14 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Cato Visit

Absolutely--I'm available any time after 10am.

On Dec 3, 2017 9:12 PM, "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey there! Can we check in tomorrow about our upcoming visit? Is there a good time that works for you?

On Nov 15, 2017, at 3:27 PM, Joseph Verruni <JVerruni@cato.org> wrote:

Perfect! I will confirm a room and send an updated attendee list ASAP.

The best point of contact for security issues is our building manager, Michael Boone. He can be reached at mboone@cato.org or Ex. 6

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From: [Ford, Hayley](#)
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 1:38 PM
To: [Joseph Verruni](#)
Cc: [Bennett, Tate](#)
Subject: RE: Cato Visit

Hi Joe,

Sure, we can work that into his schedule. Please let us know where he should go for the meeting. Our advance team will likely come the day before just to see the space so please let me know if you are the POC to arrange that as well.

Thank you and we look forward to it!

Hayley Ford

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From: Joseph Verruni [<mailto:JVerruni@cato.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 3:06 PM
To: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Cato Visit

Hi Hayley,

Our CEO can do the timeframe, but would prefer to have the meeting here as he has other obligations thereafter at Cato. Could we possibly convince you to join us here?

Thank you,

Joe

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From: Ford, Hayley
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 10:35 AM
To: Joseph Verruni
Cc: Bennett, Tate
Subject: RE: Cato Visit

Hi Joe,

Not a problem. I was confused myself for a second! We'd be happy to get another date on the calendar. Let's do Dec 5 morning if that still works. We'd be happy to host you at the EPA headquarters. Would 10:30-11AM work for your group?

Let us know if that works and I can send directions and additional info. Thanks!

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From: Joseph Verruni [<mailto:JVerruni@cato.org>]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 4:18 PM
To: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Cato Visit

Hayley—

I'm so sorry—I spoke with Tate and I think we've clarified exactly what I've gotten wrong here and we're going to see if another date may be available. Our CEO is out of DC through December—he'll be available December 1, 4, 5 (before 3), 11, and 14. Would any of these possibly work for your team?

Thank you, and apologies again,

Joe

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From: Joseph Verruni
Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2017 12:48 PM
To: Ford, Hayley
Cc: Bennett, Tate
Subject: RE: Cato Visit

That'd be perfect—our CEO is available until 4:30; I'll get us a room.

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From: Ford, Hayley
Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2017 10:28 AM

To: Joseph Verruni
Cc: Bennett, Tate
Subject: RE: Cato Visit

Joe,

I apologize, but Tate and I just connected and could we actually do Tuesday at 3PM at Cato? Please let me know if that works for you and where we should go.

Tate is going to respond on attendees.

Thank you!!

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From: Ford, Hayley
Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2017 10:19 AM
To: 'Joseph Verruni' <JVerruni@cato.org>
Cc: Tate Bennett (Bennett.Tate@epa.gov) <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Cato Visit

Joe,

Would 4:30PM on Wednesday afternoon work? I will let Tate comment on attendees as I'm not sure what she was thinking. Also, did you two discuss the Administrator coming to Cato?

Thank you and we look forward to it!

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From: Joseph Verruni [<mailto:JVerruni@cato.org>]

Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2017 10:15 AM

Cc: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Cato Visit

Hello Hayley,

Wednesday works for our team here at Cato--do you wish to keep it to just Cato folks, or would you like for us to reach out to some of our collaborators and friends at other think tanks?

Hope you've had a lovely weekend,

Joe

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On Nov 10, 2017 1:28 PM, "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi there! Just responded to his previous email about your CEO being unavailable Thursday. We can aim for Weds, I think, but I will let Hayley (CC'd) take it for here. On my end, all I will need is a list of topics and an attendee list.

On Nov 10, 2017, at 1:01 PM, Joseph Verruni <JVerruni@cato.org> wrote:

Hello Ms. Bennett,

I manage the Center for the Study of Science here at the Cato Institute; my colleague David Boaz told me there was an interest from the Administrator to visit, but details had not yet been ironed out. I was hoping I could offer my assistance. Are there particular dates and times that work best for your team?

Best,

Joe

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