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**Sent:** 5/12/2017 8:31:18 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Mogler, Devin (Ernst) [Devin\_Mogler@ernst.senate.gov]; Groen, Stephanie [stephanie.groen@iowa.gov]  
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**Subject:** RE: EPA Introduction

Let's do 3:30 of that works for everyone. Ernst's office works for me. Thanks everybody.

**Kurt Kovarik**

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Happy to do 1/1:30 or 3:30/4. We can come to Ernst's office if that makes it easier on you, Kurt.

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Thanks for being willing to meet. Fridays can be a little crazy for me. I'm booked with staff meetings from 10-11:45, and then again from 2:30-3:30. Other than that I'm wide open next Friday.

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Will defer to Christian's schedule.

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**Subject:** RE: EPA Introduction

Thanks for making the virtual introduction Stephanie, and Tate – thanks for offering the time to meet!

I am wide open next Friday so could make either work – happy to host in SR-111 as well!

Thanks,

Devin Mogler | Legislative Assistant  
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Tate,

That would be great! I am in the Hall of States and am more than willing to host everybody here or happy to meet in Senator Grassley or Senator Ernst's office as well.

Devin and Kurt, does next Friday work for you? Do one of you want to host or should we meet in the Hall of States?

Thanks,  
Stephanie

On Fri, May 12, 2017 at 8:57 AM, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi there!

My colleague Christian Palich, cc'd, who handles the Senate and I will be on Capitol Hill next Friday. Would you guys like to get together and discuss? Stephanie, are you in the Hall of States? We are open to the location.

Best.

Tate

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Tate,

It was so nice to finally meet you in person earlier this week!

I wanted to introduce you to some fellow Iowans- Kurt Kovarik, Senator Grassley's Legislative Director, and Devin Mogler, Senator Ernst's Legislative Assistant.

Kurt and Devin are the experts and have been leading the charge on the Corn Oil issue that I briefly mentioned the other day. They can provide greater detail and context.

As I mentioned a few times, I am incredibly appreciative of your responsiveness and your willingness to work with states!

Thanks,

Stephanie

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