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E. Scott Pruitt  
Oklahoma Attorney General  
313 NE 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Attorney General Pruitt:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Competitive Enterprise Institute, I cordially invite you to be the keynote speaker at CEI's 2017 Annual Dinner, which will be held the evening of Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Marriott Marquis hotel in downtown Washington, D.C.

CEI, as you may know, is a highly influential free-market advocacy group, focused on addressing the burdens regulatory policies impose on our economy and Americans' everyday lives. For more than 30 years, our scholars have played a principal role in promoting regulatory reform and opposing an array of poorly considered rules governing small business development, labor and employment, finance and banking, telecommunications and computer technology, energy and the environment, health and medical technology, and many other activities.

With the prospects for significant regulatory reform improving, we are delighted to offer you a platform to discuss strategies for sensible environmental policy and to explore the intersection of the rule of law and cooperative federalism.

For decades, we at CEI have been engaged on a daily basis in the environmental policy debate, and I believe the guests at our annual dinner would be grateful for the opportunity to hear you discuss the future of the EPA and the prospects for a healthier, cleaner, stronger and wealthier society. The event begins at 6:00 and the dinner ends at 9:30. While we'd be delighted for you and your staff to join us for as much of the evening as possible, your keynote address on the main stage would be from 8:30 to 9:00.

The dinner is CEI's major annual fundraising event, and it has become one of the free-market movement's marquee celebrations. Each year we host nearly 900 guests, including senior members of the administration, policymakers, journalists, business leaders, philanthropists, and elected members of Congress and their staff. The dinner is also an opportunity for CEI to give its highest award, the Julian L. Simon Memorial Award which will be presented to Canadian scholar Pierre Desrochers who has pioneered new insights into understanding the relationship between agriculture, our food choices and environmental impacts which are summed up in the helpful idea of "food miles."

In addition to being a key public policy event in Washington, our annual dinner is also fun, and I know you would enjoy the occasion.

If you accept this invitation, you would join a distinguished list of past speakers, including Czech Republic President Vaclav Klaus, Viscount (Matt) Ridley, Senator Rand Paul, House Speaker Paul Ryan, Judge Alex Kozinski, Secretary of the Treasury John Snow, BB&T Bank Chairman John Allison, publishing magnate Steve Forbes, humorists P.J. O'Rourke and Christopher Buckley, and many other leading thinkers and doers.

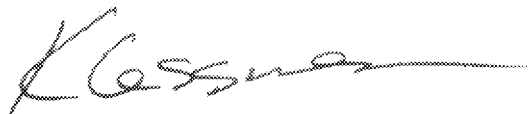
We thank you for considering our invitation and would be greatly honored to have you accept.

CEI is expanding our annual program this year to include an inaugural day-long conference surrounding the dinner. The intimate, off-the-record gathering will include supporters, thought leaders, and individuals with influential voices in the marketplace of deregulatory ideas. We invite you to join us for one hour of the discussions on June 8<sup>th</sup>, the day following the gala.

If you have any additional questions or would like any further information, please do not hesitate to phone me at Ex. 6. If your schedule does not permit your joining us on June 7<sup>th</sup>, we'd be delighted to create a forum for you to speak on another occasion.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Lassman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kent Lassman  
President and CEO