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On Apr 22, 2018, at 6:26 PM, West, Caroline <[WestC@cbsnews.com](mailto:WestC@cbsnews.com)> wrote:

Good evening,

Caroline West here from **CBS This Morning** with Gayle King, Norah O'Donnell and John Dickerson. I'm reaching out to see if you can provide a statement regarding the news that EPA Chief Scott Pruitt met with lobbyist Steven Hart last year.

More about the story [here](#). Excerpt below:

*Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt met in his office last year with a veteran Washington lobbyist tied to the bargain-priced condo where Pruitt was living. Both Pruitt and lobbyist Steven Hart had previously denied Hart had conducted any recent business with EPA. A spokesman for Hart confirmed Saturday that the lobbyist met with Pruitt at EPA headquarters in July 2017 to discuss efforts to preserve the Chesapeake Bay. The admission about the meeting came after the lobbying firm Williams & Jensen filed a new disclosure report late Friday hours after Hart announced his early retirement as chairman. The firm's filing, first reported by The Hill, says Hart lobbied EPA during the first quarter of 2018 on behalf of Smithfield Foods. The world's largest pork producer, Smithfield has been involved with efforts to clean up the bay since EPA fined the company \$12.6 million in 1997 for illegally dumping hog waste into a tributary. EPA's press office did not respond to questions about Pruitt's meeting with Hart.*

Can you confirm for us whether the meeting between Pruitt and Hart took place?

Our report will air on **CBS This Morning** with Gayle King, Norah O'Donnell and John Dickerson **Thursday morning April 12 at 7A ET**.

Feel free to give me a call at Ex. 6 with any information or statement we can include in our report. Please reply all as I've CC'd our overnight team.

Sincerely,  
Caroline

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