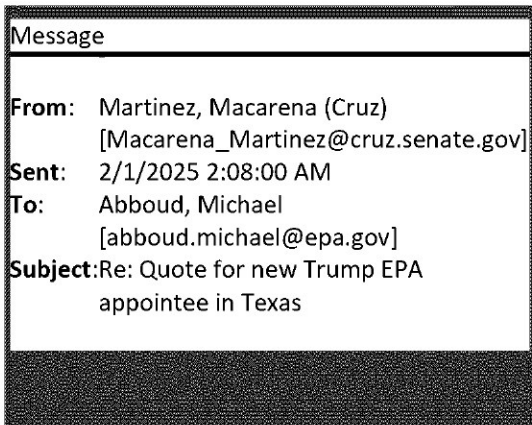




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Hi Michael!

Good to hear from you. Let me see what I can do. I will be in touch.

Best,

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Subject: Quote for new Trump EPA appointee in Texas

Hey Macarena, hope you've been well. I don't think I've seen you since Speaker McCarthy did his event in Houston back in 2022. Congratulations on the new position with Senator Cruz. I'm reaching out because EPA is appointing a new Regional Administrator for Region 6 which includes Texas, as well as New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana. I included some of his biography below. We are seeing if Senator Cruz would be willing to provide a quote of support for Scott in his new position. We are planning on releasing a press release later next week. Give me a call if you have any more questions, and I hope we can continue working together in this new term!

Scott Mason Bio: W. Scott Mason IV is the 14th regional administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's South Central Region. This is Mason's second appointment to EPA, having served as the Director of the EPA's American Indian Environmental Office during President Trump's first administration. He and his staff were charged with the protection of human health and the environment in Indian country, which includes all 574 federally recognized tribes and Alaska Native Villages. Additionally, he was a member of The White House Council on Native American Affairs, where he served as co-chair of the Council's Committee on Infrastructure.

Most recently, Mason was the Deputy Secretary of Energy of Oklahoma. He has over 20 years of experience serving at the local, state and federal levels of government in various capacities, including serving as a vice president and the executive director of federal programs at The University of Oklahoma (OU) and on the staff of Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin. He has also been a district field representative in the United States House of Representatives and was the youngest public school board member in Oklahoma.

Mason is a proud Citizen of the Cherokee Nation and a 5th generation Oklahoman, from Cordell. He earned his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from The University of Oklahoma.

DRAFT Quote: "I support President Trump in his appointment of Scott Mason to be the EPA Region 6 Administrator. He has been a leader in protecting the environment while ensuring continued economic growth and advancement for all Texans. The Trump Administration has committed to reforming government bureaucracy and removing the red tape that has cost American businesses billions in unnecessary penalties and fees. I will work with Administrator Zeldin and Regional Administrator Mason to ensure EPA will work in coordination with industry rather than against as we do our part to Make America Great Again."