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Subject: RE: Moderated questions for Administrator Pruitt at Crossroads Summit

Thanks Tate! Have a nice weekend.

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Subject: Re: Moderated questions for Administrator Pruitt at Crossroads Summit

Hi Clint! We will get back to you first thing on Monday.

On Nov 10, 2017, at 12:35 PM, Clint Nesmith <cnesmith@texaspolicy.com> wrote:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have crafted eight potential questions that Brooke Rollins, TPPF President and CEO, would ask Administrator Pruitt during their 20-25 minute moderated conversation. Does your team have any edits to these questions or would you like to add any additional ones? Obviously, we would like to get any questions you may want him to answer during the conversation.

Thank you!

1. What areas of environmental protection are best left to states vs. the federal government?
2. What is your office and this administration doing to promote the concept of the advancement of the human condition through energy – and how that must be balanced with the important goal of maintaining a clean environment?
3. What is the best way to improve the environment throughout the world?
4. The EPA has recently proposed to repeal the Clean Power Plan based largely on the basis that Congress did not delegate to EPA the underlying regulatory authority. In addition to the repeal, what can the EPA do now to bind itself and protect against future Administrations claiming again the regulatory power in the Clean Power Plan?
5. Without Congressional power, what may the EPA do to transfer and delegate more autonomy and authority to states to regulate for a clean environment?
6. To what extent should authority be adjusted between the EPA and the Department of Energy in terms of regulatory authority over power plants and oil & gas operations?

7. Please discuss how your efforts to decrease the EPA staff have succeeded, why it has been your goal to decrease the size of the EPA, and whether this has yet resulted in measurable changes.
8. Without addressing the science, do you believe that EPA followed the law and procedural rules necessary to regulate CO2 under the Clean Air Act?

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