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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT ...

EPA Ends \$1 Million Taxpayer-Funded Gym Membership Program *EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Identified The Gym Memberships As An Abuse Of Taxpayer Dollars*

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The Environmental Protection Agency has ended a nearly \$1 million program that provided gym memberships for employees.

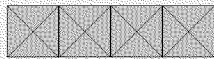
The new administration under EPA administrator Scott Pruitt identified the gym memberships as an abuse of taxpayer dollars. Examples of the program's misuse included \$15,000 for gym memberships for 37 EPA scientists in Las Vegas last year.

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Pruitt vowed an end to taxpayer-funded programs after the Washington Free Beacon report on the agency spending \$15,000 on gym memberships in Las Vegas, earlier this year. Employees in the U.S. Environmental Science Division billed taxpayers \$399 each for gym memberships, even though employees had access to a "state-of-the-art" gym on the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) campus.

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