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Subject: CEI on EPA's Pruitt and Wheeler

Tate and Amy – ICYMI – flagging CEI’s statement on Andrew Wheeler confirmation and some relevant press coverage on the agency.

Thanks,
Annie

Myron Ebell’s Statement: [Senate Confirms Well-Qualified Deputy EPA Administrator](#)

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Buzzfeed:

https://www.buzzfeed.com/zahrahirji/andrew-wheeler-epa?utm_term=.wudp08RPQ#.opmz7vQYx

“We strongly support Andrew. We look forward to him getting to EPA,” Myron Ebell, a director at the conservative group Competitive Enterprise Institute and Trump’s EPA transition head, told BuzzFeed News.

Washington Post:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/the-senate-is-about-to-confirm-a-coal-lobbyist-as-top-epa-deputy/2018/04/12/b1bb6844-3dbe-11e8-a7d1-e4efec6389f0_story.html?utm_term=.65cdce5c6c39

Myron Ebell, a senior fellow at the conservative Competitive Enterprise Institute who headed Trump’s EPA transition team and is a climate skeptic, described Wheeler in a statement as levelheaded and effective.

“He has the experience and the expertise necessary to manage the agency and to make sure that the reforms undertaken by Administrator Pruitt will be fully implemented,” Ebell said. “[His]experience in how the EPA operates and his commitment to President Trump’s agenda to undo the regulatory onslaught of the previous administration will be valuable to his work managing and reforming the agency.”

Washington Examiner:

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/policy/energy/senate-confirms-andrew-wheeler-as-scott-pruitts-deputy-at-epa>

“He is a really good guy, he is very soft spoken, he works not to be flamboyant, or noticed, and he wants to keep the rhetoric down as a way of being more about efficiency and getting things done,” Myron Ebell, director of the Center for Energy and Environment at the free-market Competitive Enterprise Institute, told the *Washington Examiner*.

“Wheeler is ideal to be No. 2 at EPA to manage the agency to accomplish the Trump agenda.” said Ebell, who led President Trump’s EPA transition team. “They have needed him. The reform effort will really take off with Andrew providing the expertise.”

Daily Caller:

<http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/12/ex-trump-official-coal-lobbyist-epa-deputy-nominee/>

“Andrew Wheeler is a great choice to be deputy administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency,” Ebell said in a statement shortly before Senate passed cloture. “He has the experience and the expertise necessary to manage the agency and to make sure that the reforms undertaken by Administrator Pruitt will be fully implemented.”

Ebell also touted Wheeler’s ability to navigate Washington, D.C.’s bureaucracy. “He is level-headed, soft-spoken, and knows how to get things done,” he said. “During his tenure on the committee, he helped the Senator defeat ruinous cap-and-trade legislation, and also pass major energy legislation with bipartisan support.”

Bloomberg:

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-04-12/epa-chief-scott-pruitt-is-safe-for-now>

Back in Washington, conservative leaders including Myron Ebell of the Competitive Enterprise Institute and Tom Pyle of the American Energy Alliance scrambled to find ways to show support, resulting in an open letter from dozens of Republicans hailing Pruitt’s work. Soon, what started as an email effort morphed into a full-throated #SaveScott campaign, with prominent Republicans and leaders of the Tea Party movement such as Steve Forbes and Kentucky Senator Rand Paul penning op-eds, posting on Twitter, and picking up the phone to lobby the president against firing the man they see as a champion of deregulation and for whose confirmation they fought. “He’s a conservative hero,” Deason says. “We burned a lot of chits to get him into that position.” They couldn’t afford to lose him now.

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Daily Caller:

<http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/09/media-epa-scott-pruitt-obama-scandals/>

Jackson emailed under “Richard Windsor,” a fake identity, which lawmakers worried could be used to circumvent transparency laws. It’s really hard to justify using a fake name for official work unless it’s to avoid records requests.

Competitive Enterprise Institute’s (CEI) Chris Horner discovered Jackson’s use of an alias while writing his book on the Obama administration’s lack of transparency. It turns out Jackson also used her email to communicate with the White House and outside activists.

During Jackson’s tenure, top EPA officials used private email accounts to correspond with environmental activists, TheDCNF reported. Jackson resigned in 2013 and subsequently got a job at Apple.

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CNN Newsroom w/ Ana Cabrera:

<https://cei.org/content/video-myron-ebell-joins-cnn-newsroom-ana-cabrera-discuss-criticisms-epa-administrator-pruitt>
Long, tough interview about Pruitt with Van Jones on the panel. Best comments are clipped here.

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