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**Cc:** Hupp, Sydney[hupp.sydney@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hale, Michelle  
**Sent:** Tue 5/23/2017 5:02:03 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Request to Scott Pruitt to speak in September or October at Heartland Institute Benefit Dinner

Hi, Jim, thank you for your note and invitation. I'm copying our Executive Scheduler, Sydney Hupp, to get this in the hopper.

Appreciate you!

Michelle

**From:** Jim Lakely [mailto:JLakely@heartland.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 12:55 PM  
**To:** Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Request to Scott Pruitt to speak in September or October at Heartland Institute Benefit Dinner

Michelle,

I hope you are well, and I appreciate all the work you did to see if Administrator Pruitt could speak at The Heartland Institute's climate conference in March. I hope Mr. Pruitt could speak at another Heartland event, which is why I'm sending this email.

Below my signature is an official invitation from Heartland Institute President Joseph Bast for Mr. Pruitt to be the keynote speaker at our annual benefit dinner, tentatively scheduled for September or October, depending on what's best for his schedule. We will be mailing this out in hard-copy form later this week, but I wanted to get the ball rolling immediately.

We certainly hope Administrator Pruitt will say “yes,” and let me know if you have any questions.

Warm regards,

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Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

Thank you for everything you’ve been doing to advance President Trump’s agenda.

I was sorry your schedule didn't allow you to speak at our Twelfth International Conference on Climate Change, held March 23-24 in Washington DC. It was a huge success!

I am writing to ask if you could come to Chicago this fall to speak at The Heartland Institute's 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Benefit Dinner. The event will be on a Wednesday or Thursday evening in September or October. We can be flexible for whatever date best suits you.

The event likely will be held in the evening at The Cotillion, a fine banquet hall located in a town just down the road from our offices in Arlington Heights, Illinois. The venue is used frequently by elected officials and candidates during political seasons and can hold up to 800 people.

Each year, our anniversary dinners attract nearly 500 people – and with you as our honored keynote speaker, we'd surely sell out the hall with nearly a thousand friends and pro-Trump supporters.

I hope you or your scheduler can give me a call soon with a “yes,” and any other questions you might have regarding our event. You can reach me at 312/377-4000, or by email at [jbast@heartland.org](mailto:jbast@heartland.org).

Please know that everyone here at Heartland is pulling for you and the entire Trump administration to be a success. Nothing less than the future of liberty is riding on it.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Bast". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long tail extending downwards.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Bast

President

**Past Speakers at The Heartland Institute's  
Anniversary Benefit Dinners**

Gary Becker, University of Chicago (Nobel Prize in Economics)

Morton Blackwell, The Leadership Institute

Robert Bleiberg, Barron's

Peter Brimelow, Forbes columnist, author

Tony Brown, civil rights leader and author

Christopher Buckley, author

Linda Chavez, former secretary of labor

Ward Connerly, civil rights activist

Edward Crane, president, Cato Institute

Phil Crane, congressman

Donald Devine, Fund for American Studies

Tom DiLorenzo, economist and author

Bruce DuMont, WTTW host

Richard Epstein, University of Chicago Law School

M. Stanton Evans, author

Floyd Flake, congressman

Aaron Freeman, comedian and commentator

Howard Fuller, former superintendent of schools, Milwaukee

John Fund, Wall Street Journal

Stephen Goldsmith, mayor of Indianapolis

Scott Hodge, president, Tax Foundation

Caroline Hoxby, economist, Harvard University

Rob Kolson, comedian

John Lott, economist

Tanya Metaksa, National Rifle Association

Steven Moore, Wall Street Journal

Joseph Morris, Lincoln Legal Foundation

Tom Naughton, comedian

Robert Novak, syndicated columnist

P.J. O'Rourke, writer

Robert Poole, president, Reason Foundation

Paul Craig Roberts, author

Mark Skousen, economist and author

Robert Sirico, president of the Acton Institute

Tim Slagle, comedian

John Stossel, ABC News and 20/20

Dave Thomas, chairman of Wendy's

Grace-Marie Turner, Galen Institute

J.C. Watts, congressman

Scott Walker, Gov. of Wisconsin

Brian Wesbury, economist

Walter Williams, George Mason University

## About The Heartland Institute

The Heartland Institute is a 33-year-old national nonprofit research organization, founded in 1984, dedicated to finding and promoting ideas that empower people.

**Mission:** Our mission is to discover, develop, and promote free-market solutions to social and economic problems.

**Staff:** A full-time staff of 39, including 30 working in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Joseph Bast is president and CEO. Dr. Herbert Walberg is chairman of the board.

**Policy Advisors:** 370 academics and professional economists serve as policy advisors and 250 elected officials pay dues to serve on our Legislative Forum.

**Publications:** Heartland sends four monthly policy newspapers – *Budget & Tax News*, *Environment & Climate News*, *Health Care News*, and *School Reform News* – to every national and state elected officials in the United States and thousands of civic and business leaders. It also produces books, policy studies, booklets, podcasts, and videos.

**Communications:** In 2016, we appeared in print and on television or radio 853 times with a combined print circulation of 67.7 million readers. We hosted 15 websites generating more than 1.8 million pages views.

**Policy Bot:** Heartland hosts an online database and search engine called *PolicyBot* containing the complete text of (not just links to) more than 32,000 reports and commentaries from some 300 free-market think tanks and advocacy groups.

**Events:** Heartland hosted 68 events in 2016, attended by 10,616 people. We have hosted 12 International Conferences on Climate Change since 2008, attended by more than 5,000 people.

**Government Relations:** We contacted elected officials more than one million times in 2016, with 24,948 total direct personal contacts with elected officials, including 4,963 face-to-face meetings, 5,374 phone calls, 13,970 personal email contacts, and 641 contacts via personal mail.

**Public positions:** We focus on issues in education, environmental protection, health care, budgets and taxes, and constitutional reform.

**Funding:** Our 2016 income came from the following sources: foundations 67%; individuals 19%; business 11%; other 3%. Heartland is funded entirely by the tax-deductible contributions of its supporters and receives no funds from any government at any level.

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**For more information:** The “About” page on our website at [www.heartland.org](http://www.heartland.org) contains endorsements of our work, a history, and video prepared for our 25th anniversary in 2009.