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From: Oren Cass [ocass@manhattan-institute.org]
Sent: 1/16/2018 8:57:22 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]
CC: Dravis, Samantha [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=ece53f0610054e669d9dffe0b3a842df-Dravis, Sam]
Subject: RE: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt on Thursday
Attachments: 170321-The Problem with Climate Catastrophizing (FA).pdf; 180118-Challenges in Evaluating the Costs of Climate Change (EPA Presentation).pdf

Samantha and Tate,

Attached are two files that might be useful to you or Administrator Pruitt in advance of our discussion on Thursday.

- The first is the presentation that I am hoping we can go through during the meeting, looking at the current state of climate economics and the need for greater scrutiny of the assumptions that go into those studies.

- The second is an essay I wrote last year for Foreign Affairs that outlines my thoughts on how best to think and communicate about climate change – not sure whether that will be relevant to the meeting, but I figured it is worth sending in case.

For the presentation, I definitely do not need a projector, in fact I'd prefer if we can just sit around a table to discuss. But would it be possible for someone there to print copies of the presentation and bring them to the meeting? If not, I can print and bring them along – please just let me know.

Thank you,
Oren

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 5:31 PM
To: Oren Cass
Cc: Dravis, Samantha; Ford, Hayley
Subject: Re: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt on Thursday

Hi Oren! We are looking forward to Thursday.

We will have roughly 30-45 minutes for the meeting, but I'm Hayley Ford in case that has changed. We were thinking this meeting could be purely informative in nature, and not necessarily in the context of a specific EPA exercise.

That is correct- the Administrator is interested in emissions baselines and economic analyses of climate change (and the extent to which humans contribute). We would like to focus on 1) your specific findings and research in these areas and 2) what other existing research narratives/ schools are currently being circulated and your take on them. Samantha, is that your take as well?

If you have a presentation or materials already prepared, we can certainly get them to him ahead of time. However, no need to recreate the wheel if it's easier for you to send along the key reports in advance.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Tate

On Jan 15, 2018, at 4:23 PM, Oren Cass <ocass@manhattan-institute.org> wrote:

Samantha and Tate,

I just wanted to check in with you briefly regarding the plan for our meeting on Thursday morning, which I have on the calendar for 9:30am. A few questions:

- How long will we have for the discussion?
- I expect generally that the objective is to discuss the opportunity to examine emissions baselines and economic analyses of climate change in the context of a red-team/blue-team exercise. Is that right?
- Would it be helpful for me to send anything for the Administrator to read in advance, or to bring a formal (e.g., PowerPoint) presentation, or should I just be prepared with a brief agenda for discussion? (At a minimum, I would bring copies of some of the key reports and studies that we might discuss, as well as some of the figures from my own forthcoming report.)

Thank you,
Oren

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