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One more invite to consider. I sit on the board of Bciu. A really great organization. I think would be really opportunity for him. We can build the event around his schedule.

Thanks!



March 23, 2017

The Honorable Scott Pruitt  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

On behalf of the Board and Members of the Business Council for International Understanding (BCIU) congratulations on your nomination by President Donald J. Trump and confirmation by the United States Senate to serve as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). As you assume these important duties on behalf of the nation, I write to offer BCIU's assistance. We would like to host an early engagement with you and our corporate membership. This could be held in either Washington or New York at a date of your choosing.

Our founder, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, believed that American ideals of freedom and private enterprise could benefit the world. BCIU promotes these ideals through our exchanges between business and government leaders around the globe. Over 200 off-the-record exchanges each year allow our members to receive updates from key international decision-makers, share best practices from industry, and discuss key policies which impact business. Since our founding as a White House initiative in 1955, we have played a role in helping to onboard 10 administrations.

As President Reagan wrote in 1981, "Through several of our corporate and government friends, I have become aware of the 'honest broker' functions of BCIU, which brings American Ambassadors, senior administration officials, and foreign statesmen together with business leaders from across the United States. BCIU's broad acquaintance with the business community makes it possible for business and government to consult selectively and repeatedly, exchanging economic realities of continuing value to both."

BCIU was privileged to hold our first program with the new administration on January 19th featuring Mrs. K.T. McFarland, Deputy National Security Advisor as key note speaker. The event was attended by more than 40 Ambassadors and foreign dignitaries and over 100 business executives.

BCIU looks forward to serving as a private sector engagement vehicle for you and other senior EPA officials as you outline new policies affecting multiple industries. Our members place a top priority on health and environmental responsibility in their commercial activities, and BCIU looks forward to working with you in support of these shared objectives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Tichansky".

Peter Tichansky  
President & CEO  
BCIU

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Smotkin".

Rick Smotkin  
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