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OKOGA PRAISES TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S INTENT TO NOMINATE SCOTT PRUITT TO EPA

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Oklahoma Oil & Gas Association (OKOGA) released the following statement from OKOGA's president, Chad Warmington, about President-elect Donald J. Trump's intent to nominate Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt to be administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency:

“As Oklahoma's Attorney General, Scott Pruitt has proven that he is a legal expert, which is exactly what our nation needs at the helm of the Environmental Protection Agency. Federal regulations have a role to play in protecting commerce and our environment, but over the past few years, we have seen laws like the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act applied far beyond Congress' original intent. This approach has also undermined the long-standing cooperation between states and the federal government. States are meant to take a leading role in determining environmental standards, and Pruitt has been an ardent defender of this concept. Additionally, many of these regulations, like the Waters of the United States and the Clean Power Plan, have created crippling uncertainty for job creators and are now tied up in the courts for being unconstitutional. We are excited about having an Oklahoman in a prominent role of a Trump administration, and we welcome a more measured regulatory approach at the EPA that will give a voice to all.”

Background

The Oklahoma Oil & Gas Association, founded in 1919, is the oldest energy trade association in the United States. Nearly a century later, the association remains dedicated to the advancement and improvement of the oil and natural gas industry within the state of Oklahoma and throughout the nation. It is a non-profit association composed of oil and gas producers, operators, purchasers, pipelines, transporters, processors, refiners, marketers and service companies which represent a substantial sector of the oil and natural gas industry within Oklahoma. The activities of OKOGA include support for legislative and regulatory measures designed to promote both the well-being and best interests of the citizens of this state and a strong and vital petroleum industry within the State of Oklahoma and throughout the United States.

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