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Senator Robert Casey  
393 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Casey:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, I thank you for your statement concerning President-elect Trump's nomination of Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt as the next administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Based on Mr. Pruitt's record, we, like you, have no confidence that he would uphold this country's environmental laws. These laws are essential to protecting the health and welfare of all citizens. However, as people of faith, we are particularly concerned about our most vulnerable neighbors who would suffer the most from the effects of environmental deterioration—children, older persons, those already suffering from health problems, and people everywhere whose very lives and livelihoods would be affected by the impacts of climate change, contaminated water, and other human-caused environmental destruction. And while our focus is primarily on humans, we are concerned for our environment as a whole, because we live in a fragile web of God's creation, and damage and destruction to any part affects the whole.

We call on you to do what you can to prevent the confirmation of Mr. Pruitt and to encourage the nomination and approval of someone who will act in concert with Pennsylvania's Constitutional mandate—which we believe should be a global mandate—to be a trustee to conserve and maintain our environment and its resources for now and future generations.

Wishing you blessings, joy, peace, and love in this season of hope!

Sincerely,



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