

February 27, 2017

The Honorable Scott Pruitt  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

Congratulations on your confirmation as Administrator for the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Our mutual friends at the Association of Oklahoma General Contractors have spoken glowingly about your qualifications since your nomination became public. I look forward to your leadership at EPA.

I wanted also to specifically applaud you for your remarks in the February 17 edition of the Wall Street Journal indicating your intent to curb the long-standing "sue and settle" practice at EPA. As an association that routinely protects our members' interests in the court system from the attacks of anti-growth organizations, ARTBA wholeheartedly agrees with your assertion that "There is a time and place to sometimes resolve litigation...[b]ut don't use the judicial process to bypass accountability," and that "[r]egulation through litigation is simply wrong."

To that end, I have attached a copy of a recent ARTBA report entitled "Ripe for Reform: Federal Regulatory Issues Impacting Transportation Project Delivery." The report outlines a number of areas for regulatory reform, including many at EPA, which ARTBA feels would greatly help President Trump achieve his stated goal of removing unnecessary rules and bolstering the American economy.

Again, congratulations and ARTBA looks forward to continuing to work with EPA towards achieving its mission while maintaining the proper balance between environmental protection and our nation's current and future economic needs.

Sincerely,



T. Peter Ruane  
President & C.E.O

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