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Dear Representative/Senator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I am a constituent in (your voting district/state) though I am currently living abroad. I am writing you today to express my concern over President Trump’s proposed budget for the EPA, which will slash their overall budget by 31%. The EPA carries out essential work in improving and maintaining a cleaner, healthier environment for the American people. Such a significant budget cut would drastically impair the ability of the agency to carry out its mission and will only have a detrimental effect on the environmental programs currently being run by the EPA.

Since its inception in 1970, the EPA has worked to protect human health and the environment “by striving to keep pollution out of the air we breathe, the water we drink and swim in, and harmful chemicals out of the food we eat and the lands where we build our homes and our communities.” While EPA regulations can rightfully be debated in Congress over time, without the EPA there is no one to administer and enforce those regulations. The damage done by pollution of waterways, for example, takes decades to clear so that ongoing monitoring and adjustment is needed to maintain and improve standards.

The President’s proposal states that the “EPA would primarily support States and Tribes in their important role protecting air, land, and water in the 21st Century.” While individual states have an important role to play in environmental protection, air and water quality problems do not stop at state boundaries. Will State A be willing to allocate funds to solve what they may see as neighboring State B’s problem? A Federal organization is needed to monitor and act on environmental problems!

The proposed budget will discontinue funding for more than 50 EPA programs, such as the *Clean Power Plan, Energy Star; Targeted Airshed Grants*, the *Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program* as well as international climate change programs and climate change research.

I strongly oppose any action taken to undermine the ability of the EPA to do their important work of protecting human health and the environment. As your constituent, I urge you to vote against these drastic budget cuts for the EPA and to allow it to continue to safeguard America’s environment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Name*

*Voting address + zip code*

*Overseas address and email (if possible, a g-mail address)*

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