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Travis Fitzwater

State Representative  
District 49

Honorable Claire McCaskill,

As the Representative of the 49th District in the Missouri House of Representatives, I represent the very best of Missouri. I represent hundreds of farms. I represent sections of the Missouri river and the industry it creates. I also represent thousands of Missourians that work to produce the energy that heats our homes and keeps our economy moving.

Simply put, their way of life is under attack. For too long, the federal government has over regulated our water ways and threatened the jobs it supports. They've attempted to bring every pond, puddle, and ditch under the regulatory oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency. They've worked to stop children from helping out on their family farms. They've attacked animal agriculture and the food it creates and the jobs it sustains. And they've tried to add more and more needless regulations on energy production that will make energy prices skyrocket and kill thousands of jobs that support Missouri's working families.

Enough is enough. It is past time that we had some common sense leaders in our federal government. Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt, President Trump's nominee to lead the Environmental Protection Agency, is an ideal choice to lead the EPA. He has a record of fighting for clean water and clean air and he has been a faithful steward of Oklahoma's resources.

However, he has also approached government regulation with an understanding of both the rule of law and the impact these regulations have on our economy. There is no one that cares more about clean air and clean water than me. It is essential to the economy of my district, but also to the health and wellbeing of my family and my two young children.

There is a balance between environmental protection and overregulation. As a conservative, I believe strongly that government should leave individuals alone as long as they are not hurting one another. I approach our environment with the same framework. We should punish polluters who harm others. But, we should not put regulations in place that threaten every business and every job in our state.

Common sense must prevail. As an expert in environmental, constitutional, and regulatory law, Pruitt will not only bring the necessary expertise to the EPA, but also the requisite common sense to ensure a clean environment and a thriving economy.

I encourage you to reconsider your position on Attorney General Scott Pruitt's nomination and vote yes to stand up for Missouri's small businesses, family farmers, energy producers, and working families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Travis Fitzwater". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Representative Travis Fitzwater  
49<sup>th</sup> District