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**ATTORNEY GENERAL LUTHER STRANGE JOINS STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL
SUPPORTING CONFIRMATION OF SCOTT PRUITT AS EPA ADMINISTRATOR**

(MONTGOMERY) – Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange joined 23 other state attorneys general today in expressing support for the confirmation of Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt as Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In a letter to Chairman John Barrasso, R-WY., and Ranking Member Tom Carper, D-DE., of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Attorney General Strange and his colleagues emphasized Pruitt’s strong record of environmental advocacy while in public office as well as his respect for working with Congress to ensure that our laws are followed in implementing environmental policy.

“Attorney General Pruitt is committed to clean air and clean water, and to faithfully executing the environmental laws written by Congress. He believes that environmental regulations should be driven by State and local governments – a notion endorsed by Congress in the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act. When our nation is confronted with issues affecting the environment that are not covered by a particular statute, Scott will come to Congress for a solution, rather than inventing power for his agency. He wholeheartedly believes in a strong Environmental Protection Agency that carries out its proper duties, providing a backstop to state and local regulators as they develop environmental regulations suited to the needs of their own communities,” the Attorneys General wrote.

“Attorney General Pruitt is a personal friend and I have been proud to join him in pursuing responsible measures to protect our environment that are harmonious with individual rights and the rule of law,” said Attorney General Strange. “Scott possesses both a common sense approach to safeguarding our natural resources and a respect for working together with local, state and the federal government to find solutions. He is an exemplary choice to lead the EPA and I urge the Senate to confirm his nomination.”

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