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July 10, 2018

Mr. John Ellis
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW (MC 2822T)
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Ellis:

On behalf of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), I am contacting you about an alleged unauthorized disposition of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) records, based on a news article published by CNN on July 2, 2018 (see attachment). The news article stated that meetings and appointments on former EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's official calendar were scrubbed, altered, or removed. The CNN article follows a May 11, 2018 article in *The New York Times*, "Pruitt's Dinner with Cardinal Accused of Abuse Was Kept Off Public Schedule," as well as a September 26, 2017 letter from the EPA to the Environmental Integrity Project, concerning "Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-007486, Environmental Integrity Project v. EPA, Case No. I -17-cv-1203 (D.D.C.)," which discussed issues concerning Mr. Pruitt's calendar.

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.16(b), NARA is requesting that EPA provide us with a response within 30 calendar days indicating the specific actions EPA will take to address these allegations. If EPA determines that an unauthorized disposition has occurred, then EPA must submit a report to NARA, as described in 36 CFR 1230.14, which should address whether specific records can be recovered, recreated, or duplicated from other sources and the steps EPA will take to mitigate future unauthorized alterations or deletions of EPA records.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Karyn Skevakis, Senior Records Analyst, at 301-837-3069 or by email at karyn.skevakis@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurence v. Brewer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

LAURENCE BREWER
Chief Records Officer
for the U.S. Government

Enclosure
CNN Article.pdf