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DENVER - [Western Energy Alliance](#) [2] today announced its support of Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt as the next Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) administrator. In a [letter](#) [3] to the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works, the trade group praised Pruitt's respect for the role of states in protecting air and water quality without overreaching federal regulations. The Alliance represents more than 300 companies focused on environmentally responsible oil and natural gas production in the West.

"Western Energy Alliance strongly supports the confirmation of Attorney General Scott Pruitt as EPA administrator. His willingness to stand for the rule of law in regulatory actions makes him the right person to implement President-Elect Trump's agenda of creating jobs while refocusing EPA on real environmental protection of air and water," said Kathleen Sgamma, president at the Alliance. "Attorney General Pruitt has taken a stand not against the environment, as his opponents would have you believe, but rather against regulatory overreach that not only kills jobs and economic prosperity but perversely harms the environment and public health. EPA best protects the environment when it works cooperatively with states and actually implements the laws passed by Congress, not when it wastes effort exerting control over the economy and ignoring real environmental problems. Restoring the proper federalism balance with the states will result in better environmental protection without squelching economic opportunity. Western Energy Alliance urges swift confirmation."

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