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The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Administrator Pruitt,

It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to visit with you while I was in Washington, D.C. a couple of weeks ago. It's always great to see old friends and (former) fellow attorneys general when I make it to our nation's capital.

I'm writing to follow up on my invitation to visit Montana that I extended to you while I was in D.C. As I'm sure you are well aware, Montanans place a very high value on a healthy environment, and it's critical that EPA uses the authority granted to it by Congress to robustly enforce sensible, and much-needed environmental protection policy to the best of its ability. A clean and healthy environment is one of our nation's greatest treasures, and is a right enshrined in Montana's constitution. I'm confident you recognize that EPA must always strive to find the balance between allowing responsible use of our environment with strong environmental protection.

As you may recall from our conversation, I think it is particularly important that you, as the new EPA administrator, visit the Berkeley Pit in Montana. The Pit is one of the nation's largest superfund sites, and working with local stakeholders to clean it up should continue to be at the top of EPA's list of priorities. When you come to visit, I would like to organize a tour of the site, as well as a series of meetings with state legislators and local government officials to discuss a strategy moving forward to work with your administration on this important project.

In addition to visiting the Berkeley Pit, I hope we have the opportunity to visit other areas of concern where I believe the State of Montana can work together with EPA to protect and improve the health of our environment.

I hope you will accept my invitation to visit our beautiful state in the near future. I look forward to welcoming you to Big Sky Country very soon.

Sincerely,

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