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The Honorable Trey Gowdy
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Gowdy:

Amid the ongoing backlash against Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt's many alleged ethics violations, reports have surfaced of additional professional misconduct. On June 28, the *Daily Beast* reported, "he's actively undermined the reputations of former and current staffers, with campaigns that former senior EPA officials have described as 'ratf*cking'."¹

When longtime aide Millan Hupp gave truthful evidence before a Congressional committee, as she was legally required to do, she was forced out of the EPA. Even after she left, reports state that Mr. Pruitt continued to damage her career by warning potential employers away from hiring her. Additionally, current and former staffers say Mr. Pruitt used official EPA employees to leak damaging information about former employees and "pitch 'oppo hits' to media outlets on other officials who departed on bad terms."² One of these accusations is currently under investigation by the U.S. Office of Special Counsel.

I urge you to convene hearings to reveal the full extent of this Administration's use of official resources and executive power to defame and retaliate against whistleblowers and others who reveal ongoing ethics violations in the Trump Administration. Our committee has a responsibility to investigate this misuse power and ensure Congress exercise its oversight authority.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Raja Krishnamoorthi
Member of Congress

¹ 'Scott Pruitt Is 'Ratf*cking' Ex-Aides He Feels Betrayed Him', *The Daily Beast*. 6/28/18

² *Ibid.*