# Letter Regarding Public Printer

Dear [California Academy of Sciences Ally - possibly Heather Yager, Head Librarian]

I am [letter writer] of [organization/institution]. I’m writing to you as the [ROLE] at the California Academy of Sciences to ask the CAS to issue a message on the role of Public Printer of the United States. As of yet, President Trump has yet to name a nominee to this position, but we feel it is an urgent matter given the administration’s anti-science and anti-government transparency actions.

As you may already know, the Public Printer maintains the Government Publishing Office whose mission is “Keeping America Informed” by overseeing the Federal Depository Library Program. The FDLP acts as a government document library and repository and is responsible for the producing, procuring, cataloging, indexing, authenticating, disseminating and preserving federal government information products. As a librarian working in the sciences, we urge you to continue to advocate for the preservation and access to information. Yours, like that of the Public Printer, is a position of responsibility to present and future information seekers.

It would be valuable for CAS to outreach to constituents and educate them on this issue and why it is relevant to them. Internally, among CAS staff and constituents, we ask for a campaign of visibility and awareness raising. Given CAS’s extensive network or infrastructure to mobilize for climate change, as well as their broad and robust means of communication channels, we would like CAS to commit to issuing a message.

As California citizens, we bear the immediate benefits (or risks) of vulnerable data and documents. Furthermore, as a consortium of information scientists, librarians, and archivists, we care deeply about the maintenance of the Government Publishing Office and who oversees this vital and important role.

While there is the distant possibility that incumbent Davita Vance-Cooks will be asked to continue her tenure in this role, we feel it is too important a position to leave to a President who has already demonstrated hostility toward government transparency and accountability.

We have already reached out to California Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris as they sit on the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration and Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, respectively. These Committees have direct oversight with the Office of Public Printer, and we have urged them to work with other allies like the California and National Academies of Science to address this issue.

We look forward to following up with [YOUR REPRESENTATIVE] on this issue in a week. If there are any questions related to this request, we are happy to discuss.

[FULL NAME]

[ADDRESS]

[EMAIL]

# Email 1 to Senator (Senate)

Dear Senator [LAST NAME],

My name is [FULL NAME] from [CITY, STATE]. I am your constituent and want to urge you to vote down Scott Pruitt for Head of the Environmental Protection Agency. As a climate change denier and big oil man, he has significant conflicts of interest in regard to the duties he is expected to perform as head of a federal agency created for the purpose of protecting human health and the environment.

[ELABORATION ON THE ISSUE]

[HOW THIS AFFECTS THE SENATOR AND THEIR CONSTITUENCY]

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your service to the citizens of California.

[FULL NAME]

[EMAIL]

[ADDRESS]

# Letter 1 to Representative (House)

The Honorable [FULL NAME]

[ROOM #][NAME] House Office Building

United States House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative [LAST NAME],

As your constituent, I write to you to strongly urge you to [ACTION].

[ISSUE 1]

[HOW ISSUE 1 AFFECTS YOU, A CONSTITUENT]

[GROUP AFFILIATION IF APPROPRIATE]

Thank you for your time and consideration. [FOLLOW UP ACTION AND TIMEFRAME]

# Phone Call 1 to Senator (Senate)

Hi, My name is [FULL NAME] and I am a constituent of Senator [LAST NAME]. I am calling to ask Senator [LAST NAME] to vote against confirming Scott Pruitt as the next head of the Environmental Protection Agency. Pruitt has close ties to the fossil fuel industry and frequently operates on their behalf. He is on record stating he does not believe the EPA is necessary and thinks environmental policy should be left to states. This would put the health of American citizens at risk and be disastrous for the environment. He is unfit to hold this post, and I would like to know what Senator [LAST NAME] intends to do about it.

Thank you.

# Phone Call 2 to Elected Official

I’m [FULL NAME], a constituent of [SENATOR // REPRESENTATIVE // COUNCILMEMBER] concerned about the President’s record of denying climate change. I ask that the [ELECTED OFFICIAL] publicly condemn Trump’s threats to repeal the Clean Power Plan and withdraw from the Paris climate agreement. The earth has set a record for the hottest year on record for the third consecutive year. There is consensus within the climate science community that global warming is real and that it is man-made. Enough is enough, and we demand solutions now.

II hope [ELECTED OFFICIAL] can carry his/her constituents’ interests and stop the Trump administration from put their interests ahead of the health and safety of the American people.

Thank you.