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April 2, 2018

The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

I write to seek answers about an apparent payment made by the Environmental Protection Agency to replace a door that was broken down by law enforcement and your EPA security detail when you did not respond to them during an incident at your residence on March 29, 2017.

As I believe you know, I own the condo directly below the unit that you rented from Vicki Hart. I personally witnessed the March 29 incident where you did not respond to your security detail, necessitating the dispatch of both Capitol Police and District of Columbia law enforcement and ultimately requiring the breaking down of a wooden and glass door to access your unit.

I have been shocked by recent press reports that the Environmental Protection Agency reimbursed the property owner for the cost of the broken door and would like to verify if the information contained in these reports is correct. As the Ranking Member of the House Interior-Environment Appropriations Subcommittee, which funds the Environmental Protection Agency, I know that Congress appropriates money for the EPA to protect human health and the environment — not for repairs to the Administrator's residence.

I respectfully request that you answer the following questions by April 16, 2018:

1. Were appropriated funds used to reimburse Ms. Hart or the Court Condominium Association for the replacement of the door? If so, what program areas did the funds come from?
2. If appropriated funds were used to reimburse Ms. Hart or the Court Condominium Association for the replacement of the door, what was the justification for the use of these appropriated funds?
3. Have you personally reimbursed the Environmental Protection Agency for the cost of the door replacement?

The American people deserve to know if and why their tax dollars have been spent repairing damage to your residence caused by your failure to respond to your security detail in a timely manner.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Betty McCollum". The signature is stylized with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

Betty McCollum
Member of Congress