

**From:** Eric Lipton  
**To:** [David J. Apol](#)  
**Subject:** Re EPA DAEO  
**Date:** Thursday, June 28, 2018 12:34:52 PM

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two questions

- 1) Any reaction to his letter
- 2) When for my planning purposes do you intend to post it?

Thanks

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[Eric Lipton](#)

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-----Original Message-----

From: Douglas L. Chapman

Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2018 10:28 AM

To: Ciara M. Guzman

Subject: FW: Scanned Data from Copier-B-NY-278 Copier 06/28/2018 10:01

Ciara,

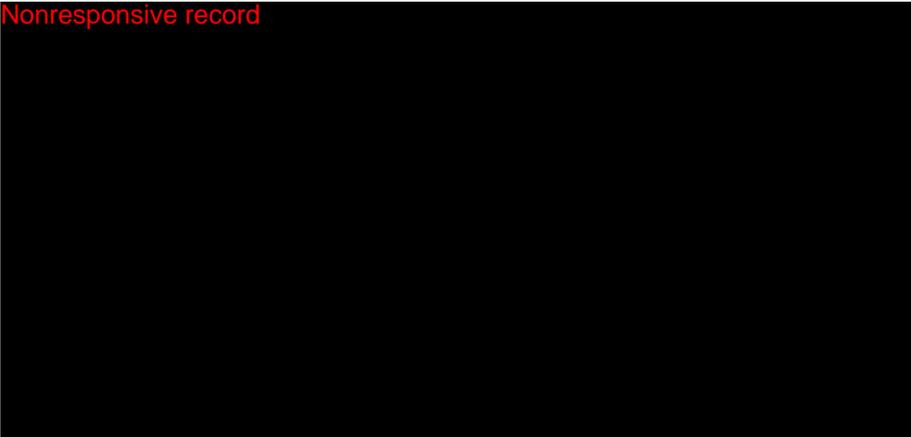
I saved this to the EPA follow-up folder. (b) (5)



Chip and I will discuss the letter later today.

Doug

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**From:** USOGE  
**Sent:** Friday, June 29, 2018 11:37 AM  
**To:** David J. Apol  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA request for copy of letter sent to OGE David Apol

Good morning,

We received the below FOIA request for a letter sent to us from EPA. Are there any plans to post this letter? If not, I will process this request as a normal FOIA.

Thanks! Rachel

**From:** Eric Lipton [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2018 4:30 PM  
**To:** USOGE; David J. Apol  
**Subject:** FOIA request for copy of letter sent to OGE David Apol

I would like a copy of the letter sent on June 27 by Kevin Minoli of the EPA to David Apol related to the EPA ethics program, in Mr. Minoli's capacity as the Designated Agency Ethics Official at the EPA.

Please provide the response electronically

Thank you in advance

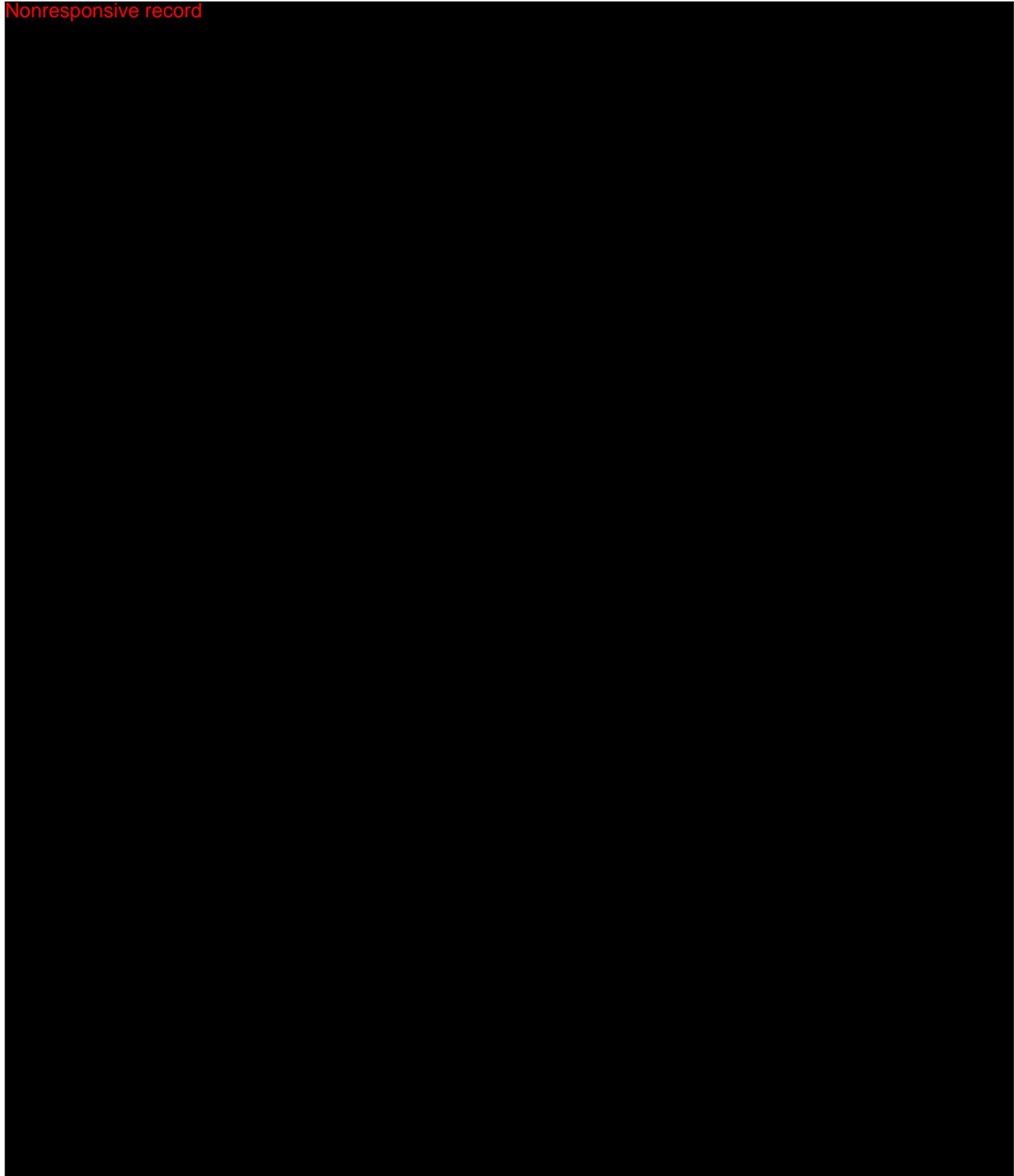
Eric

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**From:** [Shelley K. Finlayson](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Question Regarding GAO Review of EPA Advisory Committees  
**Date:** Monday, July 02, 2018 4:47:08 PM

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**From:** Koenen, Mary  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: GAO Review of EPA Advisory Committees  
**Date:** Monday, July 02, 2018 5:15:53 PM

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I will be out of the office from Wednesday, June 27 until Friday, July 6. If you need immediate assistance with the EPA Advisory Committees review, please contact Charlie Egan at (b) (6). Otherwise, I will respond to your message on Monday, July 9. Thank you!

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**From:** Shelley K. Finlayson  
**Sent:** Monday, July 02, 2018 10:00 AM  
**To:** LEGTEAM  
**Subject:** FYI

## **CQ Budget Tracker**

### **Corruption Crackdown**

An effort to crack down on alleged Trump administration spending abuses is winning bipartisan support.

The head of House Republicans' campaign arm, Rep. [Steve Stivers](#), R-Ohio, and Rep. [Kyrsten Sinema](#), D-Ariz., have co-sponsored legislation aimed at forcing executive branch officials to personally pay back any illegally used public tax dollars.

The [draft measure](#) would require the reimbursement of any money found to have been spent in a "willful violation of Federal law, rule or regulation," as determined by government watchdogs such as the Government Accountability Office or any department's inspector general.

The move comes after a barrage of accusations of improper spending has hounded several of Trump's Cabinet members, particularly EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. Under the bill, Pruitt could have to repay at least some of the \$43,000 he spent to build a soundproof phone booth in his EPA office. The GAO, the investigative arm of Congress, determined in April that the spending violated federal law by exceeding the \$5,000 limit allowed for public officials to refurbish their offices.

Even if the bill doesn't become law, House appropriators have taken action of their own. A Democratic policy rider attached to the House Interior-Environment spending bill ([HR 6147](#)) would restrict Pruitt to spending no more than \$50 of public money on a fountain

pen.

That measure won bipartisan support in the Appropriations Committee after reports that Pruitt had purchased a dozen jewelry-adorned pens at a cost of \$1,560. CQ's Jeremy Dillon has the [full story here](#).

**From:** [David J. Apol](#)  
**To:** [Veda E. Marshall](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Letter from EPA's Designated Agency Ethics Official Regarding EPA's Ethics Program  
**Date:** Monday, July 02, 2018 2:21:31 PM  
**Attachments:** [Letter to OGE Re EPA Ethics Program2018-06-27-151351.pdf](#)

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Referred to EPA



**From:** [Jennifer Matis](#)  
**To:** [David J. Apol](#); [Shelley K. Finlayson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Letter  
**Date:** Monday, July 02, 2018 3:14:53 PM

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I have uploaded the letter and it will appear on the website within about a half hour.

Thanks,

*Jen*

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**From:** Jennifer Matis  
**Sent:** Monday, July 02, 2018 2:02 PM  
**To:** David J. Apol; Rachel K. Dowell  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Letter

Hi Dave,

I will post the letter as soon as I get a hold of an electronic copy. Kaneisha is helping me track it down. I will let you know once it's posted.

Thanks,

*Jen*

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**From:** David J. Apol

**Sent:** Monday, July 02, 2018 1:15 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Matis; Rachel K. Dowell  
**Subject:** EPA Letter

If you do decide to proactively post the letter, please let me know when you are doing it.

Thanks.

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**From:** Miranda Green  
**Subject:** Talking on background about future of EPA investigations  
**Date:** Friday, July 06, 2018 1:11:54 PM

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Mr. Apol,

I'm a reporter with The Hill and writing a story about what to expect about the future of the various investigations into EPA actions and Scott Pruitt.

Can I talk to you on deep background about the process and how the investigations might change now that Pruitt has resigned?

I'm looking to get as informed as possible to help my readers and I think few people may understand the process as well as you do.

Thank you for any help you can provide,  
Miranda

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Miranda Green  
Energy and Environment Reporter, The Hill

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**From:** Seth Jaffe  
**Sent:** Friday, July 06, 2018 9:32 AM  
**To:** Patrick J. Lightfoot  
**Subject:** significant activity

Patrick,

I do not remember - did you put your drafting of the 6/15/18 letter to EPA into the significant activities log?

Thanks,  
Seth

**From:** [Nicole Stein](#)  
**To:** [Nicole Stein](#)  
**Bcc:** (b)(6) - Marquez, (b)(6) - Kara Wenzel, (b)(6) - Kathleen Oram, (b)(6) - Kathleen Silbaugh  
(b)(6) - Kathryn Allen, Kathy Burow, Whippl, Dourney  
(b)(6) - Keating, Keith Williams, Kelvin Stroble, Kerri Cox  
(b)(6) - Fanizzo, Farrow, Kimberly Richards, Kristina Spencer  
(b)(6) - Santoro, Lauren Northrop, Calvert, Decher  
(b)(6) - Lia Wentworth, Linda Cruciani, Lindsey Allen  
(b)(6) - Lindsey Allen, Lisa Terry, Larsen, Luciano  
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(b)(6) - Theodore Cooperstein, Thomas Monheim, Thomas Ayres, Thomas Johnson, Thomas Kraemer, Kenealy, Ligon, Luebke, Tremayne Bunaugh, Treyer Mason-Gale  
(b)(6) - Tyglesias, Viktoria Seale, Wade Plunkett, Watkinstn, William Blier, William Brazis, William Gade, Yasaman Sutton, Zachariah, Mack Zimm  
; [DeskOfficers MailGroup](#)  
**Subject:** Registration Information for Next Quarterly DAEO Meeting: August 1, 10am  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 11, 2018 12:12:03 PM

Good afternoon –

Please note that the next Quarterly DAEO Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 1, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at **the Federal Bureau of Prisons**.

Due to space limitations, OGE asks that only one ethics official from each agency register to attend. Because these meetings provide OGE with the opportunity to share the most up-to-date information on OGE plans and initiatives, we urge you to ensure that the DAEO, ADAEO, or another high-level agency ethics official attends the meeting.

To register for the meeting, please click on this link: <https://community.max.gov/x/wJY0Ww>

Because we will need to provide a list of attendees to BOP's security in advance of the meeting, **please register no later than July 23rd**. We cannot guarantee admittance for anyone who attempts to register after this time.

The meeting will be held in Conference Rooms A, B, and C at 400 First Street, NW, Washington, DC 20534. Judiciary Square is the closest metro stop. (Exit via the Courthouse Exit. Make a left and continue down D Street until you reach First Street. Make a left at the corner and it is the first

building.)

**Remember to bring your Government ID.**

If you have any questions, please contact me or your Desk Officer.

*Nicole*

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**From:** Koenen, Mary  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** RE: GAO Review of EPA Advisory Committees  
**Date:** Monday, July 16, 2018 2:04:25 PM

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Seth,

Thank you for your message. I apologize for not responding sooner. I was on leave when you sent this message and have been trying to catch up ever since. In any case, we'll certainly do what we can to help (b) (5).

With best regards,  
Mary

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**From:** Seth Jaffe [mailto:sjaffe@oge.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 02, 2018 5:15 PM  
**To:** Koenen, Mary  
**Subject:** GAO Review of EPA Advisory Committees

Hello Mary,

I am writing to let you know that (b) (5)

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Thank you,  
Seth

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