

EPA head Scott Pruitt faces new ethics scandals



Washington, June 8 (RHC)-- In the United States, the Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt is again facing controversy over a slew of new political scandals.

The Washington Post reports Pruitt had his former scheduler contact the chief executive of Chick-fil-A, seeking to set up a personal meeting about the possibility of Pruitt's wife, Marlyn, opening a franchise of the fast-food chain. The revelation is based on e-mails obtained by a Freedom of Information Act request filed by the Sierra Club.

Meanwhile, The New York Times reports that Pruitt attended a University of Kentucky basketball game last December in seats belonging to Joseph W. Craft III, a billionaire coal executive who is aggressively fighting to reverse Obama-era rules limiting coal pollution.

Pruitt is also facing criticism after congressional transcripts surfaced showing he had one of his aides go apartment hunting for him, in violation of federal ethics standards that prohibit personal assistance by a subordinate. The aide was also instructed to try to get Pruitt a used mattress from the Trump International Hotel. Interestingly, back in 2015, the mattress company Serta dumped Trump's mattress line when Trump first announced his presidential race by calling Mexicans rapists.

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