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Pruitt Would Challenge Petition to Ban Lead Ammunition

AG candidate says leftists groups attempting to use EPA to ban lead in ammunition and fishing tackle shows need for Federalism Unit in AG's office

LAWTON – (Aug 27) Republican candidate for attorney general, Scott Pruitt, said today the recent petition filed by the Center for Biological Diversity and several other groups with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ban lead in ammunition and fishing tackle is a direct assault on the freedoms guaranteed Oklahomans under the Second Amendment.

While visiting the Lawton area today, Pruitt said, “The attempts to ban lead in ammunition and fishing tackle is a back-door attack on basic freedoms we enjoy as Oklahomans and our way of life. Should the Environmental Protection Agency pursue this ban, as attorney general, I will do all I can to stop Washington bureaucrats like the EPA.”

Pruitt contends there are several options the office of attorney general can and should pursue against the EPA. Pruitt said filing a brief on behalf of Oklahomans during the EPA's public commentary period would be the first step. More importantly, Pruitt said he would work to build coalitions of attorney generals across the country who would join with him in pushing back the overreach of the federal government in numerous areas including healthcare, immigration and unreasonable environmental constraints that not only would tank Oklahoma's economy, but impede the rights of Oklahoma to set its own policies.

“This week, we also saw the EPA delay the announcement of draconian ozone standards they seek to put in place to advance a leftist-environmental agenda until after the November elections. This is the politics of Washington bureaucrats trying to hide their intentions from the people of Oklahoma, and it's got to be stopped.”

Pruitt said as attorney general one of the first initiatives of his administration will be to prioritize resources in the AG's office, and dedicate a team to defend against abuses of power by the federal government that impact Oklahomans, “I will assign attorneys in the AG's office whose primary responsibility is to determine how the office can and should push back against Washington. Whether its related to property rights, the right to keep and bear arms, the right to educate our children, or related to the first amendment, the attorney general must have resources and leaders internal to the office fighting those battles every day,” said Pruitt.