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Troy,

Attached and below is the meeting memo. Let me know if this is good to send for the Admin.

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**Meeting with
Chairman Lamar Smith (R-TX-21)
Tuesday, January 9th 2018
11:00AM, EPA HQ, Administrator's Office**

Main Topics of Discussion:

- HONEST Act, number one priority he wants to discuss
- Potential invitation to testify before House Science, Space, and Technology Committee
- Thanks you for SAB Reform and kind word in National Journal article

NOTE: Rep. Smith is the Chairman of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee which has a limited jurisdiction over some of EPA science programs.

Background: The HONEST Act, which would prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible, has been a priority for Chairman Smith. It passed the House but is not likely to move in the Senate. The Congressman would like to discuss potential ways EPA could implement the principals of the bill without legislative action along the lines of the SAB reform effort recently undertaken.

Taking Points:

- **HONEST Act:** Happy to have our staff at EPA work with committee staff on identifying potential areas you think we might be able to implement the transparency initiatives outlined in the HONEST Act using our regulatory/guidance authority.
- **Invitation to Testify:** We have seen a number of our political appointees confirmed by the Senate recently and are happy to work with your staff on identifying witnesses for Committee Hearings.

Decision Points/Objectives: This meeting is occurring at the request of Chairman Lamar Smith. His main objective for the meeting is to find a way to have the EPA implement the HONEST Act objectives outside of the legislative process since it is unlikely to pass in the Senate.

Attendees:

Troy Lyons, AA OCIR

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