



Summary of Travel Costs for Former EPA Administrator Pruitt's Entourage: February 21 to August 31, 2017

According to EPA Records Obtained by the Environmental Integrity Project Through Freedom of Information Act Litigation

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Security Detail: According to records recently obtained by the Environmental Integrity Project (EIP) in response to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, taxpayers spent [\\$514,810.39](#) on travel costs for former Administrator Scott Pruitt's security detail from February 21, 2017 through August 31, 2017.

EIP also obtained the monthly totals for security detail to travel with the former Administrator.

Monthly Total Travel Costs for Former Administrator Pruitt's Security Detail (February 2017 – August 2017)	
February 2017	\$30,089.45
March 2017	\$76,187.92
April 2017	\$64,880.45
May 2017	\$72,986.32
June 2017	\$81,651.43
July 2017	\$67,154.50
August 2017	\$121,860.32
TOTAL	\$541,810.39

More details on the former Administrator's June 2017 trip to Italy [can be found here](#).

Pruitt's Expensive Time-Off: Taxpayers spent \$121,860.32 on travel costs for the former Administrator's security detail in August 2017 alone. The upsurge in travel costs for Mr. Pruitt's security detail for the month of August is noteworthy for two reasons. One, this increased spending coincides with the end of Mr. Pruitt's alleged housing arrangement with lobbyist Vicki Hart on August 4, which allowed the former Administrator to rent a Capitol Hill condo for \$50 a night. See [Washington Post](#) article of April 4, 2018: "After Leaving \$50-a-night Rental, EPA's Scott Pruitt Had No Fixed D.C. Address for a Month."

Two, this upsurge falls during a month where, according to his official public calendar, 11 out of the 23 work days are completely blank with no meetings, which the former Administrator presumably used for vacation and/or sick leave.

Other Staff: Taxpayers also spent an additional [\\$14,566.35](#) for two added staff members, Associate Administrator Elizabeth “Tate” Bennett for the Office of Public Engagement and now former spokesman Jahan Wilcox, to travel with the former Administrator from February 21 through August 17, 2017. This figure is in addition to the \$117,282.32 for non-security detail staff already disclosed to EIP.

That means that over the course of the former Administrator’s first six months in office, it cost taxpayers **\$646,659.06** in travel costs for Mr. Pruitt’s entourage (including security detail) alone.

Previously Disclosed Travel Costs for Pruitt: By the one-year anniversary of his first day at the EPA, taxpayers spent [\\$124,350.60](#) on just commercial airfare, lodging, and per diem for former Administrator Pruitt, according to records obtained by EIP through FOIA requests. Taxpayers also spent a total of [\\$58,366.98](#) to fly Mr. Pruitt on charter and military flights.



Former EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on rollercoaster during trip with family to Disneyland in March 2018 with two EPA security guards on duty two rows behind him.