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Subject: RE: Hot Air: Another EPA Staffer "Quits" Because Of Trump (But Is Actually Retiring)

Hey guys we pitched this because the same Washington Post reporter who wrote about Mike Cox is writing about this. My guess is that once WaPo writes about Elizabeth Southland, the story will get legs so we wanted to get in front of it all instead of having another controversy like the Mike Cox stuff.

Below is my pitch.

Earlier this spring, there was an EPA employee who was eligible for retirement and claimed he was quitting because of Trump and his proposed budget, when in reality he was just retiring because he was eligible for his pension. Of course the liberal Washington Post and other outlets jumped on the news.

• **The Washington Post: EPA staffer leaves with a bang, blasting agency policies under Trump – April 7, 2015**

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/wp/2017/04/07/epa-staffer-leaves-with-a-bang-blasting-agency-policies-under-trump/?utm_term=.bf260e6e228a

Well another employee is doing the same thing and she's claiming that due to President Trump's proposed budget she is quitting, but it's widely known that presidential budgets – no matter what party you are from – never get rubberstamped by Congress. Below is the WaPo inquiry along with along with why the employee is claiming to retire.

Additionally, would also point out that last year Elizabeth Southerland made \$249,000. For comparison, a Senator or Congressman's salary is \$174,000 and the average American makes \$44,000 according the Census Bureau.

Curious if you would be interested in writing about this, because the left and environmentalists will make a big deal out of nothing.

"It's hard to believe that Elizabeth Southerland is retiring because of a budget proposal

and not because she's eligible for her government pension. We wish Elizabeth Southerland the best in her retirement and the EPA will continue to re-focus on our core mission of protecting our air, land and water." EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

OFF-THE-RECORD RESEARCH ...

In 2016, Elizabeth Southerland made \$249,000.

(<https://www.federalpay.org/employees/environmental-protection-agency/southerland-elizabeth>, Accessed 07/31/17)

In 2015, Elizabeth Southerland made \$183,300.

(<https://www.federalpay.org/employees/environmental-protection-agency/southerland-elizabeth>, Accessed 07/31/17)

In 2014, Elizabeth Southerland made \$181,500.

(<https://www.federalpay.org/employees/environmental-protection-agency/southerland-elizabeth>, Accessed 07/31/17)

In 2013, Elizabeth Southerland made \$179,700.

(<https://www.federalpay.org/employees/environmental-protection-agency/southerland-elizabeth>, Accessed 07/31/17)

In 2012, Elizabeth Southerland made \$179,700.

(<https://www.federalpay.org/employees/environmental-protection-agency/southerland-elizabeth>, Accessed 07/31/17)

In 2011, Elizabeth Southerland made \$215,640.

(<https://www.federalpay.org/employees/environmental-protection-agency/southerland-elizabeth>, Accessed 07/31/17)

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