



## Press Release

# “Sue and Settle” Practices Have Cost Taxpayers \$67.9 Billion

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Today the American Action Forum (@AAF) released an analysis of the EPA’s new “sue and settle” directive. The analysis finds that from 2005 through 2016, 23 sue and settle regulations have resulted in a total cost burden of \$67.9 billion, with \$26.5 billion in annual costs. It concludes that with these numbers in mind, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt’s recent directive is a step in the right direction and can help rein in the out-of-control costs brought about by the sue and settle practice.

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Additionally, AAF released an analysis looking at the House’s “Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2017” ([H.R. 469](#)). The analysis found that, much like the recent EPA directive, H.R. 469 has the potential to save a considerable amount of taxpayer money by putting an end to sue and settle practices across all agencies.

[Click here](#) to read the analysis.