Cory Gardner

Siding With Fossil Fuel Special Interests And Anti-Science Extremists

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GARDNER VOTES WITH THE FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY

Gardner has taken $1,725,973 from the oil and gas industry and supported tax breaks that gave the industry $25 billion and let Chevron pay nothing in federal income taxes.

Cory Gardner voted 5 times to block the Clean Power Plan from being implemented, and once to repeal it. The Clean Power Plan would have created 560,000 clean energy jobs, including 5,700 in Colorado.

> *LCV Scorecard; Senate Vote #324, 10/17/2019*
> *LCV Scorecard; Senate Vote #307, 11/17/2015*
> *LCV Scorecard; Senate Vote #306, 11/17/2015*
> *LCV Scorecard; House Vote #515, 09/18/2014*
> *LCV Scorecard; House Vote #106, 03/06/2014*
> *LCV Scorecard; House Vote #593, 09/21/2012*

Cory Gardner voted 7 times to protect billions in subsidies for fossil fuels, including four votes that would have cut funding for renewable energy at the same time.

LCV Scorecard; Senate Vote #14, 02/02/2016
LCV Scorecard; House Vote #402, 07/10/2014
LCV Scorecard; House Vote #177, 04/10/2014
LCV Scorecard; House Vote #345, 07/10/2013
LCV Scorecard; House Vote #88, 03/21/2013
LCV Scorecard; House Vote #68, 02/16/2012
LCV Scorecard; House Vote #109, 02/18/2011

Cory Gardner voted 4 times for spending measures that would have cut funding for renewable energy research and development while protecting subsidies for Big Oil.

LCV Scorecard; House Vote #402, 07/10/2014
LCV Scorecard; House Vote #177, 04/10/2014
LCV Scorecard; House Vote #345, 07/10/2013
LCV Scorecard; House Vote #88, 03/21/2013

Cory Gardner voted against setting a goal of getting 25 percent of the nation's energy from renewable sources by 2025.

LCV Scorecard; Senate Vote #44, 01/29/2015

Cory Gardner voted against an amendment that would have expressed the Sense of Congress that climate change is real, and that man-made pollution is a significant contributor to climate change.

LCV Scorecard; Senate Vote #12, 01/21/2015

Cory Gardner voted 12 times to keep science out of public policy, including votes to limit science advisory boards, votes to limit the use of public health studies, and votes to limit environmental reviews, and votes to stop agencies from even considering the costs of climate change.

LCV Scorecard; Senate Vote #238, 07/15/2015
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LCV Scorecard; House Vote #241, 05/09/2012
LCV Scorecard; House Vote #525, 11/18/2014
LCV Scorecard; House Vote #528, 11/19/2014
LCV Scorecard; House Vote #461, 07/29/2014
LCV Scorecard; House Vote #113, 03/06/2014
LCV Scorecard; House Vote #556, 10/23/2013
LCV Scorecard; House Vote #168, 04/18/2012
LCV Scorecard; House Vote #397, 07/10/2014
LCV Scorecard; House Vote #389, 07/10/2014
LCV Scorecard; House Vote #430, 08/01/2013

GARDNER IS IN LEAGUE WITH ANTI-SCIENCE FRINGE GROUPS

Where does he get this from? Gardner has ties to key individuals and groups who have promoted science denial on climate change and COVID-19.

In April 2019, Gardner said he was open to Stephen Moore's nomination to the Federal Reserve Board of Governors. Despite the concerns of his fellow GOP Senators, Gardner said he looked forward to speaking with Moore, noting that the concerns he held with Herman Cain's nomination to the board did not apply to Moore's candidacy. In April 2020, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Moore orchestrated protests against stay in place policies, arranged bail for protestors, and established a coalition of conservative groups who advocated for lifting shelter in place orders. Moore has discredited climate scientists and landmark reports on climate change, referred to climate change the "biggest scam of the last two decades," and has disputed NASA's data on temperatures.

In 2012, Gardner spoke alongside prominent climate science denier Myron Ebell at a CPAC panel titled "The Obama EPA's Green Assault on American Jobs." The panel was moderated by Competitive Enterprise Institute President Fred Smith, Jr. The Competitive Enterprise Institute runs a program to challenge "global warming alarmism," and is best known for its work disputing the science of climate change. Myron Ebell, head of Environmental and Energy Policy at the Competitive Enterprise Institute, led Trump's EPA transition team. Ebell is said to have directly influenced Trump's decision to pull out of the Paris Climate Accord, and CEI ran TV ads on the issue. Ebell also disputed scientific studies linking COVID-19 deaths with air pollution as "junk science" that aimed to "advance a political agenda."

Since his initial race for Senate in 2014, Gardner has received electoral support from Koch-backed Americans for Prosperity. Founded by the Koch brothers, Americans For Prosperity has spread debunked information about efforts to tackle climate change. The group has attacked stay-at-home orders recommended by public health experts. In 2019, Americans For Prosperity Action endorsed Gardner for re-election and held two events for his reelection in Denver and Centennial. In April 2020, AFP Action released a "social toolkit" encouraging its members to promote their support for Gardner. In 2014, AFP ran almost $1 million worth of ads backing Gardner against incumbent Senator Mark Udall. Gardner has also received campaign donations from the Koch family and attended AFP's donor retreats.