

# Thom Tillis

## Siding With Fossil Fuel Special Interests And Anti-Science Extremists

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## **TILLIS VOTES WITH THE FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY**

North Carolina has been battered by severe hurricanes linked to climate change in recent years, but Thom Tillis [lobbied](#) Donald Trump to pull out of the Paris Climate Agreement and [opposed](#) developing a stronger clean energy economy.

Instead of doing something to tackle the threat of climate change, Thom Tillis [has taken \\$489,634](#) in 7 years 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.

Thom Tillis voted three 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](#).

[LCV Scorecard; Senate Vote #324, 10/17/2019](#)

[LCV Scorecard; Senate Vote #307, 11/17/2015](#)

[LCV Scorecard; Senate Vote #306, 11/17/2015](#)

Thom Tillis 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](#)

Thom Tillis voted against an amendment to an education bill that would have funded K-12 education about climate change.

[LCV Scorecard; Senate Vote #238, 07/15/2015](#)

Thom Tillis has been a [cheerleader](#) for opening up North Carolina's coast to dangerous offshore drilling that could threaten North Carolina's significant tourism and fishing economies. In 2015, he added [an amendment](#) to a bill that would have allowed offshore drilling on the Continental Shelf.

While he was Speaker of the House in North Carolina, the legislature [passed a law](#) banning the use of scientific predictions of sea level rise in "any state rules, plans, or policies."

## **TILLIS IS IN LEAGUE WITH ANTI-SCIENCE FRINGE GROUPS**

Where does he get this from? Tillis has ties to key individuals and groups who have [promoted science denial](#) on climate change and COVID-19.

In 2013, Tillis was named one of ALEC's Legislators of the Year, the same year that ALEC [teamed up](#) with the Heartland Institute to roll back North Carolina's landmark law promoting renewable energy.

Climate-denying think tank Competitive Enterprise Institute celebrated Tillis's co-signing a [letter](#), along with David Perdue, Kelly Loeffler, Mike Lee, and Marsha Blackburn, urging the OMB to eliminate all regulations Trump suspended during COVID-19. CEI [celebrated](#) the letter, as it resembled their #NeverNeeded [campaign](#). Tillis's office has cited [CEI research](#) in his press releases, and they worked together on a bill to [eliminate](#) the Office of Financial Research, to [fight](#) regulations on cigarettes.

Tillis expressed [support](#) for Stephen Moore for Federal Reserve Board. In our previous research, we showed that Moore, an economic advisor to the President and climate-denier, went on to be a core advisor to Liberate protestors demonstrating against public health measures to combat COVID-19.