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<p><i>The spot opens on a New Mexican elementary school aged child – “Emma” – on a playground, schoolyard or park as she walks towards a public drinking fountain.</i></p> <p><i>The spot is shot in slow motion.</i></p>	<p><b>FEMALE ANNCR:</b>  <i>&lt;announcer’s read is straight, serious and slow, drawing viewers in and allowing the narrative to sink in&gt;</i></p> <p>Emma knows not to talk to strangers.</p> <p>She knows how to “just say no”</p>	
<p><i>In slow-motion, Emma reaches the drinking fountain, presses the button as we watch the water erupt from the fountain.</i></p>	<p>But Emma doesn’t know about M-T-B-E</p> <p>Or that the toxin may be in her drinking water</p>	<p><b>Environmental Working Group: MTBE contaminated tap water in five New Mexico water systems that serve 39,000 people.</b> According to a 2005 Environmental Working Group study of water quality data obtained from state agencies, MTBE contaminated tap water in five water systems in New Mexico that serve 39,000 residents. According to the Environmental Working Group’s 2009 Drinking Water Quality Report, one of the water systems that was contaminated with MTBE was the Socorro Water System, about 75 miles south of Albuquerque, which serves nearly 9,000 New Mexico residents. [Environmental Working Group, <a href="#">“Like Oil and Water”</a>]; Environmental Working Group, <a href="#">Drinking Water Quality Report</a>]</p> <p><b>Albuquerque Journal: New Mexico had hundreds of sites contaminated with MTBE, many with high levels of contamination.</b> According to the <i>Albuquerque Journal</i>, experts determined that New Mexico had hundreds of sites where groundwater had been contaminated with MTBE. Sites in New Mexico had been found to have contamination levels as high</p>

		<p>as 51,000 parts per billion, and many sites in New Mexico had contamination levels in the thousands of parts per billion. The state of New Mexico did not consider a site cleaned up until the contamination level was below 100 parts per billion. <a href="#">[Albuquerque Journal, 6/1/05]</a></p> <p><b>MTBE was reportedly detected in the water at a New Mexico elementary school.</b> In May 2005, the <i>Albuquerque Journal</i> reported that MTBE had been detected in the water well at Edgewood Elementary School. While the MTBE was detected in trace amounts, the detection could also signal the presence of other carcinogens found in petroleum such as benzene. A carbon treatment system was installed on the school’s well in order to deal with the contamination. <a href="#">[Albuquerque Journal, 5/27/04]</a></p> <p><b>EPA: MTBE is “a potential human carcinogen.”</b> According to the Environmental Protection Agency’s Office of Water, the available data “support the conclusion that MTBE is a potential human carcinogen at high doses.” [EPA, <a href="#">MTBE summary page</a>]</p>
<p><i>In slow motion, Emma leans over and begins to drink from the fountain</i></p>	<p>Emma doesn’t know, but Heather Wilson did</p>	
<p><i>Emma, drinking</i></p>	<p>But she voted to let oil companies off the hook</p>	<p><b>Wilson voted to protect MTBE producers and oil companies that used MTBE.</b> Wilson voted for the 2003, 2004, and 2005 Bush energy bills, which each included a provision shielding makers of MTBE from lawsuits for contaminating drinking water. The provision would also apply to oil companies that refined or sold gasoline containing MTBE. Wilson also</p>

		<p>voted specifically against removing the MTBE liability provision from the 2005 energy bill. [HR6, <a href="#">House Vote 145</a>, 4/11/03; HR 4503, <a href="#">House Vote 241</a>, 6/15/04; HR6, <a href="#">House Vote 129</a>, 4/21/05; <a href="#">House Vote 132</a>, 4/21/05]</p>
<p><i>Emma finishes drinking, begins to peel herself upright and away from the fountain</i></p> <p><b>CG: \$600,000 from oil and gas</b></p> <p><b>CG: Federal Election Commission filings</b></p>	<p>And took their money.</p>	<p><b>Wilson has taken over \$600,000 in oil and gas contributions.</b> Over the course of her political career, Wilson has taken \$642,182 from the oil and gas industry, making her one of the top-20 recipients of oil and gas money to serve in the House of Representatives. [<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>; <a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>]</p> <p><b>Wilson accepted more than \$60,000 from MTBE producers in years surrounding her MTBE votes.</b> During the 2002, 2004 and 2006 election cycles, Wilson accepted \$61,500 in campaign contributions from three major producers of MTBE: Exxon Mobil, Valero Energy and Lyondell Chemical. During that time period, Wilson received \$25,000 from Exxon Mobil, \$32,500 from Valero Energy and \$4,000 from Lyondell Chemical. All three companies faced lawsuits for MTBE contamination. [Environmental Working Group, “<a href="#">Like Oil and Water</a>”; <a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>; <a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>; <a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>; <a href="#">Bloomberg</a>, 7/25/05]</p> <p><b>Wilson received tens of thousands more from oil companies and refiners that used MTBE.</b> In addition to MTBE producers, Wilson received thousands of dollars from oil companies that faced lawsuits for refining or selling gasoline containing MTBE. These companies include ChevronTexaco, which contributed \$16,500 to Wilson during the 2002-2006 election cycles, and Marathon Oil, which contributed</p>

		<p>\$3,000 to Wilson during that time period. [<a href="#">Environmental Working Group</a>; <a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>; <a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>]</p> <p><b>Wilson took an additional \$15,000 from the PAC of the MTBE provision’s biggest backer, Tom DeLay.</b> Wilson accepted an additional \$15,000 from then-House Majority Leader Tom DeLay’s PAC, Americans for a Republican Majority, during the 2002 and 2004 election cycles. DeLay was the primary sponsor and advocate of the MTBE liability waiver. [<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>; Environmental Working Group, “<a href="#">Like Oil and Water</a>”]</p>
<p><i>Standing upright, Emma looks straight into the camera.</i></p> <p><b>PAID FOR BY LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS, WWW.LCV.ORG, AND DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE ACTION COMMITTEE, WWW.DEFENDERSACTIONFUND.ORG, AND NOT AUTHORIZED BY ANY CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATE’S COMMITTEE. LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS AND DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE ACTION COMMITTEE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTENT OF THIS ADVERTISING.</b></p>	<p>Who’s Wilson With?</p> <p>Not Emma.</p> <p>League of Conservation Voters and Defenders of Wildlife Action Committee is responsible for the content of this advertising.</p>	