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Open on shot of Cory Gardner on a sign or billboard.	VO: Sometimes the signs are just there.	
Cut to sign in front of building, like a VFW hall. Sign reads: Cory Gardner Out of step with Colorado	Congressman Gardner – is out of step with Colorado.	
Highway sign. Handshake. Super: Congressman Gardner Took Over \$450,000 in Contributions from the Oil and Gas Industry. Source: Center for Responsive Politics, Rep. Cory Gardner, Top Industries, Career	Gardner took over four-hundred fifty thousand in contributions from the oil and gas industry.	Gardner has received \$452,550 in campaign contributions from the oil and gas industry, far more than he’s taken from any other industry. [Center for Responsive Politics]
Cut to tight shot of gas station. Push out to reveal Gardner on a sign. Super: Congressman Gardner Billions in handouts for Big Oil Source: House Vote 153, 3/1/11; House Vote 277, 4/15/11; House Vote 293, 5/5/11	And Gardner sides with them -- voting to keep billions in handouts for oil companies – even as they made record profits.	<p>Gardner voted to protect oil subsidies. Gardner voted against a measure that would have prohibited the use of funds in a stopgap continuing appropriations bill for the tax benefit or relief of any major integrated oil company. He also voted to bypass consideration of the Big Oil Welfare Repeal Act of 2011, which would repeal key taxpayer funded subsidies for oil and gas companies. [HJ Res 44, House Vote 153, 3/1/11; H Res 245, House Vote 293, 5/5/11; The Hill, 5/4/11; CBS News, 5/4/11]</p> <p>Gardner voted to protect up to \$53 billion in taxpayer subsidies for oil companies operating offshore. [House Vote 68, 2/16/12; LCV, 2012 National Environmental Scorecard]</p> <p>Gardner voted for extreme Ryan budget, which would retain \$40 billion in oil subsidies. Gardner voted for the fiscal year 2012 Ryan budget proposal. In April 2011, the Center for American Progress reported, “House Budget Committee Chair Paul Ryan’s (R-WI) proposed FY 2012 budget resolution is a backward-looking plan that would benefit big oil companies at the expense of middle-class Americans. It retains \$40 billion in Big Oil tax loopholes while completely eliminating investments in the clean energy technologies of the future that are essential for long-term economic growth.” [H Con Res 34, House Vote 277, 4/15/11; Center for American Progress, 4/6/2011]</p>

		<p>Gardner Signed The Americans for Tax Reform Pledge. According to a release issued by Americans for Tax Reform, “Cory Gardner, a Republican running in Colorado’s 4th Congressional seat, recently signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge sponsored by Americans for Tax Reform (ATR). The Pledge commits signers to ‘oppose any and all efforts to increase the marginal income tax rates for individuals and/or businesses ... and oppose any net reduction or elimination of deductions and credits, unless matched dollar for dollar by further reducing tax rates.’” [Americans for Tax Reform, Taxpayer Protection Pledge, 6/4/2009]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pledge protects billions in oil subsidies. According to Americans for Tax Reform, “The Obama budget proposes a full repeal of Sec. 199 – but only for energy companies. ... Repealing the Section 199 deduction IS A CORPORATE INCOME TAX INCREASE and is therefore a PLEDGE VIOLATION unless the increase is offset completely with other income tax cuts.” Similarly, ATR noted, “The Obama FY 2010 budget proposal will increase the amortization period to seven years for only energy producing companies. ... Increasing the amortization period results in A CORPORATE INCOME TAX INCREASE and is therefore a PLEDGE VIOLATION unless the increase is offset completely with other income tax cuts.” According to a Citizens for Tax Justice analysis of the 2011 version of President Obama’s budget proposal, “The President’s proposal to close [the Section 199 deduction] loophole would raise \$15.9 billion over ten years,” and “The President’s proposal to reduce [the amortization] loophole would raise \$1 billion over ten years.” [Americans for Tax Reform, 3/21/09; Americans for Tax Reform, 4/24/09; Citizens for Tax Justice, 4/29/11] <p>Big Oil companies are receiving billions in subsidies. According to the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT), repealing just one major industry-specific subsidy for big oil companies, the limitation on deduction for intangible drilling and development costs, would generate</p>
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<p>Cut to street sign that reads: Cory Gardner Way</p>	<p>The Cory Gardner way?</p>	
<p>Push out wider shot. Super: The wrong way for Colorado</p>	<p>The wrong way for Colorado.</p>	
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