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## Three Candidates Added to Dirty Dozen Program

The League of Conservation Voters' (LCV) trademark Dirty Dozen program targets political candidates – regardless of party affiliation – who side against the environment. LCV spent over \$ 10 million to oppose the 2011-12 Dirty Dozen and defeated 11 of the 12 candidates in the program.

LCV already named two candidates to this cycle's Dirty Dozen program: Colorado Congressman and U.S. Senate candidate [Cory Gardner \(R\)](#), and Maine State Senator and congressional candidate [Troy Jackson \(D\)](#). Today we're adding 3 candidates to the program: Former Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, running for U.S. Senate in Michigan; Governor Paul LePage, running for re-election in Maine; and North Carolina Speaker of the House Thom Tillis, running for U.S. Senate in North Carolina. These candidates, who sided with polluters, will be joined by 7 more candidates who will be announced in the weeks ahead.

### The Dirty Dozen's Dirtiest Deeds

#### 1. Senate candidate and former Michigan Secretary of State Terry Lynn Land (R-MI)

- Land [took](#) thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from the oil billionaire Koch Brothers, and she's sided with them by [denying climate change science](#).
- Land [blasted](#) the EPA's proposed Clean Power Plan as "an enormous regulatory attack on coal" that is part of President Obama's "War on Michigan," even though the [plan](#) would save lives, reduce asthma attacks, create jobs, and save billions of dollars annually in health costs.
- Land [ran a campaign ad](#) that attacked Rep. Gary Peters for supporting the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which included the [largest investment in clean energy](#) in U.S. history. [Michigan](#) received nearly \$9 billion for clean energy and other projects during the depths of the recession.

#### 2. Gov. Paul LePage (R-ME)

- LePage [questioned](#) the extent to which climate change is caused by human activities, and even [claimed](#) that climate change could be a good thing for Maine. Rising Atlantic Ocean temperatures could devastate Maine's fishing industry.
- LePage [proposed](#) weakening many of Maine's bedrock environmental laws, including those protecting water resources.
- LePage [opposes](#) funding for research and development of clean energy projects and [worked to derail](#) an offshore wind project in Maine.

### 3. Senate candidate and North Carolina Speaker of the House Thom Tillis (R-NC)

- Tillis is a [climate change denier](#) who [played a key role](#) in passing legislation that [would](#) “bar state agencies” from “draw[ing] on the most up-to-date science” on climate change and sea level rise.
- Tillis [pushed](#) a bad coal ash bill through the state legislature that [leaves](#) waters vulnerable to coal ash contamination and ratepayers at risk of clean-up costs.
- Tillis is [on the board of directors](#) for the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), a secretive [Koch-funded](#) group that lobbies against environmental protections and clean energy. As a *News Observer* [editorial](#) put it, “ALEC’s guy is Thom Tillis.”
- Tillis had a 0 score on the [2013 North Carolina League of Conservation Voters scorecard](#), and a 26 percent lifetime score.

### 4. Congressional candidate and State Sen. Troy Jackson (D-ME)

- Jackson sided with polluters by [voting](#) against limiting dangerous carbon pollution from coal-fired power plants, our nation’s dirtiest polluters.
- Jackson put Mainers’ health at risk by [voting](#) to repeal the state’s common-sense pesticide notification registry.
- Jackson [co-sponsored](#) a [bill](#) backed by Governor LePage that would eliminate state targets for wind energy development.
- Jackson [voted](#) to weaken Maine energy efficiency standards, which would increase energy bills and air pollution.

### 5. Senate candidate and Rep. Cory Gardner (R-CO)

- Gardner took [more than \\$694,000](#) in contributions from the oil and gas industry while [repeatedly voting](#) to protect their tax breaks, subsidies and giveaways.
- Gardner [repeatedly denied](#) the overwhelming scientific consensus that humans are the driving force behind climate change. He [voted](#) to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency from limiting carbon emissions from power plants, the nation’s largest source of the pollution driving climate change.
- Gardner recently [voted](#) for a bill that would slash investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency while boosting funding for dirty fossil fuels. The legislation also limits the Army Corps of Engineers’ ability to safeguard the water Americans depend on for drinking, swimming, fishing, and flood protection.
- Gardner’s lifetime [score](#) is just 9 percent on LCV’s National Environmental Scorecard.

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