

# LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS: "ENERGY"

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<p>The Denver Post: Quote:</p> <p>"Colorado Congressman Bob Beauprez, who received thousands of dollars from the makers of a potential human carcinogen, voted to shield makers of the chemical MTBE from lawsuits even though it has been found in 20 sites in his district."</p>	<p><b>Denver Post: Beauprez "Voted To Shield Makers Of The Chemical MTBE From Lawsuits"</b> On September 28, 2004 the <i>Denver Post</i> wrote, "Colorado Congressman Bob Beauprez, who received thousands of dollars from makers of a potential human carcinogen, voted to shield makers of the chemical MTBE from lawsuits even though it has been found at 20 sites in his district." [<i>Denver Post</i>, 9/28/04]</p> <p><b>Congressman Bob Beauprez Voted For The Energy Bill.</b> On November 18, 2003 Congressman Bob Beauprez voted to pass the Energy Policy Act of 2003. [HR 6, Roll Call 630, 11/18/03; <i>Denver Post</i>, 9/28/04]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Energy Bill Will Create A Liability Waiver For MTBE Producers Nullifying Lawsuits Filed After September 5, 2003.</b> Title XV Section 1502 of the Energy Policy Act establishes a "safe harbor" for MTBE producers by removing all lawsuits by cities, states and other entities seeking compensation for groundwater contamination filed after September 5, 2003. [HR 6 Title XV Sec. 1502 p. 21.; <i>Denver Post</i>, 9/28/04]</li> <li>• <b>Waiver Estimated To Be A \$29-Billion Industry Giveaway.</b> The MTBE liability waiver included in the Energy Policy Act of 2003 is estimated to protect MTBE producers from an estimated \$29 billion that they would have to pay to cleanup contaminated sites across the United States according to the Environmental Working Group. [<a href="http://www.ewg.org">www.ewg.org</a>, Accessed 12/15/03; <i>Denver Post</i>, 9/28/04]</li> </ul>
<p>When asked for a response          Beauprez said...</p>	<p><b>Beauprez: "I'm A Fan Of A Big Energy Policy."</b> Congressman Bob Beauprez told the Denver Post that he voted for the bill because, "I'm a fan of a big energy policy"          [<i>Denver Post</i>, 9/28/04]</p>

<p>"I'm a fan of a big energy policy..."</p>	<p><b>Beauprez Said He Would Vote For The Bill Again With The MTBE Provision.</b> Congressman Bob Beauprez told the <i>Denver Post</i> he would support the energy bill again with the MTBE liability waiver. The <i>Denver Post</i> wrote "He said he will vote again for the energy bill, which contained the provision, with or without legal immunity for the chemical producers." [<i>Denver Post</i>, 9/28/04]</p>
<p>You bet he is – a fan of big energy's campaign contributions.</p> <p>\$5,000 dollars from ExxonMobil Corporation</p> <p>\$3,000 from ChevronTexaco</p> <p>\$6,000 from El Paso Energy</p> <p>\$10,000 from Valero Energy – one of the main manufacturers of MTBE</p>	<p><b>Beauprez Ranks 14<sup>th</sup> Among All House Members For Collecting Campaign Contributions From Oil And Gas Industry.</b> According to the <i>Denver Post</i>, "Beauprez, who ranks 14th of 435 members of the House for collecting campaign contributions from the oil and gas industry, added that he wasn't lobbied by the makers of the chemical." [Sources: Federal Election Commission, Center for Responsive Politics; <i>Denver Post</i>, 9/28/04]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>\$5,000 From Exxon Mobil:</b> From 2003-2004, Congressman Bob Beauprez took \$5,000 from ExxonMobil a refiner that used MTBE and was sued. [Sources: Federal Election Commission, Center for Responsive Politics; <i>Denver Post</i>, 9/28/04]</li> <li>• <b>\$3,000 From Chevron Texaco:</b> From 2003-2004, Congressman Bob Beauprez took \$3,000 from ChevronTexaco a refiner that used MTBE and was sued. [Sources: Federal Election Commission, Center for Responsive Politics; <i>Denver Post</i>, 9/28/04]</li> <li>• <b>\$6,000 From El Paso Corp:</b> From 2003-2004, Congressman Bob Beauprez took \$5,000 from El Paso Corp a natural gas company that closed their MTBE plant in Cheyenne in 2003. [Sources: Federal Election Commission, Center for Responsive Politics; <i>Denver Post</i>, 9/28/04]</li> <li>• <b>\$1,000 From BP Corp:</b> From 2003-2004, Congressman Bob Beauprez took \$1,000 from BP Corp a refiner that used MTBE and was sued. [Sources: Federal Election Commission, Center for Responsive Politics; <i>Denver Post</i>, 9/28/04]</li> <li>• <b>\$10,000 From Valero Energy:</b> From 2003-2004, Congressman Bob Beauprez took \$10,000 from Valero Energy one of the main manufacturers of MTBE. [Sources: Federal Election Commission, Center for Responsive Politics; <i>Denver Post</i>, 9/28/04]</li> </ul>
<p>Beauprez voted to protect big energy – not the people he represents...</p> <p>If you want to know more about Bob Beauprez's big</p>	

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