

<p>Open on a smoke stack billowing smoke.</p>	<p>VO: 1,200 tons.</p> <p>That’s how much carbon pollution is dumped into our air every second.</p>	<p>The world’s nations emit 1,200 tons of carbon dioxide every second. The Associated Press reported, “Last year, all the world's nations combined pumped nearly 38.2 billion tons of carbon dioxide into the air from the burning of fossil fuels such as coal and oil, according to new international calculations on global emissions published Sunday in the journal Nature Climate Change. ... The total amounts to more than 2.4 million pounds of carbon dioxide released into the air every second.” 2.4 million pounds is equal to 1,200 tons. [Associated Press, 12/2/12]</p>
<p>Headline “More Than 3,500 U.S. Weather Records Smashed in 2012” [Scientific American, 1/15/13]</p>	<p>It’s changing our climate. With more extreme storms, deadlier floods, and skyrocketing asthma rates.</p>	<p>Headline: More Than 3,500 U.S. Weather Records Smashed in 2012. Scientific American headlined their story about weather records set in 2012, More Than 3,500 U.S. Weather Records Smashed in 2012 . [Scientific American, 1/15/13]</p> <p>NASA: Hurricanes, floods and other extreme weather is increasing due to climate change. NASA reported on its website, “Get ready for more extreme weather and increasingly serious impacts on health, the economy and the environment, courtesy global climate change. Temperatures, rainfall, droughts, high-intensity hurricanes and severe flooding events all are increasing and projected to continue as the world's climate warms, according to the National Climate Assessment. ... The report was presented last Friday to the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP). By law, the group conducts a national assessment every four years for Congress and the president. The USGCRP is comprised of 13 federal agencies, including NASA.” [NASA, 1/16/13]</p> <p>National Climate Assessment: “Climate Change Worsens Asthma.” According to the draft National Climate Assessment, “Climate change can contribute to increased production of plant-based allergens. Higher pollen concentrations and longer pollen seasons increase allergic sensitizations and asthma episodes and diminish productive work and school days. ... Extreme rainfall and rising temperatures can also foster the growth of indoor fungi and molds, with increases in respiratory and asthma-related conditions. ... The effects of extreme heat and heat waves; worsening air pollution and asthma;</p>

		<p>extreme rainfall and flooding and displacement; and injuries associated with extreme weather events, fueled by climate change, are already substantial public health issues. Trends projected under a changing climate are likely to exacerbate these health effects in the future.” [Draft National Climate Assessment, January 2013]</p> <p>Climate change is contributing to a rise in asthma rates, which are dramatically increasing. USA Today reported, “Scientists see a link to carbon dioxide, a heat-trapping greenhouse gas emitted by burning coal, oil and other fossil fuels. Tests show that the more CO2 in the atmosphere, the more plants generally grow and the more pollen they produce. Though some plants grow more food or flowers as a result, more pollen can spell trouble. Doctors say it’s contributing to a rise in seasonal hay fever and allergic asthma in the USA, where the pollen season has lengthened up to 16 days since 1995. ... As for asthma, doctors say it’s caused by many factors and exacerbated by pollen for the majority of asthmatics with allergic conditions. Federal data report a 17% increase in U.S. asthma prevalence from 2001 through mid-2012. Asthma has become a ‘national epidemic’ that affects one of every 12 people, or 56 million, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said this month. ... Aside from pollen, the [National Climate Assessment] report says climate change could increase other factors that contribute to respiratory allergies and asthma. It points to higher summertime ozone concentrations, which make it more difficult to breathe, as well as more heavy downpours and rising air temperatures, which foster the growth of indoor fungi and molds.” [USA Today, “Climate change linked to more pollen, allergies, asthma,” 5/31/13]</p>
<p>Video clip of Benishek from the first spot, in a TV. Super: Congressman Dan Benishek denies climate change.</p>	<p>But our congressman Dan Benishek denies that climate change is even a problem.</p>	<p>Benishek said climate change is “all baloney” and “just some scheme.” During an iCaucus interview, Benishek was asked for his “position on the climate change.” He responded: “I think it’s all baloney. It’s all baloney. I think it’s just some scheme ... I remember there was global cooling back in the 70’s. I actually went with that. I just don’t believe it, I just don’t believe it. You know, I’m a scientist, I’m a surgeon, I’ve done scientific research papers, there’s a lot of skepticism. You</p>

		<p>have to have skepticism, you have to have reproductive results when you do scientific papers. And, there’s nothing like that in the science that they have. So, I mean, to spend trillions of our dollars on this unproven science stuff is ridiculous. I’m against that, I’m against the cap and trade, and I’m against all this windmill stuff, too. If something is fiscally responsible, or financially rewarding, then it’s going to be developed by people. If you subsidize one industry over another, that’s not right. They tax us and then they give people building windmills tax credits. What about the people that are actually just working people, where’s their tax credit? Give everybody the same tax credit, not some special company that happens to be your favorite this year.” [iCaucus Interview (beginning at 45:00), 5/24/10]</p> <p>Benishek: “[F]rankly I’m not sure how significant global warming is.” During a 2012 debate, Benishek was asked, “Is global warming a major threat to the Great Lakes?” He replied, in part: “Well frankly I’m not sure how significant global warming is. ... I spent a lot of time in the sciences and you know I’m not exactly sure what’s happening with the climate.” [Michigan 1st congressional district debate, 10/15/12]</p>
<p>Super: More than \$100,000 from oil and gas</p>	<p>Instead he took more than a hundred thousand dollars from the oil and gas industry. And voted to let the polluters keep polluting. No matter the cost.</p>	<p>Benishek has taken \$131,342 in career contributions from the oil and gas industry. [Center for Responsive Politics]</p> <p>Benishek voted to allow polluters to emit unlimited carbon pollution. Benishek voted for legislation that would allow polluters to release unlimited amounts of carbon pollution and block fuel efficiency and greenhouse gas standards for cars. [House Roll Call Vote 603, 9/21/12]</p> <p>Benishek voted to block EPA from reducing carbon pollution. Benishek voted to repeal the scientific finding by the Environmental Protection Agency that greenhouse gases endanger human health and the environment, which would permanently block the EPA from reducing carbon pollution and other greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act. [House Roll Call Vote 593, 9/21/12]</p> <p>Benishek voted to prevent EPA from putting a</p>

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		price on carbon pollution. Benishek voted for an amendment that would bar the EPA from imposing a price or fee on carbon pollution. [House Roll Call Vote 437, 8/2/13]
CG: Call Congressman Benishek. 202-XXX-XXXX Paid for by the League of Conservation Voters.	Tell Congressman Benishek-- stop denying climate science and act.	