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Visual	Audio	Backup
B-roll of a satellite dish	<p>Cuts between mission control/intercom announcer and narrator/voiceover announcer of spot.</p> <p>Mission Control Announcer: Earth to Congressman Davis – we have a problem – on climate change.</p>	
<p>B-roll of Satellite</p> <p>Super: NASA Scientists Agree on Climate Change CITE: NASA, Climate Change: Consensus; NASA, 1/16/13</p>	<p>Voiceover Announcer: Scientists agree -- climate change worsens extreme weather.</p>	<p>97 percent of scientists agree on climate change. According to NASA, “Ninety-seven percent of climate scientists agree that climate-warming trends over the past century are very likely due to human activities, and most of the leading scientific organizations worldwide have issued public statements endorsing this position.” [NASA, Climate Change: Consensus]</p> <p>NASA: 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>B-roll of Davis.</p> <p>Super: Congressman Davis. Extreme. Sides with Big Oil. Cite: Illinois Public Media, 10/16/12; Guardian, 1/27/05</p>	<p>But Congressman Davis is so extreme – he sides with big oil.</p>	<p>Rodney Davis cited unnamed climate denier reports, claimed there is a “debate” over whether climate change “is manmade or natural.” During an interview with Illinois Public Media radio, a constituent asked Davis about climate change. Davis responded by pointing to unnamed “recent reports [that] say that global warming has stopped 16 years ago,” and then went on the say that “climate change is real but the debate is over whether or not it is manmade or natural.” [Illinois Public Media, 10/16/12 (beginning at 42:35)]</p>

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<p>B-roll of satellite over earth.</p>	<p>Mission Control Announcer: He’s way out there.</p>	
<p>B-roll of lobbyists, silhouette shot. Super: Congressman Davis Took Over \$30,000 from Oil and Gas Industry. CITE: Open Secrets, Accessed 8/13/13</p>	<p>Voiceover Announcer: Davis over \$30,000 from them</p>	<p>Oil and Gas Donated Over \$30,000 to Davis. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Davis’s campaigns have received \$38,850 from the Oil and Gas Industry. [Open Secrets, accessed 8/13/13]</p>
<p>B-roll of gas station pump. Super: Big Oil Denies Climate Change Science to Protect Profits. CITE: Guardian, 1/27/05; New Yorker, 7/1/13</p>	<p>Big Oil denies climate change to protect their profits.</p>	<p>Koch Brothers Influence Congress by Funding Those That Question Climate Change. In July 2013, the New Yorker reported on a study by American University’s Investigative Reporting Workshop which “recounts that the Kochs have influenced the congressional climate-change debate ... [by] funding an array of nonprofit groups whose experts have testified in Congress questioning the cause, the severity, and the necessity of, acting on climate change.” [New Yorker, 7/1/13]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior staff at Koch-funded groups have been testifying before Congress “questioning the science behind global warming.” According to a report by American University’s Investigative Reporting Workshop, “senior staff at more than a dozen Koch-funded nonprofit groups have made frequent trips to testify on Capitol Hill in favor of federal deregulation. One of their top causes: fighting environmental laws and government spending on alternative energy. That includes promoting American consumption of oil and coal, blaming

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<p>B-roll of Davis on House floor. Super: Congressman Davis Opposes Reducing Carbon Pollution. CITE: House Roll Call Vote 437, 8/2/13; Davis campaign press release, 10/10/12</p>	<p>And Davis follows them – opposing efforts to reduce carbon pollution.</p>	<p>Davis voted to prevent EPA from putting a price on carbon pollution. Davis 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]</p> <p>Davis opposes Cap and Trade and all carbon taxes. According to a Davis campaign press release posted on Davis’ campaign website, “Both Davis and Shimkus strongly opposed the job killing ‘Cap and Trade’ bill, and will fight any future attempt to impose national carbon taxes.” [Davis campaign press release, 10/10/12]</p>

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<p>B-roll of satellite over earth. Super: Congressman Davis. Extreme.</p>	<p>Mission Control Announcer: Now that’s extreme.</p>	
<p>Still of Davis, alongside b-roll of earth. Super: Call Congressman Davis. Tell Him to Stop Denying Climate Science and Act. (202) 225-2371. Paid for by League of Conservation Voters.</p>	<p>Voiceover Announcer: Tell Congressman Davis -- stop denying climate science and act.</p>	<p>Rodney Davis cited unnamed climate denier reports, claimed there is a “debate” over whether climate change “is manmade or natural.” During an interview with Illinois Public Media radio, a constituent asked Davis about climate change. Davis responded by pointing to unnamed “recent reports [that] say that global warming has stopped 16 years ago,” and then went on the say that “climate change is real but the debate is over whether or not it is manmade or natural.” [Illinois Public Media, 10/16/12 (beginning at 42:35)]</p>