



TO: Interested Parties in Nevada
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Rep. Joe Heck is wrong for Nevada. He's shown that he is willing to put at risk more than 25,000 high-quality jobs in Nevada's solar economy just to please his Big Oil benefactors. In exchange, he's benefited from the dirty fossil fuel industry spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to keep himself in office. Given their support, it should come as no surprise that he's also fought to preserve the billions in handouts Big Oil gets from American taxpayers. Meanwhile, he's attacking critical air and water protections, threatening the health of Nevada's families for the sake of polluters' profits. Heck just isn't looking out for Nevada, he's looking out for Big Oil.

Heck isn't alone in his opposition to clean energy, air and water – he's in good company with climate denier Donald Trump, the offensive, incendiary GOP presidential nominee Heck has whole-heartedly [embraced](#). Both candidates have earned a spot on LCV's signature [Dirty Dozen](#) list, because their extreme views make them unfit for office.

LCV and LCV Victory Fund are standing up to Joe Heck, to protect the health of Nevada's families and the high-quality jobs created by a booming solar economy. So far, we have invested over \$3 million in the fight to defeat him. LCV and LCV Victory Fund have committed over \$3 million to defeat Heck. In July, LCV committed approximately \$1.4 million for a [persuasion canvass campaign](#), followed up by over \$1.6 million in [two separate](#) TV ad campaigns from LCV Victory Fund in mid-July and early September. LCV Victory Fund launched a [second](#) \$860,000 TV ad campaign in September.

Read on to learn more about Heck's support from Big Polluters, his anti-environmental agenda, and whole-hearted embrace of Trump.

BIG OIL & KOCH NETWORK ARE POURING IN MILLIONS TO ELECT JOE HECK; NO WONDER HE READILY SUPPORTS THEIR DIRTY AGENDA

The Dirty Energy Industry Has Contributed Nearly \$330,000 To Heck's Campaigns; In Return, He's Voted To Protect Billions In Taxpayer Subsidies For Them. Over the course of Joe Heck's career in Congress, he has [received](#) \$328,666 from polluters, including \$306,966 from the oil and gas industry, and \$21,700 from the mining industry. In turn, he [voted five times](#) to [give](#) billions in [tax](#) breaks for Big Oil.

Koch Brothers And Their Network Have Poured In More Than \$3.6 Million To Support Joe Heck; He Voted Their Way 96 Percent Of The Time. It's no secret that the Koch brothers are among the [biggest polluters](#) in the country, and their network hasn't exactly been shy about helping to reelect Joe Heck to Congress. All told, they've put \$3,661,705 towards that effort throughout the years: \$40,000 from [Koch Industries](#); \$3,544,488 from [Freedom Partners](#); and \$77,217 from [Americans for Prosperity](#). It's no surprise, then, that Heck has voted their way [85 percent](#) of the time, including 82 percent on issues related to energy and the environment.

Joe Heck Vigorously Supports Expanding Domestic Oil Drilling. In 2011, Heck supported legislation that would "[open up](#)" coastal areas in the Atlantic, Pacific, and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to drilling within one year. He also [supported](#) mandating that the Department of the Interior process drilling permit requests within just 30 days, and guarantee drilling requests if the permits were not "processed during that window." In response to a question about "not drilling for oil here at home," Heck [urged](#) exploring "every possible option" in order to contain energy process. It should come as no surprise, then, that Heck [supported](#) opening "new territories for oil and gas lease sales." Finally, he



[voted](#) to allow oil and gas drilling explorations of a limited size and depth to be exempt from various environmental review requirements.

Joe Heck Voted Eight Times To Expand Or Increase Access To Offshore Drilling. Over the course of his career in Congress, Joe Heck has repeatedly voted in favor of offshore drilling. In particular, he voted to: [consider](#) two bills that would increase offshore oil and gas drilling by expediting permitting and conducting lease sales; [expand](#) the area of the outer continental shelf available for drilling; [force](#) the Obama administration to accelerate oil lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico and off the coast of Virginia; [forbid](#) the EPA’s Environmental Appeals Board from reviewing or blocking any permits for offshore drilling along the Arctic Coast; [require](#) the Department of the Interior to expedite offshore drilling permit requests by acting on them within 60 days; [create](#) 14 additional offshore drilling leases; [authorize](#) internet-based auctions for offshore drilling leases; and [increase](#) offshore drilling along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

CLIMATE SCIENTISTS, NASA, AND THE PENTAGON ALL AGREE ON THE SCIENCE OF MAN-MADE CLIMATE CHANGE, BUT NOT JOE HECK

Climate Scientists, NASA, And The Defense Dept. All Agree That Climate Change Is Real And Human Activity Is A Significant Contributor. 2016 is [slated](#) to be the warmest year on record, thanks to rising temperatures brought on by climate change. 2015 currently owns that [record](#), followed by 2014. 97 percent of climate scientists [agree](#) that warmer temperature trends over the past century are “very likely due to human activities.” Even the Pentagon has [warned](#) that climate change is a threat to national security. What’s more, nearly two-thirds of the American people – a [record high](#) – believe that man-made climate change is real.

- **In Nevada, Climate Change Means Increased Pollution, Greater Risk Of Heart Disease Or Respiratory Illness, Rapidly Declining Ecosystems, And, For More Than 180 Tribes, Loss Of A Traditional Way Of Life.** In [Nevada](#), already located in the “hottest and driest region in the U.S.,” climate change mean increased risks to water supplies that maintain the state’s “cities, agriculture, and ecosystems.” Excessive heat will worsen conditions for those who suffer from respiratory or heart disease. The region will also face “widespread tree death and fires, which already have caused billions of dollars in economic losses.” And, for the 182 federally recognized tribes in the Southwest who are particularly vulnerable to “high temperatures, drought, and severe storms,” climate change brings a “loss of traditional foods, medicines, and water supplies.”

When Asked If Climate Change Is Happening, Joe Heck Dodged The Question Altogether, Saying That The Climate Has Always Changed. In October 2012, [when asked](#) whether climate change was, in fact, occurring, Joe Heck declined to directly answer to question, saying, “I think certainly over the millennia, we’ve seen changes in our climate both ways, and I think throughout the future millennia we will continue to see climate change that goes both ways.” He added that regulating carbon dioxide could be a confusing process.

JOE HECK HAS REPEATEDLY OPPOSED THE EPA AND ITS HISTORIC EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE AIR WE BREATHE AND THE WATER WE DRINK

Joe Heck Thinks The EPA, Which Helps Protect Our Air And Water, And Preserves Our Environment, Is A “Gutless And Incompetent Agency.” The [Environmental Protection Agency](#) (EPA) works to ensure that Americans have access to clean air and clean water, and are “protected from significant risks to human health.” Over the past year, the agency finalized two landmark regulations – the Clean Power Plan and the Clean Water Rule – to expand these protections to all Americans. Unfortunately, Joe Heck doesn’t seem to understand the importance of preserving and strengthening the EPA. He [called](#) the EPA a “gutless and incompetent agency,” and once [voted](#) to reduce funding for the EPA’s science and technology programs by \$64 million.



Joe Heck Worked Undo The Clean Power Plan. The Clean Power Plan will [prevent](#) 3,000 premature deaths from heart attacks and respiratory illnesses, 90,000 [fewer](#) asthma attacks in children, and 300,000 missed work and school days. Furthermore, we are now at a point where the economy is growing but [carbon emissions are not](#). Joe Heck, however, doesn't see the value in the Clean Power Plan. He [voted](#) to let states opt out of the plan altogether, and [said](#) that the plan would do nothing to create jobs or reduce families' energy prices.

- **In Nevada, The Clean Power Plan Can Reduce Carbon Pollution And Improve Nevadans' Health, While Creating More Than 1,200 Jobs And Saving The People Of Nevada More Than \$7 Million In Electric Bills In 2020.** In [Nevada](#), the Clean Power Plan will significantly reduce the amount of carbon pollution by investing in energy efficiency and clean energy, which in turn will "create new clean energy jobs, protect people from the harmful health effects of air pollution, and save them money on their electric bills." This is surely a welcome development for the nearly eight percent of Nevadans (160,895) who have [asthma](#). Additionally, the Clean Power Plan empowers the state of Nevada with the "flexibility to design a plan based on its energy mix and costs, to chart a low-carbon path forward." By implementing carbon emission standards stronger than the EPA's requirements, Nevada can create more than 1,200 new jobs, while saving households and businesses \$7 million on electric bills in 2020.

Joe Heck Voted Three Times Against The Clean Water Rule, Which Preserves Streams And Wetlands, Protects Safe Drinking Water, And Supports The State's Robust Tourism And Brewery Industries. The [Clean Water Rule](#) protects the clean drinking of one in three Americans – that's 117 million people. In [Nevada](#), the rule protects 40 miles of streams, as well as thousands of acres of wetlands. It also provides great economic benefits, including protecting the streams and wetlands that support the state's \$1.2 billion wildlife recreation industry. Finally, the rule protects clean water for the state's thriving brewing industry, which supports nearly 5,400 jobs and contributes more than \$360 million to its economy every year. Unfortunately, Joe Heck [voted three times](#) to overturn or prevent implementation of the Clean Water Rule.

JOE HECK'S DISMISSALS OF CRUCIAL ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARDS AND COMMON SENSE ENERGY REGULATIONS SOUND AN AWFUL LOT LIKE THE UNINFORMED "POLICIES" OF DONALD TRUMP

Donald Trump Believes Climate Change Is A "B***t" Hoax Invented By The Chinese.** Donald Trump has said that the "concept of global warming was [created](#) by and for the Chinese" to make the United States less competitive. He has also referred to climate change as "[b*****t](#)," a [hoax](#), and a [money-making industry](#). If elected, Donald Trump would be the only head of state to deny the reality of climate change, and has threatened to tear up the Paris Climate Accord – the single most important step ever taken to meet the challenge of climate change – and the result of successful American international leadership under Pres. Obama.

Donald Trump Would Cancel The Paris Climate Agreement Upon Taking Office, Based On An Inaccurate Understanding Of The Deal. Initially, Donald Trump said he would, "[at a minimum](#)," renegotiate the Paris climate agreement. Not satisfied with the degree to which he opposed the historic negotiations, Trump then said he would "[cancel](#)" the Paris agreement, stating – [inaccurately](#) – that foreign nations would have control over how America uses energy.

Donald Trump Would Immediately Cut The EPA, Rescind The Clean Power Plan, And Eliminate The Clean Water Rule. He Also Remained Notably Silent On The Water Crisis In Flint, Michigan. Trump has said he would [cut the EPA right away](#), adding that "we can leave a little bit" of the environment, "but you can't destroy businesses." Trump would [rescind](#) the Clean Power Plan in his first 100 days in office. Trump would also [eliminate](#) the Clean Water Rule, putting the



clean drinking water of 117 million Americans at risk for pollution. Donald Trump also decided that it was best for him [not to comment](#) on the clean water crisis in Flint, Michigan altogether.

DESPITE THE REPEATED DISQUALIFYING ACTIONS AND STATEMENTS, JOE HECK CONTINUES TO SUPPORT DONALD TRUMP’S CANDIDACY

*Over the course of the past few months, Trump has repeatedly demeaned Americans of all stripes, demonstrating that he lacks the temperament and judgment to be president of the United States. Yet, Joe Heck continues to excuse Trump’s **outlandish behavior and statements** while simultaneously trying to **disassociate himself** from the GOP presidential candidate. Heck has clearly stated his decision to support the Republican nominee. Despite Trump’s unconscionable miscues, Heck has reiterated his intention to support Trump’s candidacy.*

December 7, 2015	Trump called for a “total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States.”
December 19, 2015	Trump said it was a “ great honor ” to be praised by Russian President Vladimir Putin. “If (Putin) says something positive, that’s a good thing. That’s not a bad thing,” Trump said.
December 22, 2015	Responding to Trump’s call to ban Muslims from entering the United States, Heck said , “You can’t say you’re going to, you know, take 1.6 billion people and stereotype them.”
	Heck: “I have followed Donald Trump from his original days in New York City and there have always been things that he has said that cause me to take pause or cringe.”
February 28, 2016	Trump refused to condemn an endorsement from former KKK grand wizard David Duke. He also defended a Mussolini quote that was posted on his Twitter account.
May 27, 2016	Trump attacked federal Judge Gonzalo Curiel and said he should recuse himself from Trump University case because of his “Mexican” heritage.
June 1, 2016	Heck had “high hopes” of seeing Donald Trump becoming the next president. He added, “Though I don’t necessarily agree with how he talks about women and minorities and all of his policy positions, but if he wants to make America great again by bringing jobs back to America, then I am willing to help him achieve those goals and hold him accountable. And as the next U.S. senator from Nevada, I will make sure I stand as a check against anything that is not in our best interest.”
June 3, 2016	Heck said that voters seldom asked him about Trump because “they know who I am personally. Because we spent the last six years building relationships. And those relationships will endure whatever is said by anybody else.”
July 5, 2016	Trump praised Saddam Hussein, saying, “He killed terrorists. He did that so good. They didn’t read them the rights. They didn’t talk. They were terrorists.”
July 15, 2016	Heck : “We’ve always run ahead of the top of the ticket ... We ran eight points ahead of President Obama in our district in 2012. So we don’t worry about what’s going on above us.”
July 19, 2016	When asked if he supported Trump Heck said, “Well I look at who the alternative us ... I will support the nominee.”
	Yet, when pressed about specific issues, Heck said , “I don’t think that all because you don’t agree with somebody 80% of the time or 20% of the time, doesn’t mean that they don’t have a position that you can work with ... Look, I don’t agree with how he talks about women, how he talks about minorities—look, my wife is here, if he wants to earn my wife’s vote, he needs to figure out how to talk.”
July 27, 2016	Trump hoped Russian intelligence hacked Hillary Clinton’s email and encouraged them to publish whatever they found.
July 29, 2016	Trump suggested mother of fallen U.S. soldier Humayun Khan could not talk on stage at the DNC due to her religion.



August 2, 2016	Heck's campaign claimed he could not comment on Trump's feud with the Khans because Heck was on active duty.
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