



TO: Interested Parties in Pennsylvania
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SUBJECT: Big Oil's Best Friend Pat Toomey is Wrong For Pennsylvania

Sen. Pat Toomey has been one of Big Oil's best friends in Washington, fighting to secure them billions in taxpayer handouts – and benefitting from the millions that they've spent to help elect him. He's done everything he can to back their agenda, opposing investments to create jobs and build a clean energy economy. And Toomey's clearly not representing the people of Pennsylvania when he fights critical clean water protections and suggests cutting the EPA, just to protect the profits of the polluters that back him. His terrible record has earned him a seven percent on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard* and a spot on LCV's signature Dirty Dozen list.

Toomey's stubborn opposition to the most important actions we have ever taken to combat climate change – the Clean Power Plan and the Paris climate agreement – put him in line with the GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump. Toomey has had multiple opportunities to disavow the Republican nominee, who continues making divisive, and uniformed statements, but instead claims he "hopes to" support him.

That's why LCV and LCV Victory Fund are standing up to Pat Toomey – he's wrong for Pennsylvania. So far, LCV, LCV Victory Fund and EDF Action have invested \$3.2 million in the fight to defeat Pat Toomey. In June, LCV named Toomey to the Dirty Dozen, making him a repeat Dirty Dozen offender who has been at the forefront of the Senate charge against the EPA Clean Power Plan, which he called "out of bounds." In July, LCV and EDF Action [announced](#) a \$1.5 million TV campaign, with two TV ads focused on Toomey's prioritization of big polluters over the needs of struggling Pennsylvania communities. The ads, "Friend" and "Across," detail Toomey's advocacy for wealthy and powerful special interests through his defense of billions in tax breaks for Big Oil polluters, all while they have supported him with over \$700,000 in campaign contributions. One such polluter, Exxon – who has [given](#) Toomey \$33,000 – had allegedly, for decades, actively [worked](#) to undermine *their own scientists* who said that burning fossil fuels would negatively impact our climate. Not only that, Exxon heavily [contributed](#) to candidates who sided with them on that issue. The campaign ran on broadcast and cable for 2200 GRPs in Pittsburgh and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, and for 2000 GRPs in Harrisburg. You can view the ads' scripts and backup [here](#) and [here](#), and you can view the ads [here](#) and [here](#). In addition, LCV also launched a separate \$300,000 persuasion field effort, a canvass that is contacting voters in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. At the beginning of September, LCV Victory Fund announced another [1.4 million](#) TV and digital ad campaign, running at 2000 GRPs in the Philadelphia media market on broadcast and cable.

Read on to learn more about Toomey's support from Big Oil and the Koch brothers, his opposition to critical clean air and water protections, and how his policies mirror Trump – who he has refused to disavow.

TOOMEY SUPPORTS BIG OIL'S DIRTY AGENDA, AND IN RETURN, THEY HAVE CONTRIBUTED MORE THAN \$4 MILLION TO HELP ELECT HIM

The Dirty Energy Industry Has Contributed More Than \$1.1 Million To Toomey's Campaigns; In Return, He's Voted To Protect Billions In Taxpayer Subsidies For Them. Over the course of Pat Toomey's career in Congress, he has [received](#) \$1,108,467 from polluters, including \$753,803 from the oil and gas industry, and \$354,664 from the mining industry. Toomey has [repeatedly voted](#) to protect taxpayer-funded handouts for Big Oil, instead of investing that money in [energy efficiency](#) and deficit reduction, or [extending](#) alternative energy tax credits. He even [voted](#) to increase tax breaks for oil and gas producers, totaling more than [\\$38 billion](#) in all.



Koch Brothers And Their Network Have Poured In More Than \$4 Million To Support Pat Toomey; 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. Over the course of the 2012 cycle, the Koch network hasn't been shy about helping to reelect Pat Toomey to the US Senate. Altogether, they've put \$4,007,993 towards that effort: \$6,200 from [Koch Industries](#); \$3,917,105 from [Freedom Partners](#); and \$84,688 from [Americans for Prosperity](#). It's no surprise, then, that Toomey has voted their way [96 percent](#) of the time.

Pat Toomey Has Never Found A Place Where Oil Companies Shouldn't Drill. Toomey [voted three times](#) to open the Atlantic and Pacific coasts for oil drilling. He also [voted SEVEN TIMES](#) to [open up](#) the [Arctic National Wildlife Refuge](#) for [oil drilling](#). Finally, he voted to open up the [Great Lakes](#) to drilling, too. The Keystone XL pipeline, which the Obama administration [officially rejected](#) in November 2015, would drastically [increase](#) carbon emissions, while [doing nothing](#) to transform America into a modern, clean energy superpower. But, the dirty energy industry eagerly supported the pipeline's construction – as did [Pat Toomey](#). In fact he [voted six times](#) to speed up the review process and [force construction](#) of the [pipeline](#).

DESPITE OVERWHELMING CONSENSUS ON THE SCIENCE OF CLIMATE CHANGE, TOOMEY DOESN'T BELIEVE THAT HUMANS SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTE TO IT

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.” In fact, scientists are “more [certain](#) than ever” that humans are actively changing the climate. 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 Pennsylvania, Climate Change Means Warmer Temperatures, “More Destructive Storms, And More Floods,” Leading To “The Tipping Point For Catastrophic Change.”** In [Pennsylvania](#), climate change means “hotter, longer summers, more destructive storms, and more floods ... just 35 years from now, the average temperature in the state will be 3° Celsius, or 5.4° Fahrenheit, warmer than it was in 2000. That's 2° C higher than what climate experts and policy makers say is the threshold for dangerous impacts. A global average temperature rise of 2° Celsius above pre-industrial levels is considered the tipping point for catastrophic change.”

Pat Toomey Doesn't Believe That Human Activity Is A Significant Contributor To Climate Change. Pat Toomey, on the other hand, has [questioned](#) the scientific reality of climate change, and doesn't believe that human activity is a [significant contributor](#).

Pat Toomey Suggested That The Historic Paris Climate Agreement, Signed By Nearly 200 Countries, Was “Both Meaningless And Potentially Harmful.” In December 2015, [195 nations](#) – including the United States – came together for “an historic agreement to combat climate change and unleash actions and investment towards a low carbon, resilient and sustainable future ... The Paris Agreement for the first time brings all nations into a common cause based on their historic, current and future responsibilities.” Pat Toomey signed a [letter](#) to the Obama administration, [suggesting](#) that the historic agreement was “both meaningless and potentially harmful.”

TOOMEY'S HAS REPEATEDLY OPPOSED THE EPA AND ITS HISTORIC EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE AIR WE BREATHE AND THE WATER WE DRINK



Pat Toomey Thinks The EPA, Which Helps Protect Our Air And Water, And Preserves Our Environment, Is A Hostile Agency That Should Be Defunded. 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, Pat Toomey doesn’t seem to get the importance of protecting our environment. He believes that the EPA’s oversight of the energy industry is [hostile](#), and that its regulations constitute a “[power grab](#)” by the Obama administration. He also suggested [defunding the agency](#), and even [voted](#) against confirming Gina McCarthy to become the agency’s administrator.

Pat Toomey Has Tirelessly Worked Undo The Clean Power Plan. The EPA is charged with executing and enforcing the [Clean Power Plan](#), the nation’s first federal limits on the amount of carbon pollution that power plants are allowed to dump into our air. The Clean Power Plan empowers states to craft their own plans to reduce carbon pollution. By focusing on cleaner energy, the 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 the [carbon emissions are not](#). Pat Toomey, however, tried to prevent the Clean Power Plan from taking effect. He [voted](#) to prevent the EPA from enacting the rule, and, just one day after the rule was even proposed, he [signed a letter](#) – authored by Mitch McConnell – urging the president to scrap it altogether. When that proved unsuccessful, Toomey helped introduce – and voted for – [two pieces](#) of legislation to block the Clean Power Plan. He had previously [voted twice](#) to allow power plants to continue spewing unlimited greenhouse gases into the air we breathe.

- **In Pennsylvania, The Clean Power Plan Will Reduce Power Plant Emissions In Pennsylvania, While Creating Thousands Of New Jobs And Lowering Electricity Bills.** [In Pennsylvania](#), the Clean Power Plan will result in more than \$10 billion in new capital investments, avoid more than 13 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions, and will save the typical household nearly \$54 per year in electricity bills by 2030. Additionally, while Pennsylvania already boasts nearly 120,000 clean energy jobs, the Clean Power Plan can result in more than 5,000 [new, good-paying jobs](#).

Pat Toomey Repeatedly Voted Against The Clean Water Rule, Which Provides Safe Drinking Water For Nearly Two-Thirds Of All Pennsylvanians While Supporting The State’s Robust Tourism And Brewery Industries. The [Clean Water Rule](#) restores protections for the small streams and wetlands that are essential to our health, communities, and economy. Specifically, the rule protects bodies of water that are “scientifically shown to have the greatest impact on downstream water quality and form the foundation of our nations’ water resources.” The impact? The Clean Water rule will protect the clean drinking of one in three Americans – that’s 117 million people. The Clean Water Rule [protects](#) drinking water for nearly two-thirds of all Pennsylvanians. It also provides great economic benefits, including protecting the streams and wetlands that support the fish and wildlife industry, and providing clean water for the state’s thriving brewing industry, which supports nearly 21,000 jobs and contributes almost \$2 billion to its economy. Pat Toomey [voted](#) to limit the impact of the Clean Water Rule, and [voted twice](#) to nullify the rule altogether.

When Unsafe Drinking Water In Flint, Michigan Threatened A Whole Community, Including Nearly 10,000 Children, Pat Toomey Voted To Gut Funding For Critical Infrastructure Repairs. In 2014, “Flint’s [drinking water](#) became tainted when the city switched from the Detroit water system and began drawing from the Flint River ... to save money. The impoverished city was under state control at the time. Regulators failed to ensure the water was treated properly and lead from aging pipes leached into the water supply. Elevated levels of lead have been found in some children’s blood. Lead contamination has been linked to learning disabilities and other problems.” The crisis underscores the need for access to clean drinking water for all Americans as attention to Flint has also lead to exposure of similar problems across the country. Unfortunately, Pat Toomey [voted](#) to gut [critical funding](#) which could have used for infrastructure repairs in Flint, including replacing corroded pipes that were “exposing as many as 9,000 children to health and neurological problems.”



TOOMEY’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.” He 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 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, PAT TOOMEY 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. Donald Trump has demeaned Americans of all stripes. He called for a blanket ban on Muslims coming into the United States; refused to distance himself from a former KKK grand wizard; retweeted a quote from Mussolini; attacked a federal judge based on his Mexican heritage; praised Vladimir Putin and Saddam Hussein; called on Russia to commit cyber espionage against a political opponent; and attacked a Gold Star family. Yet, Pat Toomey continues to excuse Trump’s [outlandish behavior and statements](#) while simultaneously trying to [disassociate himself from the GOP presidential candidate](#). At first, Toomey dismissed the idea of a Trump candidacy. He even made a show of endorsing one Trump rival and voting for another. Despite these unconscionable Trump miscues, Toomey hopes to “enthusiastically” support him.

December 2015	Toomey said it was unlikely Trump would win the nomination.
December 7, 2015	Trump called for a “total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States.”
December 8, 2015	Toomey said Trump was wrong to call for a ban on 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.
February 3, 2016	Toomey endorsed Marco Rubio for the GOP presidential nomination.
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.
February 29, 2016	Toomey Said Trump refusing to disavow David Duke and his tweet of a quote from Italian fascist dictator Benito Mussolini “ appalling .”



April 26, 2016	Toomey said he voted for Ted Cruz in Pennsylvania’s GOP presidential primary.
April 27, 2016	Toomey said Donald Trump was not his “first choice” or “second choice” but “I intend to support the Republican nominee” and “I don’t want to see Hillary Clinton take t his country further to the left, to make the terrible policy of President Obama permanent, which she would tend to do.”
May 6, 2016	Toomey was undecided whether he would campaign with Trump.
May 8, 2016	Toomey wrote in an opinion piece that if Trump were to receive the Republican nomination, that he was “ inclined to support the nominee of my party” and that he had not agreed with past nominees John McCain, Mitt Romney, or George W. Bush on everything. Toomey said Trump’s “vulgarity, particularly toward women, is appalling .”
May 9, 2016	Toomey said he hoped to “get to the point where I can enthusiastically support Donald Trump.”
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 7, 2016	Toomey said Trump could “say and do the things that will make me comfortable supporting him” but “ I’m not there yet .” Toomey said Trump’s calls for other countries to acquire nuclear weapons was a “very, very dangerous approach.” Toomey said Trump’s comments that a judge of Mexican heritage presiding over a lawsuit against him was biased because of his Mexican heritage was “ completely wrong ” and “ridiculous.”
June 13, 2016	Toomey said that his position that he hoped to support Trump as the GOP presidential nominee had not changed.
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 21, 2016	Toomey said there was “ a lot we don’t know ” about Trump’s “thoughts and his policies and positions; he also said Trump had a “great opportunity to bring the party together .”
July 27, 2016	Trump hoped Russian intelligence hacked Hillary Clinton’s email and encouraged them to publish whatever they found.
July 28, 2016	Toomey said the election was a “ binary choice ” between Trump and Clinton and that Clinton was “unacceptable.”
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 1, 2016	Toomey released a 25-word response to Trump’s criticism of fallen U.S. soldier Humayun Khan’s parents, who criticized him at the DNC, saying anything but “gratitude and honor” for those who lost “loved ones in the defense of our country” was “inappropriate.”
August 10, 2016	Toomey still refused to denounce Trump, adding that Hillary Clinton “poses a bigger threat.”

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