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# ME-02: "FRIENDS" RESEARCH BACKUP

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| B-Roll of Bruce Poliquin in Committee. Looks down at his desk, as he texts with special interest friends.<br>**Super: Bruce Poliquin Millionaire**<br>[text box with big oil icon next to it]:<br>**See you at the fundraiser tonight?**<br>[text box with Bruce Poliquin's photo next to it]<br>**Wouldn't miss it!** | Millionaire Bruce Poliquin sure has a lot of special interest friends in Washington.<br><br>Like Big Oil. | **Poliquin Has Taken More Than $60,000 From Oil And Gas.** Over the course of his federal campaigns, Poliquin has taken $62,000 from the oil and gas industry. [Open Secrets, accessed 10/17/16]<br><br>**2015: Poliquin Held Between $4,701,014 and $18,565,000 In Assets.** [U.S. House Candidate Personal Financial Disclosure Form, 2015, filed 7/06/16] |
| B-Roll of a fancy special interest fundraiser. Photo of Poliquin<br>**Super: Bruce Poliquin Took Thousands from Big Oil**<br>*Opensecrets.org, accessed 10/17/16* | Poliquin took thousands in contributions from them. | |
| B-Roll of Poliquin on House floor or in committee<br>**Super: Bruce Poliquin $80 Million in Special Big Oil Subsidies**<br>*House Votes 197 & 198, 4/29/15; EIA Report, March 2015* | Then voted for over eighty million in special subsidies for big oil. | **Bruce Poliquin Voted To Preserve $34 Million In Subsidies For Fossil Energy.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to increase funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by $25,500,000 and to reduce funding for Fossil Energy by $34,000,000. The amendment was rejected 173 to 248. [H.Amdt.167 to H.R.2028, Vote 198, 4/29/15]<br><br>**Bruce Poliquin Voted To Increase Fossil Energy Research Funding By $50 Million.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the energy and water development funding bill that would have increased funding for funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by $50 million and to reduce funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by a similar amount. The amendment was rejected 177 to 244. [H.Amdt.164 to H.R.2028, Vote 197, 4/29/15]<br><br>**Federal Government Funding R&D Is A Form Of Energy Subsidy.** According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, research |
| B-Roll of middle class family paying bills. | Sticking taxpayers with the bill. | |

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| | | and development is a category of energy subsidy. "The federal government has an extensive program of funding energy research and development (R&D) activities aimed at a variety of goals, such as increasing U.S. energy supplies or improving the efficiency of various energy consumption, production, transformation, and end-use technologies. R&D programs generally do not directly affect current energy consumption, production, and prices, but if successful, they could affect future consumption, production, and prices." [EIA Report, March 2015] |
| B-Roll of Poliquin, two final text between Big Oil and Poliquin [text box with big oil icon next to it]: **Thank you for $80 million in subsidies!** [text box with Bruce Poliquin's photo] **Thanks again for the $$$!** | Millionaire Bruce Poliquin looks out for himself and Big Oil. Not us | |
| **Super: Bruce Poliquin For Big Oil Not Us** | | |
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