

“GAS MASK”

Visual	Audio	Facts
	Some days it's hard to breath. Climate change is real.	N/A
GFX: STEVE KNIGHT SIDES WITH POLLUTERS	But in Washington, Knight sides with polluters time after time.	See below.

GFX: STEVE KNIGHT
VOTED AGAINST
CUTTING CARBON
POLLUTION

Cite: Congressional Record,
2015

He's voted against cutting
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Knight Voted In Favor Of SJ Res 24 (Providing For Congressional Disapproval Under Chapter 8 Of Title 5, United States Code, Of A Rule Submitted By The Environmental Protection Agency Relating To "Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines For Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units), Which Passed 242-180. (SJ Res 24, Roll Call 650, [12/1/15](#))

· **The Resolution Would Nullify The Obama Administration's Clean Power Plan That "Requires States To Reduce Carbon Dioxide Emissions From Existing Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units."** "Nullifies the Environmental Protection Agency's rule published on October 23, 2015, that requires states to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired electric generating units (EGUs). (Those EGUs convert fossil fuel energy to electric energy.)" (SJ Res 24, [12/1/15](#))

· **LCV Scorecard: S.J. Res 24 Was "An Extreme Measure That Would Block The Biggest Step Our Country Has Ever Taken To Address Climate Change, Threatening Our Health And Our Future."** "Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) sponsored S.J. Res. 24, the Congressional Review Act "Resolution of Disapproval" that would permanently block the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Power Plan. The Clean Power Plan established the first national limits on carbon pollution from existing power plants—our nation's single largest source of the pollution fueling climate change. S.J. Res. 24 is an extreme measure that would block the biggest step our country has ever taken to address climate change, threatening our health and our future. S.J. Res. 24 would also prohibit the EPA from ever developing 'substantially similar' standards in the future. On November 17, the Senate approved S.J. Res. 24 by a vote of 52-46 (Senate roll call vote 306). NO IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE. Following its passage in the House, President Obama vetoed S.J. Res. 24 on December 18." ([LCV Scorecard](#); [House Vote #306, 12/1/15](#))

Knight Voted For SJ Res 23 (Providing For Congressional Disapproval Under Chapter 8 Of Title 5, United States Code, Of A Rule Submitted By The Environmental Protection Agency Relating To "Standards Of Performance For Greenhouse Gas Emissions From New, Modified, And Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units), Which Passed 235-188. (SJ Res 23, Roll Call 651, [12/1/15](#))

· **The Resolution Would Nullify An EPA Regulation That Mandated Cuts In Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Future Power Plants.** "Nullifies the Environmental Protection Agency's rule published on October 23, 2015, that establishes new source performance standards under the Clean Air Act for carbon dioxide emissions from fossil

		<p>fuel-fired electric utility generating units (EGUs) if the EGUs are newly constructed, modified, or reconstructed. (Those EGUs convert fossil fuel energy to electric energy.)” (SJ Res 23, 12/1/15)</p>
<p><i>Images of Knight</i></p> <p>GFX: STEVE KNIGHT AGAINST CLEANER AIR</p> <p>Cite: Santa Clarita Valley Beacon, 9/9/14</p>	<p>Knight works with the partisan, Washington crowd to prevent California from cleaning our air.</p>	<p>Steve Knight Criticized California’s AB32 And Complained Of California’s “Rash Mission To Curtail Global Warming.” In response to a question from the SCV Beacon about climate change, Steve Knight said: “For the past decade, California has embarked on a rash mission to curtail global warming. While there are several problems surrounding this campaign, the main one is economic in nature: we are adopting policies that are not embraced elsewhere in the world, at the expense of our economic future. AB 32 is killing California’s economy and raises the cost of energy for both businesses and homeowners. Job killing measures like this should not be replicated at the federal level.” [SCV Beacon, 9/9/2014]</p> <p>The State Of California Sued To Move Forward With Smog Protections. In August of 2017, the Associated Press reported: “Attorneys general from 15 states, including California, filed a legal challenge on Tuesday over the Trump administration’s delay of Obama-era rules reducing emissions of smog-causing air pollutants. The states petitioned the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to overturn Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt’s extension of deadlines to comply with the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards.” [Associated Press, 8/1/2017]</p> <p>Steve Knight Voted To Delay Implementation Of Smog Standards. Representative Keith Ellison (D-MN) offered an amendment to H.R. 3354, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018, that would strike language in the bill that would needlessly delay until 2025 implementation of the stronger ozone – or smog – standard, which was finalized in October of 2015 and would help clean up the air for millions of Americans currently living in areas with unsafe air quality. On September 8, the House rejected the Ellison amendment by a vote of 194-218. The pro-environment position was Yes. Steve Knight voted No. (LCV Scorecard; House Vote #476, 09/07/2017)</p>

Asthma. Heart disease. Lung cancer. Real consequences when our air is polluted.

Clean Power Plan Would Have Limited Sulfur Dioxide, Which Can Cause Respiratory Illnesses, Heart Disease, and Cancer. In November of 2017, The Weather Channel reported: “An Environmental Protection Agency analysis of the Obama-era Clean Power Plan found that even more lives could be saved by the climate rule than the Obama administration predicted, yet efforts to repeal the plan continue to move forward. According to the draft analysis released in October, the Clean Power Plan could, at least in one scenario, prevent up to 4,500 premature deaths per year by 2030. The rule calls for a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from power plants to help reduce global warming. An added benefit of the plan is the elimination of other harmful pollutants such as sulfur dioxide, which can cause a slew of respiratory illnesses, heart disease and cancer.” [[The Weather Channel, 11/2/2017](#)]

The EPA Estimated The Clean Power Plan Could Prevent 90,000 Asthma Attacks In Children And 1,700 Heart Attacks. (Environmental Protection Agency, accessed [10/21/15](#))

18 National Medical Organizations Criticized Efforts To Repeal The Clean Power Plan, Noting The Plan Would Have Prevented An Estimated 90,000 Pediatric Asthma Attacks And 3,600 Premature Deaths Each Year. In October of 2017, a coalition of 18 national health and medical organizations issued a joint press release, saying: “Today’s proposal to revoke the Clean Power Plan is inconsistent with EPA’s core mission of protecting public health and the environment. The Clean Power Plan, adopted in 2015, would have substantially reduced carbon pollution and other emissions from power plants, and prevented an estimated 90,000 pediatric asthma attacks and 3,600 premature deaths each year once fully implemented. Revoking this lifesaving plan denies Americans these health protections and removes crucial tools to reduce pollution that causes climate change.” [[American Public Health Association Press Release, 10/10/2017](#)]

Breathing In Polluted Air May Increase The Risk Of Heart Disease. The New York Times reported, “Studying the links between pollution and health is difficult, since so many factors are involved and it is difficult to establish a direct cause-and-effect relationship. But a link between pollutants in the air and declines in cardiovascular health has been suspected since at least the 1990s, when epidemiological research suggested that breathing in tainted air drives up rates of heart disease. The possible short-term effects of pollution remained particularly unclear, with some studies showing no immediate short-term risk. And little was

known about the impact of inhaling emissions and air particles on brain function and dementia.” (New York Times, [2/15/12](#))

- **Coal-Fired Power Plants Emit Soot And Ozone, Which Are “Directly Linked To Illnesses Like Asthma And Lung Disease.”** The New York Times reported, “New carbon emissions standards that were proposed last year for coal-fired power plants in the United States would substantially improve human health and prevent more than 3,000 premature deaths per year, according to a new study. The study, led by researchers at Syracuse and Harvard Universities, used modeling to predict the effect on human health of changes to national carbon standards for power plants. The researchers calculated three different outcomes using data from the Census Bureau and detailed maps of the more than 2,400 fossil-fuel power plants across the country. The model with the biggest health benefit was the one that most closely resembled the changes that the Environmental Protection Agency proposed in a rule in June. Under that plan, reductions in carbon emissions for the plants would be set by states and would include improvements to the energy efficiency of, for example, air-conditioners, refrigerators and power grids. The health benefits of the rule would be indirect. While carbon emissions trap heat in the atmosphere, which contributes to a warming planet, they are not directly linked to health threats. Emissions from coal-fired power plants, however, also include a number of other pollutants, such as soot and ozone, that are directly linked to illnesses like asthma and lung disease. Researchers calculated that the changes in the E.P.A. rule could prevent 3,500 premature deaths a year and more than 1,000 heart attacks and hospitalizations from air-pollution-related illness.” (New York Times, [5/5/15](#))
- **Climate Change Can Increase Smog Pollution In Some Areas, Adversely Affecting Patients With Asthma And Allergies; More Frequent Heat Waves From Climate Change Can Increase Heat-Related Deaths.** The National Resources Defense Council wrote, “More frequent and severe heat waves will result in a greater number of heat-related deaths. ... Global warming could increase smog pollution in some areas and intensify pollen allergies and asthma. Hotter conditions could also aggravate local air quality problems, already afflicting more than 100 million Americans. ... Warming temperatures, alternating periods of drought and deluges, and ecosystem disruption have contributed to more widespread outbreaks of infections like malaria, dengue fever, tick-borne encephalitis, and diarrheal illnesses. People living in poverty will be hardest hit by the global surge in infectious diseases.” (National Resources Defense Council, accessed [11/4/15](#))

Climate Change Contributes To Asthma As It Lengthens The Allergy Season And Raises The Pollen Count. “Climate change plays a few roles contributing to asthma: It

		<p>lengthens allergy season and raises pollen counts. An increase in ozone and carbon pollution contributes to pollen counts, while extreme rainfall and dampness encourages the growth of indoor fungi and molds. The result? Terrible allergy seasons and more cases of asthma: The rate of people diagnosed with asthma has gone up from 7.3 percent of the population to 8.4 percent over the last decade. Between 1995 and 2011, hotter temperatures caused the ragweed pollen season to increase by anywhere from 11 to 27 days in parts of the U.S.” (The New Republic, 5/7/14)</p> <p>The World Health Organization Has Declared Air Pollution To Be A Carcinogen And Linked To Lung Cancer. “One way climate change causes lung damage is through the spread of wildfires, the report explains. A warmer, drier climate is linked to record-breaking wildfires, which have come dangerously close to threatening populated cities like San Francisco and Colorado Springs. Air pollution and smog also directly impair the lungs, and some studies liken breathing ground-level ozone and tiny particulate matter to inhaling second-hand cigarette smoke. Last year, the World Health Organization declared air pollution to be a carcinogen, saying its link to lung cancer is clear and that it’s also associated with an increased risk for bladder cancer.” (The New Republic, 5/7/14)</p>
<p><i>Images of Knight</i></p> <p>GFX: STEVE KNIGHT SIDES WITH POLLUTERS</p>	<p>Steve Knight sides with polluters.</p>	<p>See above.</p> <p>Throughout His Career, Knight Has Received \$108,006 In Campaign Contributions From The Oil & Gas Industry, According To The Center For Responsive Politics. (Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 8/29/18)</p>

<p>GFX: CLEANER AIR STARTS BY CLEANING OUT CONGRESS</p> <p>PAID FOR BY INDEPENDENCE USA PAC, INDEPENDENCEUSAPAC.ORG, AND LCV VICTORY FUND LCVVICTORYFUND.ORG, AND NOT AUTHORIZED BY ANY CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE</p>	<p>For her, for us, cleaner air starts by cleaning out Congress.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
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