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VISUAL	AUDIO	FACTS
<p>CG: Polluters (Heart) Peter Roskam</p>	<p>VO: Big polluters heart Peter Roskam.</p>	
<p>CG: Roskam: Taken \$400,000 from oil & gas Source: OpenSecrets.org</p>	<p>They’ve poured four hundred thousand dollars into his campaigns.</p>	<p>Peter Roskam Has Received \$397,320 From The Oil And Gas Industry. According to campaign finance records compiled by the Center for Responsive Politics, Peter Roskam has received \$397,320 in campaign contributions from the Oil and Gas industry throughout his career. [OpenSecrets.org accessed 9/21/2018]</p>
	<p>And Roskam’s returned the favor.</p>	<p>(see below)</p>
<p>CG: Roskam votes with Trump 94% of the time—FiveThirtyEight, 8/7/18 Roskam: “Called global warming ‘junk science’”—Chicago Sun-Times, 10/13/16</p>	<p>Voting with Trump ninety four percent of the time and calling climate change “junk science.”</p>	<p>Peter Roskam Votes With Donald Trump 94.4 Percent Of The Time. According to the blog FiveThirtyEight, which tracks the percentage of time each member of congress votes with or against the Trump administration when the administration takes a position on a vote in congress, as of September 21, 2018, Peter Roskam had voted with President Donald Trump 94.4 percent of the time. [FiveThirtyEight accessed 9/21/2018]</p> <p>Chicago Sun Times Editorial: Roskam Called Climate Change “Junk Science.” “This is a strongly Republican district, so we doubt that Democratic candidate Amanda Howland stands a chance. We endorse her nonetheless. Incumbent Rep. Peter Roskam has become a real part of the problem in Congress, compromising with Democrats on nothing of substance and bashing Obama out of sheer force of habit. He has called global warming ‘junk science,’ opposed sensible gun measures such as universal background checks for buyers, fueled the false narrative that the IRS targeted conservative groups, and emphasized border security - while articulating no other solutions - when asked what should be done to reform our immigration laws.” [Chicago Sun Times,</p>



		Editorial, 10/13/2016]
<p>CG: Roskam: Gut Clean Air & Clean Water Act More toxic pollution House Vote #528, 9/14/2017</p>	<p>Now Roskam wants to gut the Clean Air and Water Acts—allowing companies to pump toxic pollution into our air and water.</p>	<p>Peter Roskam Voted To Block Safeguards Against Air Pollution Including Mercury, Arsenic, And Chromium From Woodstoves And Boilers. Representative Bill Johnson (R-OH) sponsored H.R. 1917, the Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns (BRICK) Act of 2017, which would delay public health protections, in this case limits on deadly toxic pollution – including mercury, arsenic, and chromium – from brick manufacturing facilities. The BRICK Act was also modified in the Rules Committee to incorporate H.R. 453, the Relief from New Source Performance Standards Act of 2017. This bill (now section 3 of H.R. 1917) would delay stronger emission limits for new woodstoves and boilers, which reduce hazardous and toxic air pollutants – including particulate matter (soot), nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and carcinogens like benzene and formaldehyde. On March 7, the House approved H.R. 1917 by a vote of 234-180. The pro-environment position was No. Peter Roskam voted Yes. [LCV Scorecard; House Vote #99, 3/7/2018]</p> <p>Peter Roskam Voted To Exempt Waste Coal Burning Power Plants From Air Pollution Safeguards. Representative Keith Rothfus (R-PA) sponsored H.R. 1119, the Satisfying Energy Needs and Saving the Environment (SENSE) Act, which would permanently exempt waste coal burning power plants from meeting certain clean air standards, including limits on hydrogen chloride and sulfur dioxide, both of which can cause significant respiratory problems. The courts have already ruled on this matter and found that waste coal-burning power plants are already meeting these air quality standards, and there is no evidence that allowing for higher levels of pollutants would do anything but expose our communities to dirtier air. On March 8, the House approved H.R. 1119 by a vote of 215-189. The pro-environment position was No. Peter Roskam voted Yes. [LCV Scorecard; House Vote #101, 3/8/2018]</p> <p>Peter Roskam Voted To Block The EPA From Setting Limits On Methane Pollution. Representative Markwayne Mullin (R-OK) offered an amendment to H.R. 3354, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018, which would prevent the Environmental Protection</p>



Agency (EPA) from implementing its standards to reduce methane pollution from new and modified sources in the oil and gas industry. The EPA's methane standard requires low-cost, proven safeguards that are critical to reducing methane's contributions to climate change, with estimated climate benefits of \$170 million by 2025, and also curbs toxic air pollutants that contribute to smog and jeopardize the health of nearby communities. On September 13, the House approved the Mullin amendment by a vote of 218-195. The pro-environment position was No. Peter Roskam voted Yes. [[House Vote #488, 09/13/2017](#)]

Peter Roskam Voted To Block The Clean Power Plan. On behalf of House Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Member Frank Pallone (D-NJ), Congressman Scott Peters (D-CA) offered an amendment to H.R. 5538, the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017, which would have struck damaging language in the bill that blocked implementation of the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan, including termination of any assistance to states that have asked for help developing sensible state policies. The Clean Power Plan establishes the first national carbon pollution limits for new and existing power plants and is the single biggest step our country has ever taken to tackle climate change. Communities across the United States are already suffering from the devastating impacts of climate change, such as more frequent and severe weather events like droughts, wildfires, floods, and storms, and unchecked climate change also threatens public health. On July 12, the House rejected the Pallone amendment by a vote of 182-244 (House roll call vote 431). The House passed H.R. 5538 on July 14, but the Senate took no action on this legislation. Yes was the pro-environment position. On Vote #431, Peter Roskam voted No. [[LCV Scorecard, House Vote #431, 7/12/2016](#)]

Peter Roskam Voted To Block The Clean Power Plan. 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. Following its passage in the Senate, on December 1, the House approved S.J. Res. 24. by a vote of 242-180 (House roll call vote 650). President Obama vetoed S.J. Res. 24 on December 18. NO was the pro-environment position. Peter Roskam voted YES. [[LCV Scorecard](#); [House Vote #650, 12/1/2015](#)]

Peter Roskam Voted For An Attack on Smog Protections & the Clean Air Act. Representative Pete Olson (R-TX) sponsored H.R. 806, the Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2017, which would delay the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recently-updated standards for ozone pollution and eviscerate a central pillar of the Clean Air Act. This legislation would allow the EPA to consider factors unrelated to health, like technical feasibility, in the initial standard setting process. This bill would also delay the EPA's ozone standards by at least ten years and double the current five-year review periods for updating all national air quality standards, allowing unhealthy air to persist even longer. On July 18, the House approved H.R. 806 by a vote of 229-199. The pro-environment position was NO. Peter Roskam votes YES. [[LCV Scorecard](#), [House Vote #391, 7/18/2017](#)]

Peter Roskam Voted To Eliminate Clean Water Act Safeguards Against Toxic Pesticides. Rep. Gibbs (R-OH) introduced H.R. 953, the 'Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2017,' which would eliminate Clean Water Act safeguards protecting communities from toxic pesticides and result in pesticides being discharged directly into water bodies without any meaningful oversight or public transparency. H.R. 953 is unnecessary to address the Zika virus or other mosquito-born health threats and is simply a handout to pesticide manufacturers and other corporate interests. On May 24, the House passed H.R. 953. The pro-environment position was No. Peter Roskam voted Yes. [[LCV Scorecard](#); [House Vote #282, 05/24/2017](#)]

Peter Roskam Voted To Block Rules Protecting Streams From Coal Mining Waste. Representative Bill Johnson (R-OH) sponsored H.J. Res. 38, the Congressional Review Act "Resolution of Disapproval" of the Stream Protection Rule, which would threaten the drinking water and public health of communities living near coal mining operations by permanently blocking the Department of Interior's recently finalized Stream Protection Rule. This important rule sets out commonsense requirements for coal mining that will better protect ground water, surface water, and ecosystems from toxic coal mining waste, which has been linked to increased rates of cancer, birth defects, and other health problems in nearby communities. The rule will protect 6,000 miles of streams and 52,000 acres of forests, sets up new requirements for water quality monitoring and restoration, and generally compels coal mining companies to reduce their impact on the surrounding environment. The Congressional Review Act, an extreme legislative tool, would not only overturn the current rule, but would prohibit the Department of Interior from ever issuing "substantially similar" regulations in the future that reduce the harmful impacts of coal mining, decimating the health and environment of everyone who lives near or downstream from these operations. On February 1, the House approved H.R. Res. 38 by a vote of 228-194. The pro-environment position was No. Peter Roskam voted Yes. [[LCV Scorecard](#); [House Vote #73, 02/01/2017](#)]

Peter Roskam Voted To Slash Funding For Environmental Protection And Undo Protections For Clean Air And Clean Water. Representative Ken Calvert (R-CA) sponsored H.R. 3354, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018, which would harm people's health and the outdoors by slashing funding for many critical programs and by using radical policy riders to outright block environmental protections. This spending bill contained damaging cuts to programs that protect public health and fuel our outdoor economy, such as the more than \$500 million cut to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the 32 percent cut to the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Additionally, this legislation contained a slew of anti-environmental and other ideological policy riders, including a



		<p>measure that would allow the EPA to bypass the law and hide its repeal of drinking water protections for 117 million people. On September 14, the House approved H.R. 3354 by a vote of 211-198. The pro-environment position was NO. Peter Roskam voted Yes. [LCV Scorecard, House Vote #528, 9/14/2017]</p>
<p>News Clips: U.S. oil companies expected to produce gusher profits MarketWatch 1/16/18</p>	<p>Their corporate profits soar.</p>	<p>Marketwatch Headline: “U.S. Oil Companies Expected To Produce Gusher Profits — And Big Gains For Investors” In a January 2018 article titled U.S. Oil Companies Expected To Produce Gusher Profits — And Big Gains For Investors.” Marketwatch reported: “Oil companies, buoyed by the rising price of crude oil, are set for major profit recoveries over the next two years, which means patient investors could finally make money again in the once-beleaguered sector. The stalling of the oil rally last year sent energy stocks reeling, but what many investors may not realize is that most of the biggest energy companies swung to profits.” [Marketwatch, 1/16/2018]</p> <p>AP Headline: “Profit Soars At Exxon And Chevron On Higher Oil Prices.” In an October, 2017 report titled “Profit Soars At Exxon And Chevron On Higher Oil Prices” the Associated Press reported: “Buoyed by higher oil prices, profits are soaring at Exxon Mobil and Chevron. Exxon said Friday that it earned nearly \$4 billion in the third quarter, and Chevron made \$2 billion. Both were about 50 percent higher than the same quarter last year. When the year is done, analysts expect both companies to far surpass their 2016 results and keep on earning big profits next year. The relatively small profits that followed the crash in crude prices appear to be in their rearview mirror.” [AP, 10/27/2017]</p> <p>WSJ Headline: “Gasoline Makers Are Reaping Big Profits.” In an August, 2018 article titled: “Gasoline Makers Are Reaping Big Profits,” the Wall Street Journal reported: “American fuel makers are posting their best second-quarter profits in years, thanks to soaring domestic oil production and regional pipeline bottlenecks that are allowing them to buy crude on the cheap. Refining companies typically suffer as oil prices rise because drivers scale back their travel, reducing demand for gasoline and diesel. But record U.S. production,</p>



		<p>coupled with insufficient pipeline capacity in Canada and West Texas, has depressed the cost of oil in many parts of the country, even as oil prices have been rising in general. That has boosted margins for many stand-alone refiners, propelling some, including Phillips 66 PSX +1.04% and Marathon Petroleum Corp. MPC +2.50% , to their highest second-quarter profits on record.” [Wall Street Journal, 8/7/2018]</p> <p>WSJ: Oil Company Profits “Soared” In 2017. In October of 2017, the Wall Street Journal reported: “Big oil is back in the black, but investors aren’t biting. Profits at many of the world’s largest energy companies soared in the third quarter, with Exxon Mobil Corp. XOM -0.12% and Chevron Corp. CVX 0.61% reporting increases Friday of 50%, and Total SA TOT 1.46% reporting a 40% improvement over the prior year. Their improved earnings rose at more than twice the rate of oil prices in the period. The top five Western oil companies, including Royal Dutch Shell PLC and BP BP 2.43% PLC, which report next week, are now on track to post the highest annual profits since crude plummeted three years ago and forced them to restructure for a prolonged era of lower prices. They have cut spending by more than \$80 billion compared with 2013.” [Wall Street Journal, 10/27/2017]</p>
<p>CG: Roskam takes their money</p>	<p>Roskam takes their money.</p>	<p>(see above)</p>
<p>CG: Roskam: Higher rates of asthma & cancer American Lung Association, 6/21/16</p>	<p>Meanwhile our children get asthma, lung disease and cancer.</p>	<p>American Lung Association: Particle Pollution From Vehicle Exhaust And Power Plants Can Cause Lung Cancer, Heart Disease, And Asthma Attacks. According to the American Lung Association: "Lung cancer is the #1 cancer killer of both men and women in the U.S. When you think of risk factors for lung cancer, what comes to mind? Most of us think about the risk associated with smoking cigarettes, but did you know that air pollution can also cause lung cancer? Overwhelming evidence shows that particle pollution in the outdoor air we breathe—like that coming from vehicle exhaust, coal-fired power plants and other industrial sources—can cause lung cancer. Particle pollution increases the risk of dying early, heart disease and asthma attacks, and it can also interfere</p>

with the growth and function of the lungs." [[American Lung Association, 6/21/2016](#)]

Volatile Organic Compounds Leaking From Natural Gas Wells Alongside Methane Can Cause Serious Health Issues Including Cancer And Birth Defects. In a 2015 story on the health effects of leaking gases in Aztec, NM, The Guardian, citing a study by University of Colorado professor Dr Detlev Helmig. The Guardian pointed out: "And it is not only methane that is leaking out of these gas wells but a host of other dangerous gasses, collectively known as volatile organic compounds (VOCs). They read like a devil's cookbook of nastiness, for example benzene, which causes leukemia and other health problems; polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons that can cause cancer; and toluene, which is known to cause birth defects at high doses." [[The Guardian 8/14/2015](#)]

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](#)]

Citing Asthma And Lung Disease Concerns, American Lung Association President Called Repealing Ozone Standard "A Dangerous Step In The Wrong Direction." "Delaying the process to clean up ozone pollution harms the health of millions of Americans and puts lives at risk, especially children living with asthma and others with lung disease," said Harold P. Wimmer, National President and CEO of the American Lung Association. "The EPA's job



		<p>is to implement the Clean Air Act to ensure the air is safe to breathe for all, especially the most vulnerable. Stalling implementation of the 2015 ozone standard is a dangerous step in the wrong direction." [American Lung Association Press Release, 7/12/2017]</p> <p>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]</p>
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