



# THE KOCHS SPEND TONS OF CHEDDAR BADGERING AMERICA'S DAIRYLAND





Charles and David Koch are among the most infamous political operatives in the country. Going into the 2016 cycle, the brothers announced that they were on track to spend almost a billion dollars to push for their political agenda, effectively giving their network parity with the national Republican Party. However, despite the propagandized Koch narrative, their spending is not motivated by fulfilling democratic ideals; they are simply interested in their bottom line. The Koch brothers are turning states into their own political playgrounds, using their billions to buy policies and policymakers to further their greedy goals. And in these political badgering efforts, Wisconsin is the big cheese.

The Kochs aggressive political endeavors in Wisconsin all boil down to self-interest. Koch Industries operates fourteen subsidiaries in Wisconsin, nine of which belong to Georgia Pacific, a company they acquired in 2005. Not only have the Koch sites been top emitters of carcinogens since, but they have continuously violated the EPA's Clean Air and Water Acts as well as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. They even admitted liability and settled in a U.S. Department of Justice PCB pollution lawsuit for \$7 million in 2010, in which their Green Bay Georgia Pacific plant's rampant pollution raised PCB levels in the Fox River six million times over the EPA standard. Beyond their environmental recklessness, Koch companies in Wisconsin have also been found violating OSHA rules, resulting in over \$16,000 of fines for unsafe working conditions. The Kochs then capped their trifecta of corporate greed by closing factories and laying off hundreds of workers at the expense of Wisconsin communities so they could outsource operations to benefit their bottom line. Given the Kochs' rapacious business antics, they realized that to maximize their profits, they would need to shape a more favorable climate for their companies. Thus began the Kochs extensive political involvement in Wisconsin.

To carry out their regressive vision in Wisconsin, a one-time progressive labor stronghold proudly referred to by the Wisconsin Historical Society as the [birthplace of the labor movement](#), the Kochs would first need a highly organized and well-financed ground game. In service of this mission, the Koch brothers spearheaded their efforts by initiating a state chapter of Americans for Prosperity (AFP) in 2005, coincidentally the same year they acquired Georgia Pacific's extensive Wisconsin holdings. Soon joined by the Wisconsin Club for Growth, the MacIver Institute, and eventually the LIBRE Initiative, these astroturf organizations have been key players in driving the Koch policy agenda through extensive campaigning, lobbying, and electioneering.

The Koch network has invested heavily in lobbying to directly assert their influence on state policy. Since 2010, the Kochs have spent over \$3 million lobbying on dozens of pieces of legislation to further their corporate ambitions at the expense of Wisconsin's workers, environment, students, and families. If these efforts weren't bad enough, the Koch astroturf network has been on the front lines fighting for some of the most destructive policies in Wisconsin in recent years. They pushed for devastating anti-labor laws including right-to-work-for-less, eliminating the prevailing wage, and preventing a raise of the minimum wage. The Koch-backed ALEC created dozens of pieces of boilerplate legislation, many of which have been incorporated into Walker's radical education agenda. They fought tooth and nail to turn the state against healthcare reform and to block the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. And finally, to protect the full profit-generating capacity of their Wisconsin operations, the Kochs have railed against the EPA and renewable energy development while simultaneously praising the Keystone pipeline and open pit iron mining. Absolutely nothing in Wisconsin could deter the Kochs from their selfish aims. Their actions prove that they are willing to compromise the lives and livelihoods of Wisconsin families, and their record shows that they would even stoop so low as to malign Native Americans and target minority and student voters in fraudulent schemes to achieve their full objectives.

Of course, the Kochs greedy goals could not be accomplished by their network alone. To truly transform a former labor stronghold from blue to red, the Kochs had to heavily invest in puppet candidates to enforce their political will. Much to the Kochs' delight, their over \$44 million in Wisconsin candidate contributions has paid off handsomely. Not only did they succeed in securing a two-term conservative governor in Scott Walker, but they also sent Ron Johnson to the Senate, ensured the political future of Speaker Ryan, helped forge a Republican majority in the state assembly and state senate, and even secured a conservative Wisconsin Supreme Court.

The Kochs are cementing their imprint in Wisconsin this year. Already, they have given more than \$500,000 to Speaker Ryan's leadership PAC. As for their puppet senator, Ron Johnson, he has benefited from millions spent on ads and contributions from the Koch network for his hotly-contested reelection bid. Testing fate again, Scott Walker has announced he will seek a third term as governor. This means Wisconsinites can look forward to the "Kochs Spending Tons [More] Cheddar Badgering America's Dairyland" as they fight for the future of their political pawns. But Walker and Johnson's abysmal approval ratings demonstrate a Wisconsin fed up with the Koch agenda, who will not sit idly by as the billionaire brothers seek to continue to buy their futures only to protect their own.

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## KOCH INDUSTRIES' WISCONSIN IMPACT

### 4 Koch Companies & Their 14 Subsidiaries Operate 22 Facilities In Wisconsin

#### GEORGIA PACIFIC

**Georgia Pacific Has Claimed To Employ 2,530 People In Wisconsin At Four Consumer Products Paper Facilities In Green Bay, Two Packaging Plants In Oshkosh And Sheboygan, A Research And Development Lab In Neenah And A GP Harmon Recycling Center In Green Bay.** According to Georgia Pacific, they employ 2,530 people in Wisconsin in eight facilities, half of which are consumer products paper facilities in Green Bay, another two facilities are packaging plants in Oshkosh and Sheboygan, and finally they have a research and development lab in Neenah and a GP Harmon recycling center in Green Bay. [Georgia Pacific, Revised [4/16](#)]

#### Georgia Pacific Has 9 Subsidiaries Registered In Wisconsin

**In 2007, Georgia Pacific LLC Registered In Wisconsin.** According to the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Georgia Pacific LLC registered in Wisconsin as a foreign LLC on March 26th, 2007. [Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Accessed [1/11/16](#)]

- **Georgia-Pacific Corp Has A Facility In Superior.** According to the EPA's ECHO Database, Georgia-Pacific Corp was located at North 5th And Bayfront St, Superior, Wisconsin 54880. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]

**In 2012, Georgia Pacific Building Products LLC Registered In Wisconsin.** According to the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Georgia Pacific Building Products LLC registered in Wisconsin as a foreign LLC on December 12th, 2012. [Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Accessed [1/11/16](#)]

- **Georgia Pacific Said It Was Closing Its Phillips, Wisconsin Specialty Wood-Products Factory By October 2015.** According to the Associated Press, "Georgia-Pacific is closing its specialty wood-products factory in Phillips, eliminating about 60 jobs by late October." [Associated Press, [8/29/15](#)]

**In 2007, Georgia-Pacific Chemicals LLC Registered In Wisconsin.** According to the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Georgia-Pacific Chemicals LLC registered in Wisconsin as a foreign corporation on February 1st, 2007. [Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Accessed [1/11/16](#)]

**In 1999, Georgia Pacific Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products (Green Bay) LLC Registered In Wisconsin.** According to the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products (Green Bay) LLC registered in Wisconsin as a Domestic Limited Liability Company on November 1st 1999. [Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Accessed [1/11/16](#)]

**In 2007, Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP Registered In Wisconsin.** According to the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Georgia-Pacific Corrugated LLC registered in Wisconsin as a foreign LLC on February 2nd, 2007. [Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Accessed [1/11/16](#)]

- **Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP Has Two Paper Facilities In Green Bay.** According to the EPA's ECHO Database, Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP has two Green Bay sites located at 500 Day Street, 1919 S Broadway Ave, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54302. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]
- **Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP Has A Facility In De Pere.** According to the EPA's ECHO Database, Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP was located at 2121 American Blvd, De Pere, Wisconsin 54115. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]

- **Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP Has A Facility In Neenah.** According to the EPA’s ECHO Database, Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP was located at 1915 Marathon Ave, Neenah, Wisconsin 54956. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]

**In 2006, Georgia-Pacific Corrugated LLC Registered In Wisconsin.** According to the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Georgia-Pacific Corrugated LLC registered in Wisconsin as a foreign LLC on December 13th, 2006. [Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Accessed [1/11/16](#)]

- **Georgia-Pacific Corrugated LLC Has A Facility In Sheboygan.** According to the EPA’s ECHO Database, Georgia-Pacific Corrugated LLC was located at 1927 Erie Ave, Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]
- **Georgia-Pacific Corrugated LLC Has A Facility In Oshkosh.** According to the EPA’s ECHO Database, Georgia-Pacific Corrugated LLC was located at 413 E Murdock Ave, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54901. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]

**In 2015, Georgia-Pacific Nonwovens LLC Registered In Wisconsin.** According to the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Georgia-Pacific Nonwovens LLC registered in Wisconsin as a foreign LLC on March 25th, 2015. [Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Accessed [1/11/16](#)]

**In 2015, Georgia-Pacific WFS LLC Registered In Wisconsin.** According to the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Georgia-Pacific WFS LLC registered in Wisconsin as a foreign LLC on November 26th, 2014. [Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Accessed [1/11/16](#)]

**In 2007, Georgia-Pacific Wood Products LLC Registered In Wisconsin.** According to the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Georgia-Pacific Wood Products LLC registered in Wisconsin as a foreign LLC on January 29th, 2007. [Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Accessed [1/11/16](#)]

- **Georgia Pacific Closed Its Phillips, Wisconsin Specialty Wood-Products Factory October 2015.** According to the Associated Press, “Georgia-Pacific is closing its specialty wood-products factory in Phillips, eliminating about 60 jobs by late October.” [Associated Press, [8/29/15](#)]

## KOCH PIPELINE

### Koch Pipeline Has Transported Gasoline, Diesel, Jet Fuel, And Propane Through The State

**The Koch Pipeline Running Through Wisconsin Transports Gasoline, Diesel, Jet Fuel, And Propane.** According to Koch Pipeline, the Koch Pipeline transports refined petroleum products (gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, propane) in its pipeline running through Wisconsin. [Koch Pipeline, [2014](#)]

- **The Wisconsin Pipeline Has Carried Refined Petroleum Products From A Twin Cities-Area Refinery To Distribution Terminals Throughout The State.** According to Koch Industries, “304-mile pipeline owned by Minnesota Pipe Line Company, LLC that delivers Canadian and Rockies crude oil, including Bakken, from Clearbrook, Minn., to refineries in the Twin Cities. [...] Wisconsin Pipeline carries refined petroleum products from a Twin Cities-area refinery to distribution terminals in Wisconsin.” [Koch Industries, accessed [3/2/16](#)]

### Koch Pipeline Company LP Registered In Wisconsin

**In 1995, Koch Pipeline Company LP Registered In Wisconsin.** According to the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Koch Pipeline Company L.P. registered in Wisconsin as a foreign limited partnership on December 11th 1995. [Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Accessed [1/11/16](#)]

- **Koch Pipeline Co LP Has A Station In Neillsville.** According to the EPA's ECHO Database, Koch Pipeline Co LP's Christie Station was located at W5688 Tree Rd, Neillsville, Wisconsin 54456. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]
- **Koch Pipeline Co LP Has A Station In Eleva.** According to the EPA's ECHO Database, Koch Pipeline Co LP's Eau Claire Station was located at E3660 Spruce Rd, Eleva, Wisconsin 54738. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]
- **Koch Pipeline Co LP Has A Station In Maiden Rock.** According to the EPA's ECHO Database, Koch Pipeline Co LP's Waverly Station was located at N4361 270th St, Maiden Rock, Wisconsin 54750. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]
- **Koch Pipeline Co LP Has A Station In Wautoma.** According to the EPA's ECHO Database, Koch Pipeline Co LP's Wild Rose Station was located at W7708 County Rd, Wautoma, Wisconsin 54982. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]

## FLINT HILLS RESOURCES

### Flint Hills Resources Has Provided 40 Percent Of Wisconsin's Gasoline Supply

**Flint Hills Resources' Pine Bend Refinery In Rosemount, Minnesota Has Provided 40 Percent Of Wisconsin's Gasoline Supply.** According to the St. Paul Pioneer press, "The strong demand for refined gasoline also has led to changes at the Pine Bend Refinery in Rosemount. The refinery provides about half of Minnesota's gasoline supply and about 40 percent of Wisconsin's. Typically, the refinery will sell into the marketplace, including to independent jobbers, said Jake Reint, a spokesman for the refinery. 'But when supplies get tight, we have to keep the terminal supplied for our contract obligations,' Reint said." [St. Paul Pioneer Press, 5/16/13]

### Flint Hills Resources Has 3 Subsidiaries Registered In Wisconsin

**In 1995, Flint Hills Resources LP Registered In Wisconsin.** According to the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Flint Hills Resources L.P. registered in Wisconsin as a foreign limited partnership on April 25th 1995. [Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Accessed [1/11/16](#)]

- **Flint Hills Resources Has Four Refined Products Terminal Locations In Wisconsin Which Are Based In Junction City, Waupun, McFarland And Milwaukee.** According to Flint Hills Resources, Flint Hills has four registered refined products terminal locations in Wisconsin which are based in Junction City, Waupun, Madison [McFarland] and Milwaukee. [Flint Hills Resources, February [2016](#)]
- **Flint Hills Resources LP Has A Terminal In Junction City.** According to the EPA's ECHO Database, Flint Hills Resources LP was located at 2267 Sth 34 North, Junction City, Wisconsin 54443. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]
- **Flint Hills Resources LP Has A Facility In Waupun.** According to the EPA's ECHO Database, Flint Hills Resources LP was located at N4240 HWY 26, Waupun, Wisconsin 53963. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]
- **Flint Hills Resources LP Has A Facility In McFarland.** According to the EPA's ECHO Database, Flint Hills Resources LP was located at 4505 Terminal Dr, McFarland, Wisconsin 53558. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]
- **Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend LLC Has A Terminal In Milwaukee.** According to the EPA's ECHO Database, Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend LLC was located at 9343 N 107th St, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53224. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]

**In 2015, Flint Hills Resources, LC Registered In Wisconsin.** According to the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Flint Hills Resources L.P. registered in Wisconsin as a foreign LLC on November 3rd 2015. [Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Accessed [1/11/16](#)]

**In 2010, Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend, LLC Registered In Wisconsin.** According to the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend, LLC registered in Wisconsin as a foreign LLC on August 18th 2010. [Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Accessed [1/11/16](#)]

- **Flint Hills Has Two Asphalt Terminals In Wisconsin Located In Green Bay And Stevens Point.** According to Flint Hills Resources, “Flint Hills Resources produces paving and roofing asphalt at its Pine Bend refinery. Asphalt, polymer- modified asphalt, asphalt emulsions, polymer-modified emulsions, and cutbacks sold primarily in the Midwest. The company’s asphalt terminals are located in Marshall, Savage and St. Paul, Minnesota; Davenport, Algona and Dubuque, Iowa; Omaha, Nebraska; West Fargo, North Dakota; and Green Bay and Stevens Point, Wisconsin.” [Flint Hills Resources, February [2016](#)]
- **Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend LLC Has A Terminal In Green Bay.** According to the EPA’s ECHO Database, Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend LLC was located at 1496 Bylsby Ave, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54303. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]
- **Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend LLC Has A Terminal In Stevens Point.** According to the EPA’s ECHO Database, Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend LLC was located at 741 Mason Ave, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]

## C. REISS COAL

### The C. Reiss Coal Company Registered In Wisconsin

**In 1888, The C. Reiss Coal Company Registered In Wisconsin.** According to the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, The C. Reiss Coal Company registered in Wisconsin as a Domestic Business on April 23rd 1888. [Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, Accessed [1/11/16](#)]

**C. Reiss Coal Was Based In Sheboygan, Wisconsin.** According to Bloomberg, “C. Reiss Coal Company operates as a shipping company which deals in coal, wood, salt and building materials. The company was formerly known as Clemens Reiss and Company changed its name to C. Reiss Coal Company in April 1888. The company was founded in 1880 and is based in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. C. Reiss Coal Company is a subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc.” [Bloomberg, accessed [2/17/16](#)]

**Koch Minerals Has Five Coal Dock Sites Located In Green Bay, Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Ashland And Superior Wisconsin.** According to Koch Mineral Services – Response to EPA Information Request, “Attached find a copy of Koch's most recent ‘potential’ emission inventory for coal docks located in Wisconsin (Green Bay, Manitowoc, Sheboygan. Ashland and Superior).” [Koch Mineral Services [1/31/14](#)]

- **C Reiss Coal Unloading Has A Facility In Ashland.** According to the EPA’s ECHO Database, C Reiss Coal Unloading was located at 601 1/2 Lake Shore Drive West, Ashland, Wisconsin 54443. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]
- **C Reiss Coal Co Has A Facility In Manitowoc.** According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, C Reiss Coal was located at 509 Jay St, Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220. [WDNR, accessed [3/4/16](#)]
- **C. Reiss Coal Has Operated A Shipping And Receiving Dock In Manitowoc, Wisconsin That Receives Coal, Petroleum Coke, Timber, And Other Commodities By Ship.** According to Koch Mineral Services – Response to EPA Information Request, “C. Reiss Coal Company operates a shipping and receiving dock in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. At the facility, coal, petroleum coke, timber, and other commodities are received by ship. Material is shipped off-site via trucks and rail cars which are filled with a front-end loader. The Standard Industrial Classification code for the site is 5052 (coal and other minerals and ores). The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources



(WDNR) has not assigned a facility identification number to the site. The facility is located at 509 Jay Street, near the mouth of the Manitowoc River. The site has 775 feet of dock frontage and has a rail spur accessing the site. The site covers about 9.6 acres, of which about 6 acres are covered with a concrete pad.” [Koch Mineral Services [1/31/14](#)]

- **C Reiss Coal Co Has A Facility In Sheboygan.** According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, C Reiss Coal/Sheboygan Lakefront Property was located at 1011 S 8th St, Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081. [WDNR, accessed [3/4/16](#)]
- **C. Reiss Coal Has A Facility In Green Bay That Handles Petroleum Coke.** According to Koch Mineral Services – Response to EPA Information Request, “Green Bay (111 W. Mason St., Green Bay, Wisconsin) — Owned and operated by The C. Reiss Coal Company. Koch Minerals presently stages and handles petroleum coke at this facility. Koch Minerals has staged and handled petroleum coke at this site since January 1, 2004. Therefore, for purposes of this request, the date petroleum coke was first staged or handled at this facility is January 1, 2004.” [Koch Mineral Services, [1/31/14](#)]
- **Koch Minerals Leased Its Superior Property Out To A Third Party.** According to Koch Mineral Services – Response to EPA Information Request, “Koch Minerals or its affiliates also own real estate located at 2400 Winter Street, Superior, WI 54880, which it leases to a third party. That third party has informed Koch Minerals that it has not handled petroleum coke at the property at any time since January 1, 2004. Koch Minerals does not have specific information as to whether the facility has permits to handle petroleum coke.” [Koch Mineral Services, [1/31/14](#)]

## The Kochs Have Heavily Polluted Wisconsin

### KOCH INDUSTRIES CONTINUOUSLY VIOLATED EPA REGULATIONS

#### Georgia Pacific

##### *Day St. Green Bay Plant*

**Georgia Pacific’s Consumer Products 500 Day St. Green Bay Plant Was Found In Violation Of The EPA’s Clean Water Act In 2012.** According to the EPA ECHO Database, Georgia Pacific’s Consumer Products 500 Day St, Green Bay, WI plant was found in violation of the EPA’s Clean Water Act in quarter 1 from October through December 2012. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]

**Georgia Pacific’s Consumer Products 500 Day St. Green Bay Plant Was Found In Violation Of The EPA’s Resource Conservation And Recovery Act In 2012.** According to the EPA ECHO Database, Georgia Pacific’s Consumer Products 500 Day St, Green Bay, WI plant was found in violation of the EPA’s Resource Conservation and Recovery Act from October through December 2012. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]

##### *Broadway Ave. Green Bay Plant*

**Georgia Pacific’s Consumer Products 1919 South Broadway Avenue, Green Bay Plant Was Found In Violation Of The EPA’s Clean Water Act In 2012, 2014, And 2015.** According to the EPA ECHO Database, Georgia Pacific’s Consumer Products 1919 South Broadway Avenue, Green Bay, WI plant was found in violation of the EPA’s Clean Water Act in quarter 1 from October through December 2012, quarter 7 from April through June 2014, quarter 8 from July through September 2014, and quarter 13 from October through December 2015. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]

- **Georgia Pacific Had Effluent Copper Pollution Violations Which Measured As High As 227% Above The Limit.** According to the EPA ECHO Database, the Georgia Pacific facility had 2 effluent copper pollution violations measured non-monthly appearing in quarter 7 as being 227% above the limit and in quarter 13 as 43% above the limit. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]



**Georgia Pacific's Consumer Products 1919 South Broadway Avenue, Green Bay Plant Was Found In Violation Of The EPA's Clean Air Act In 2014.** According to the EPA ECHO Database, Georgia Pacific's Consumer Products 1919 South Broadway Avenue, Green Bay, WI plant was found in violation of the EPA's Clean Air Act in quarter 5 from April through June 2014 and quarter 6 from July through September 2014. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]

*American Blvd. De Pere Plant*

**Georgia Pacific's Consumer Products 1919 South Broadway Avenue, Green Bay Plant Was Found In Violation Of The EPA's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act In 2012, 2014, And 2015.** According to the EPA ECHO Database, Georgia Pacific's Consumer Products 1919 South Broadway Avenue, Green Bay, WI plant was found in violation of the EPA's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act in quarter 5 from April through June 2014, quarter 6 from July through September 2014, quarter 7 from October through December 2014, and quarter 8 from January through March 2015. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/3/16](#)]

## **GEORGIA PACIFIC'S GREEN BAY PLANTS EMITTED OVER A MILLION POUNDS OF GREENHOUSE GASSES WHEN LAST MEASURED IN 2014**

### **Georgia Pacific's Green Bay Plants Emitted Over 950,000 Pounds Of Carbon Dioxide In 2014**

**Georgia Pacific's Consumer Products 1919 South Broadway Avenue, Green Bay Plant Emitted Over 900,000 Pounds Of Carbon Dioxide In 2014.** According to the EPA ECHO Database, Georgia Pacific's 500 Day St, Green Bay, WI plant emitted 918,578.00 pounds of carbon dioxide in 2014. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/23/16](#)]

**Georgia Pacific's Consumer Products 500 Day St. Green Bay Plant Emitted Over 45,000 Pounds Of Carbon Dioxide In 2014.** According to the EPA ECHO Database, Georgia Pacific's 500 Day St, Green Bay, WI plant emitted 45,197.20 pounds of carbon dioxide in 2014. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/23/16](#)]

### **Georgia Pacific's Green Bay Plants Emitted Over 10,000 Pounds Of Methane In 2014**

**Georgia Pacific's Consumer Products 500 Day St. Green Bay Plant Emitted Over 8,000 Pounds Of Methane In 2014.** According to the EPA ECHO Database, Georgia Pacific's 500 Day St, Green Bay, WI plant emitted 8,087.25 pounds of methane in 2014. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/23/16](#)]

**Georgia Pacific's Consumer Products 1919 South Broadway Avenue, Green Bay Plant Emitted Nearly 2,000 Pounds Of Methane In 2014.** According to the EPA ECHO Database, Georgia Pacific's 500 Day St, Green Bay, WI plant emitted 1,944.50 pounds of methane in 2014. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [3/23/16](#)]

## **KOCH INDUSTRIES HAS BEEN A "MAJOR POLLUTER" IN WISCONSIN**

**Coauthor Of The "Toxic 100 Air Polluters" Michael Ash: Koch Industries Has Been A "Major Polluter" In Wisconsin.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, "Michael Ash, an Associate Professor of Economics and Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and coauthor of the 'Toxic 100 Air Polluters,' says the numbers indicate that Koch Industries is a 'major polluter' in Wisconsin. Rich Puchalsky, a TRI expert and a consultant for half a dozen environmental groups on TRI, concurs." [Center for Media and Democracy, [5/19/11](#)]

### **Koch Industries Released Millions Of Pounds Of Toxic Discharges And Nearly 100,000 Pounds Of Carcinogens From 2007 - 2009**

**2007-2009: "Koch Industries' Facilities Emitted Over 5.4 Million Pounds Of Toxic Discharges Into Wisconsin's Air And Water" Including Nearly 100,000 Pounds Of "Substances Known Or Suspected To Cause Cancer."** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, "However incomplete, though, the data reveal that over the course of those three years, Koch Industries' facilities emitted over 5.4 million pounds of toxic discharges into Wisconsin's air and water. Of these

discharges, nearly 100,000 pounds were of substances known or suspected to cause cancer.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [5/19/11](#)]

## **2007-2009: GP’S GREEN BAY FACILITY EMITTED 23% OF TOTAL SULFURIC ACID DISCHARGES, POLLUTING 100% MORE THAN THE NEXT LARGEST INDUSTRY.**

### **Sulfuric Acid Pollution Causes “Respiratory Tract Irritation” And “Cancer Of The Larynx”**

**2007-2009: Koch Industries' Facilities In Wisconsin Released A Total Of 1.25 Million Pounds Of Sulfuric Acid, Causing “Respiratory Tract Irritation” And “Cancer Of The Larynx.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “From 2007-2009, TRI data shows that Koch Industries' facilities in Wisconsin released a total of 1.25 million pounds of sulfuric acid, a major contributor to the formation of acid rain that, as an aerosol, causes respiratory tract irritation, especially to children and adults with asthma. Occupational exposure can cause cancer of the larynx.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [5/19/11](#)]

- **2007-2009: Koch Industries' Georgia-Pacific Facility In Green Bay Was Responsible For 23 Percent Of Total Sulfuric Acid Discharges In The State Of Wisconsin, “Releasing 100 Percent More Sulfuric Acid Than The Next Biggest Polluter In The Industry In The State.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Koch Industries' Georgia-Pacific facility on Broadway Avenue in Green Bay was responsible for almost 23 percent of the total discharges throughout the state in 2007-2009. The same Georgia-Pacific facility was the number one releaser of sulfuric acid of the six paper facilities in Wisconsin that reported the release of sulfuric acid to the EPA in 2009, disposing of 410,000 pounds of sulfuric acid on-site in that year. This was over 100 percent more than the total release of sulfuric acid of the next biggest polluter in the industry in the state.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [5/19/11](#)]

## **KOCH INDUSTRIES HAS BEEN A TOP EMITTER OF CARCINOGENIC DIOXINS, NICKEL, BENZENE & IN WISCONSIN**

### **Carcinogenic Dioxins**

**Koch Industries' Green Bay Georgia-Pacific Facility Emitted More Carcinogenic Dioxins Than Any Of The 17 Paper Facilities Emitting Dioxins In Wisconsin In 2007, And In 2009, “It Ranked Second Highest In Dioxin Emissions Out Of 14 Total Facilities In Wisconsin.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “From 2007-2009, Koch Industries' facilities in Wisconsin released a total of over 5 grams of dioxin and dioxin-like compounds (dioxins are usually measured in grams rather than pounds because they have a lower reporting threshold as persistent bioaccumulative compounds, meaning these substances can accumulate in the human body and the environment). [...] And yet, a decade and more after the BTS was developed and implemented, Koch Industries' Georgia-Pacific facility on Broadway Avenue in Green Bay emitted more dioxins on-site than any of the 17 paper facilities emitting dioxins in Wisconsin in 2007. In 2009, it ranked second highest in dioxin emissions out of 14 total facilities in Wisconsin.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [5/19/11](#)]

*Dioxins Are A Toxic, Carcinogenic Compound That Have A Powerful Impact Even In Small Amounts*

**Dioxins Have Been Found To Be “Toxic To Humans And Animals In Multiple Ways And Are A Known Human Carcinogen” That Can Have A Powerful Impact Even In Small Amounts.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Dioxins and dioxin-like compounds are toxic to humans and animals in multiple ways and are a known human carcinogen. Even a small amount of dioxin can have a powerful impact. [...] In 1997, the United States and Canada jointly developed the Great Lakes Binational Toxics Strategy (BTS) committing to quantified reductions in the amount of contaminants released into the environment. Dioxins are what is known as a ‘Level I’ persistent toxic substance targeted to be ‘substantially reduced’ because of its hazards to humans and our ecosystem.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [5/19/11](#)]

### **Carcinogenic Nickel**

**In 2007, Koch Industries' Green Bay Georgia-Pacific Facility Emitted More Carcinogenic Nickel Than Any Other Of The 32 Industrial Facilities Reporting In The State.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “From 2007-2009, TRI data show that Koch Industries in Wisconsin released 9,780 pounds of nickel compounds. Nickel is a heavy metal, and nickel compounds are a known human carcinogen and cause other adverse effects on respiratory function. [...] “These elements are... released in large quantities into the environment and may be contributing to the reproductive failures being experienced by contemporary populations.” In 2007, Koch Industries' Georgia-Pacific facility on Broadway Avenue in Green Bay emitted more nickel than any other of the 32 industrial facilities reporting nickel discharges to the air and/or water.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [5/19/11](#)]

- **Of A Total Statewide Discharge Of 6,645 Pounds, The Georgia-Pacific Facility Emitted 3,410 Pounds Which Was 51 Percent Greater Than All The Other Discharges Of Other Facilities Combined.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Of a total statewide discharge of 6,645 pounds, the Georgia-Pacific facility emitted 3,410 pounds, or 51 percent, greater than all the other discharges of other facilities combined. In 2009, the same Georgia-Pacific facility was the only paper facility in Wisconsin to report the release of any nickel or nickel compounds to the EPA, at a total of 3,260 pounds of nickel compounds. Of that amount, almost all of it (3,160 pounds) was emitted directly to the air or water, again leading all 38 of the reporting industrial facilities in the state” [Center for Media and Democracy, [5/19/11](#)]

*Nickel Has Been Linked To Myriad Short And Long-Term Health Risks And Poses A Cancer Risk*

**Nickel Inhalation Has Been Linked To Damage To The Lungs And Kidneys, Increased Risks Of Lung And Nasal Cancers, And Ingestion Has Caused Gastrointestinal Distress And Neurological Effects.** According to the EPA Overview of Airborne Metals Regulations, Exposure Limits, Health Effects, and Contemporary Research, “Short-term Health Effects: One case of short-term exposure to a high level of nickel via inhalation showed damage to the lungs and kidneys. Effects of ingestion through drinking water can include gastrointestinal distress (e.g., nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea) and neurological effects. Nickel carbonyl exposure can cause pulmonary fibrosis and renal edema. Current research is showing that Nickel at ambient levels is capable of causing acute changes in heart rate and other health effects, partially due to its ability to create reactive oxygen species (ROS) (Zelikoff 2002). Long-term Health Effects: Long-term exposure via skin contact can result in nickel dermatitis, consisting of itching of the fingers, hands, and forearms. Inhalation exposure can have respiratory effects and has been linked to an increased risk of lung and nasal cancers. Cancer Risk: Nickel inhalation in animals has been linked to lung tumors; human studies have reported an increase risk of lung and nasal cancers among nickel refinery workers exposed to nickel refinery dust. Nickel refinery dust and nickel subsulfide are classified by the EPA as Group A human carcinogens, and nickel carbonyl is classified as a Group B2 probable human carcinogen.” [EPA, [12/3/10](#)]

## **Carcinogenic Benzene**

**2007-2009: Koch Industries' Facilities In Wisconsin Released A Total Of 5,546 Pounds Of Carcinogenic Benzene.**

According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “From 2007-2009, TRI data show that Koch Industries' facilities in Wisconsin released a total of 5,546 pounds of benzene, which is a known human carcinogen and causes other serious adverse human health effects. In 2009, discharges of benzene from Koch Industries' Flint Hills Resources facilities in Milwaukee, McFarland, and Junction City were ranked 6th, 7th, and 9th, respectively, out of 20 industrial facilities in Wisconsin that reported benzene releases to the EPA.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [5/19/11](#)]

*Benzene Can Lead To Aplastic Anemia, Excessive Bleeding, Damage To The Immune System And Is Linked To Leukemia*

**Benzene Exposure Can Lead To Aplastic Anemia, Excessive Bleeding, Damage To The Immune System And Is Linked To Leukemia.** According to the EPA Air Toxics Web Site, “Neurological symptoms of inhalation exposure to benzene include drowsiness, dizziness, headaches, and unconsciousness in humans. Ingestion of large amounts of benzene may result in vomiting, dizziness, and convulsions in humans. Exposure to liquid and vapor may irritate the skin, eyes, and upper respiratory tract in humans. Redness and blisters may result from dermal exposure to benzene. Animal studies show neurologic, immunologic, and hematologic effects from inhalation and oral exposure to benzene. Tests involving acute exposure of rats, mice, rabbits, and guinea pigs have demonstrated benzene to have low acute toxicity from inhalation, moderate acute toxicity from ingestion, and low or moderate acute toxicity from dermal exposure. [...] Chronic inhalation of certain levels of benzene causes disorders in the blood in humans. Benzene specifically affects bone marrow (the tissues that



produce blood cells). Aplastic anemia (a risk factor for acute nonlymphocytic leukemia), excessive bleeding, and damage to the immune system (by changes in blood levels of antibodies and loss of white blood cells) may develop. [...] Increased incidence of leukemia (cancer of the tissues that form white blood cells) has been observed in humans occupationally exposed to benzene. EPA has classified benzene as a Group A, known human carcinogen.” [EPA, [January 2012](#)]

## **GEORGIA PACIFIC’S PCB POLLUTION IN GREEN BAY’S FOX RIVER**

### **Georgia Pacific Admitted Liability And Settled A U.S. Department Of Justice PCB Pollution Lawsuit For \$7 Million**

**2010: The U.S. Department Of Justice Along With The State Of Wisconsin Filed A Lawsuit Against Georgia-Pacific And 9 Other Companies For PCB Pollution In Wisconsin’s Fox River.** According to the United States Department of Justice, “The Department of Justice’s Environment and Natural Resources Division announced the filing of a major lawsuit today against 10 companies and two municipalities to require continued environmental cleanup work at Wisconsin’s Lower Fox River and Green Bay Site. The lawsuit also seeks payment of associated government costs and natural resource damages. The total cleanup costs and damages for the Green Bay Site are expected to exceed \$1 billion. The Superfund lawsuit, brought jointly by the United States and the State of Wisconsin, targets risks to humans and wildlife posed by polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in bottom sediment, banks, and shoreline areas of the Fox River and Green Bay. In addition to the complaint, the United States and the state of Wisconsin filed a proposed settlement with one of the newly-named defendants, Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP. In the proposed settlement, Georgia-Pacific would agree that it is liable, along with other defendants, for performance of all required cleanup work downstream from a line across the Fox River slightly upstream of its paper mill in the city of Green Bay. The company also would pay \$7 million to reimburse a portion of the government’s unpaid past and future costs. The proposed settlement is subject to a 30-day public comment period.” [United States Department of Justice, [10/14/10](#)]

- **Georgia Pacific Immediately Settled The Lawsuit For \$7 Million, Agreeing That It And Other Paper Companies Were Liable For Cleanup After Contaminating The Fox River.** According to the Milwaukee Business Journal, “The state of Wisconsin and the federal government are filing a major Superfund lawsuit against paper companies in the Fox Valley and Green Bay to force continued cleanup of contaminants in the Lower Fox River and Green Bay as well as other damages. The Wisconsin Department of Justice said total cleanup costs and damages are expected to exceed \$1 billion, according to a press release. The agency said one of the newly named defendants, Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP, has already agreed to a settlement, agreeing that it is liable, along with other defendants, for cleanup work downstream from a line across the Fox River slightly upstream of its paper mill in the city of Green Bay. Under the proposed settlement filed with the court, the company also would pay \$7 million to reimburse a portion of the government’s unpaid past and future costs. The proposed settlement is subject to a 30-day public comment period.” [Milwaukee Business Journal, [10/15/10](#)]

**Total Cleanup Costs And Damages Were Expected To Exceed \$1 Billion.** According to the United States Department of Justice, “The total cleanup costs and damages for the Green Bay Site are expected to exceed \$1 billion.” [United States Department of Justice, [10/14/10](#)]

### **PCB Levels In The Fox River Were Up To 6 Million Times Higher Than The EPA Standard**

**The EPA Standard For PCBs In Drinking Water Is 0.5 Parts Of PCBs Per Billion Parts Of Water.** According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, “The EPA standard for PCBs in drinking water is 0.5 parts of PCBs per billion parts (ppb) of water. For the protection of human health from the possible effects of drinking the water or eating the fish or shellfish from lakes and streams that are contaminated with PCBs, the EPA regulates that the level of PCBs in these waters be no greater than 0.17 parts of PCBs per trillion parts (ppt) of water. [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, [November 2000](#)]

- **PCB Levels In The Fox River Reached As High As 3,000 Parts Of PCB Per Million Parts Of Water.** According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, “Dredging and capping of highly contaminated sediment in the area of the Lower Fox River just below the DePere Dam was completed in 2008. The area, or ‘hotspot,’ near the dam had PCBs as high as 3,000 parts per million. Although this area contained the highest levels of

PCBs in the river, it represented only about two percent of all of the contaminated sediment that needs to be cleaned up, but nearly 10 percent of the total PCB ‘mass.’” [EPA, [8/3/11](#)]

### **PCBs Have Been Linked To A Number Of Health Problems In Animal Studies And Are A Probable Human Carcinogen Linked To “Rare Liver Cancers And Malignant Melanoma.”**

**The Environmental Protection Agency Has Classified PCBs As A Probable Human Carcinogen Linked To “Rare Liver Cancers And Malignant Melanoma.”** According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, “In addition to the animal studies, a number of epidemiological studies of workers exposed to PCBs have been performed. Results of human studies raise concerns for the potential carcinogenicity of PCBs. Studies of PCB workers found increases in rare liver cancers and malignant melanoma. The presence of cancer in the same target organ (liver) following exposures to PCBs both in animals and in humans and the finding of liver cancers and malignant melanomas across multiple human studies adds weight to the conclusion that PCBs are probable human carcinogens.” [EPA, [6/13/13](#)]

**PCB Contamination Has Caused “Deformities In Some Birds And Reproductive Problems In Fish And Birds, Including Bald Eagles.”** According to the United States Department of Justice, “PCBs do not break down quickly in the natural environment, and PCBs tend to accumulate in fatty tissues in fish, birds, and other animals. The PCB contamination in the Fox River and Green Bay has caused deformities in some birds and reproductive problems in fish and birds, including bald eagles. There also is clear evidence that PCBs cause cancer in animals.” [United States Department of Justice, [5/13/15](#)]

**PCBs Have Been Demonstrated “To Cause Cancer And A Number Of Serious Non-Cancer Health Effects In Animals, Including Effects On The Immune System, Reproductive System, Nervous System, And Endocrine System.”** According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, “In summary, PCBs have been demonstrated to cause a variety of serious health effects. PCBs have been shown to cause cancer and a number of serious non-cancer health effects in animals, including effects on the immune system, reproductive system, nervous system, and endocrine system.” [EPA, [6/13/13](#)]

- **“Studies In Humans Provide Supportive Evidence For The Potential Carcinogenicity And Non-Carcinogenic Effects Of PCBs.”** According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, “Studies in humans provide supportive evidence for the potential carcinogenicity and non-carcinogenic effects of PCBs. The different health effects of PCBs may be interrelated, as alterations in one system may have significant implications for the other regulatory systems of the body.” [EPA, [6/13/13](#)]

**PCBs May “Cause Irritation Of The Nose And Lungs, Gastrointestinal Discomfort, Changes In The Blood And Liver, And Depression And Fatigue.”** According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, “Some studies in workers suggest that exposure to PCBs may also cause irritation of the nose and lungs, gastrointestinal discomfort, changes in the blood and liver, and depression and fatigue.”

**High Levels Of PCB May Lead To Skin Conditions “Such As Acne And Rashes.”** According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, “Many studies have looked at how PCBs can affect human health. Some of these studies investigated people exposed in the workplace, and others have examined members of the general population. Skin conditions, such as acne and rashes, may occur in people exposed to high levels of PCBs.” [Department of Health and Human Services,

## **KOCH INDUSTRIES’ WISCONSIN OPERATIONS HAVE HAD MULTIPLE PETROLEUM & CHEMICAL SPILLS LEADING TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION**

### **Koch Pipeline**

**Koch Pipeline Had Multiple Petroleum Spills With Their Diesel Fuel And Gasoline Pipelines And Terminals At Their Christie, Eau Claire, And Waverly Stations Leading To Soil Contamination, Groundwater Contamination, Surface Water Contamination, And A Fire/Explosion Threat.** According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Koch Pipeline has had multiple petroleum spills and structural impediments with their diesel fuel, gasoline, and

propane pipelines and terminals at their Christie, Eau Claire, and Waverly stations. This has caused soil contamination, groundwater contamination, surface water contamination, air contamination, and a fire/explosion threat. [DNR.WI.gov, accessed 3/28/16]

### **Flint Hills Resources**

**Flint Hills Resources Had Multiple Spills Of Petroleum, Sewage, Industrial Chemicals, Mineral Oil And Structural Impediments With Their Diesel Fuel, Gasoline, And Asphalt Pipelines And Terminals Throughout Wisconsin, Leading To Soil Contamination, Surface Water, Air, And Storm Sewer Contamination, As Well As Contamination In Fractured Bedrock, Right Of Way, And Private Wells.** According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Flint Hills Resources has had multiple spills of petroleum, sewage, industrial chemicals, mineral oil and have had structural impediments with their diesel fuel, gasoline, and asphalt pipelines and terminals at their Green Bay, Stevens Point, Junction City, Milwaukee, and Waupun locations. This caused soil contamination, surface water contamination, air contamination, contamination in fractured bedrock, contamination in right of way, contaminated private well, and storm sewer contamination. [DNR.WI.gov, accessed 3/28/16]

### **C Reiss Coal**

**C Reiss Coal Had Multiple Spills Of Petroleum, Volatile Organic Compounds, Engine Waste Oil, Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons, And Metals At Their Sheboygan Facility Leading To Soil Contamination And Groundwater Contamination.** According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, C Reiss Coal has had multiple spills of petroleum, volatile organic compounds, engine waste oil, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, and metals at their Sheboygan facility. This caused soil contamination and groundwater contamination. [DNR.WI.gov, accessed 3/28/16]

## **COAL PILES ON THE FOX RIVER**

### **C Reiss Coal Pile Stores On The Fox River Have Been A Noted Nuisance In Green Bay**

**CBS 5 News: The Reiss Coal Piles In Green Bay Are An Eyesore In Green Bay Whose Dust Affects Those Who Live In The Neighborhood.** According to CBS 5 News, “If you've been along the Fox River in Green Bay, you've probably seen those coal piles. And dust from those piles affect those who live in the neighborhood. Now that could all change. Federal funding will help the city develop the area and relocate the storage for C-Reiss Coal Company. City officials call it the important first step in a ten- year...20-million dollar project. Local residents say it offers hope for a nice change of scenery.” [CBS 5 News, 10/10/06]

- **Green Bay Press Gazette: “Coal That Arrives By Ship Is Stored In Outdoor Piles, Prompting Periodic Complaints About ‘Fugitive Dust’ That Blows Across The River.”** According to the Green Bay Press Gazette, “Coal that arrives by ship is stored in outdoor piles, prompting periodic complaints about ‘fugitive dust’ that blows across the river. Local elected officials long have hoped to move the piles so the land could be developed, but the cost would be prohibitive.” [Green Bay Press Gazette, [5/29/15](#)]
- **Patrick Marciniak, Who Lives Across The River From The Coal Piles: “The Outside Of The House You Can’t Keep Clean. The Inside Of The House, The Dust Builds Up Like You Wouldn’t Believe.”** According to WLUK Fox 11, “Patrick Marciniak lives across the river from downtown Green Bay’s coal piles. He moved in ten years ago, thinking the piles were going to be moved. He now pressure washes his home twice a year to remove built up coal dust. ‘They’re a nuisance,’ Marciniak said of the piles. ‘The outside of the house you can’t keep clean. The inside of the house, the dust builds up like you wouldn’t believe.’” [WLUK Fox 11, [3/20/15](#)]

### **Green Bay Government Officials Have Encouraged Reiss Coal To Move The Piles But They Refused Because They Were Unwilling To Pay The Cost Of Relocation**

**Green Bay, WI, Mayor Jim Schmitt On The Piles Of Coal Owned By Reiss: “We Thought Maybe They'd Get Out Of This Business, But They're Committed.”** According to the Green Bay Press Gazette, “On the possibility of removing the C. Reiss Coal Co.-Koch Industries coal piles on the west shore of the Fox River: [Green Bay, WI, Mayor Jim] Schmitt: ‘We



thought maybe they'd get out of this business, but they're committed to (it) ... I would love to move those coal piles (but) to move that inland is just cost prohibitive for C. Reiss. I would like nothing more for them to self-relocate (but at a cost of) of at least \$20 million, it's not going to happen in the next four years.” [Green Bay Press-Gazette, [3/27/15](#)]

- **Schmitt: “I Would Love To Move Those Coal Piles” But It Would Cost “At Least \$20 Million.”** According to the Green Bay Press Gazette, “On the possibility of removing the C. Reiss Coal Co.-Koch Industries coal piles on the west shore of the Fox River: [Green Bay, WI, Mayor Jim] Schmitt: ‘We thought maybe they'd get out of this business, but they're committed to (it) ... I would love to move those coal piles (but) to move that inland is just cost prohibitive for C. Reiss. I would like nothing more for them to self-relocate (but at a cost of) of at least \$20 million, it's not going to happen in the next four years.’” [Green Bay Press-Gazette, [3/27/15](#)]

**Green Bay Mayoral Candidate Tom De Wane On The Piles Of Coal Owned By Reiss: “They've Already Told Us They Will Not Move Those Coal Piles.”** According to the Green Bay Press Gazette, “On the possibility of removing the C. Reiss Coal Co.-Koch Industries coal piles on the west shore of the Fox River: [Green Bay mayoral candidate Tom] De Wayne: ‘They've already told us they will not move those coal piles. But I think it's important that we do move them — to develop that area. Green Bay does not have the money for that. I don't how we'd do that in four years (or maybe) even eight. If there was something, they would have been gone already.’” [Green Bay Press-Gazette, [3/27/15](#)]

### **There Was A Push In 2015 To Study The Health Effects Of The Coal Piles**

**There Was A Push To Study The Health Effects Of Coal Piles Owned By Reiss Coal In Downtown Green Bay, Wisconsin In The Spring Of 2015.** According to WLUK Fox 11, “A new push is underway to examine the potential health effects of a long-time part of the downtown Green Bay landscape, the city’s coal piles. The push to reignite the conversation is being prompted by Erik Hoyer, a Brown County supervisor. [...] A 2004 study showed it would cost \$29 million to move the coal piles. That study did not address potential health impacts. The coal piles belong to C Reiss Coal of Koch Industries. A company spokesperson told us it is not considering a move. Within the past few years, the company spent \$300,000 to upgrade its dust suppression equipment.” [WLUK Fox 11, [3/20/15](#)]

*But The Study Stalled Because Of Its \$29,000 Cost*

**Once Lawmakers Saw How Much It Could Cost Brown County, It Became Unlikely That They Would Fund An Air-Quality Study Of A Neighborhood Affected By Dust From Coal Piles Along The Fox River.** According to the Green Bay Press Gazette, “Now that they’ve seen how much it could cost, Brown County lawmakers are unlikely to fund an air-quality study of a neighborhood affected by dust from coal piles along the Fox River in Green Bay. Supervisor Erik Hoyer, whose district includes part of the river's east shore, said he probably won't pursue a study of the impact of dust from Koch Industries' C. Reiss Coal Co. facility at West Mason Street and Broadway on the city's west side. Brown County health officials Wednesday said a study would cost more than \$29,000. They said the expense likely would double if the county wanted to compile data that would withstand a potential lawsuit, because a \$30,000 piece of equipment would have to be purchased.” [Green Bay Press Gazette, [5/29/15](#)]

- **Brown County Supervisor Erik Hoyer Said He Probably Wouldn’t Pursue A County Health Study But The County Still Should Consider Hiring A Consultant To Do It.** According to the Green Bay Press Gazette, “‘Unless something were to come up that would connect health impacts directly to the coal facility ... I would probably not want to pursue this,’ Hoyer said after the county's Human Services Committee met with health officials and a C. Reiss representative. He said the county still should consider hiring a consultant to do a study. It is unclear what that would cost.” [Green Bay Press Gazette, [5/29/15](#)]

### **The Coal Piles Have Fallen Under The Radar After Brown County Supervisor Erik Hoyer Toured The Reiss Coal Facility At Their Invitation And Determined That They Have Done “Their Due Diligence”**

**Brown County Supervisor Erik Hoyer Toured The Facility At The Invitation Of C. Reiss Officials, And Determined That “Reiss Is Doing Their Due Diligence.”** According to the Green Bay Press Gazette, “Hoyer said he recently toured the facility at the invitation of C. Reiss officials, and determined that less dust seems to be escaping the site. The company in recent years has made a six-figure investment designed to keep dust from escaping, including the installation of a spraying

system. 'I think C. Reiss is doing their due diligence,' Hoyer said. "The evidence I have is that from a health perspective, (the dust) is not having an impact.'" [Green Bay Press Gazette, [5/29/15](#)]

**Reiss Coal Regional Manager Jeffrey T. Schoepke Said "The Company Complies With State Regulations Governing Levels Of Dust That Escape From The Site."** According to the Green Bay Press Gazette, "Jeffrey T. Schoepke, a regional manager for C. Reiss, said the company is willing to listen to proposals about moving the piles. He also said the company complies with state regulations governing levels of dust that escape from the site. 'The fugitive-dust plan we're required to submit is pretty robust,' he said. But as far as moving the piles, 'We haven't been able to figure out how to do' that.'" [Green Bay Press Gazette, [5/29/15](#)]

## **Koch Operations In Wisconsin Have Had Multiple Cases Of Safety Violations**

### **OSHA VIOLATIONS**

#### **OSHA Cited And Initially Fined Georgia Pacific \$16,150 For Five Serious Violations For Unsafe Work Conditions And Inspection Failures**

**In 2016, The Occupational Safety & Health Administration(OSHA) Issued The Georgia-Pacific Pacific Neenah Consumer Products Facility A \$2,550 Fine For A Serious Violation Involving Spray Finishing Using Flammable And Combustible Materials.** According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products facility at 1915 Marathon Avenue Neenah, WI was fined \$2,550 by the Occupational Safety & Health Administration on February 3rd, 2016. The "serious" violations cited "1910.107 B03 Spray finishing using flammable and combustible materials." According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration's Regulations listings, "1910.107(b)(3) Floors. The floor surface of a spray booth and operator's working area, if combustible, shall be covered with noncombustible material of such character as to facilitate the safe cleaning and removal of residues." [Occupational Safety & Health Administration, [2/3/16](#)]

- **The Violation Was Ultimately Settled For \$1,530.** According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, the penalty reached an informal settlement for \$1,530 on February 18th, 2016. [Occupational Safety & Health Administration, [2/18/16](#)]

**In 2016, OSHA Issued The Georgia-Pacific Pacific Neenah Consumer Products Facility A \$3,400 Fine For A Serious Violation Involving Respiratory Protection.** According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products facility at 1915 Marathon Avenue Neenah, WI was fined \$3,400 by the Occupational Safety & Health Administration on February 3rd, 2016. The "serious" violations cited "1910.134 D01 I Respiratory Protection." According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration's Regulations listings, "1910.134(d)(1)(i) The employer shall select and provide an appropriate respirator based on the respiratory hazard(s) to which the worker is exposed and workplace and user factors that affect respirator performance and reliability." [Occupational Safety & Health Administration, [2/3/16](#)]

- **The Violation Was Ultimately Settled For \$0.** According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, the penalty reached an informal settlement for \$0 on March 10th, 2016. [Occupational Safety & Health Administration, [3/10/16](#)]

**In 2016, OSHA Issued The Georgia-Pacific Pacific Neenah Consumer Products Facility A \$4,250 Fine For A Serious Violation Involving General Requirements For All Machines.** According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products facility at 1915 Marathon Avenue Neenah, WI was fined \$4,250 by the Occupational Safety & Health Administration on February 3rd, 2016. The "serious" violations cited "1910.212 A01 General requirements for all machines." According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration's Regulations listings, "1910.212(a)(1) Types of guarding. One or more methods of machine guarding shall be provided to protect the operator and other employees in the machine area from hazards such as those created by point of operation, ingoing nip points, rotating parts, flying chips and sparks. Examples of guarding methods are-barrier guards, two-hand tripping devices, electronic safety devices, etc." [Occupational Safety & Health Administration, [2/3/16](#)]

- **The Violation Was Ultimately Settled For \$2,550.** According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, the penalty reached an informal settlement for \$2,550 on March 10th, 2016. [Occupational Safety & Health Administration, [3/10/16](#)]

**In 2016, OSHA Issued The Georgia-Pacific Pacific Neenah Consumer Products Facility A \$2,550 Fine For A Serious Violation Involving Hand And Portable Powered Tools And Equipment.** According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products facility at 1915 Marathon Avenue Neenah, WI was fined \$2,550 by the Occupational Safety & Health Administration on February 3rd, 2016. The “serious” violations cited “19100242 B Hand and portable powered tools and equipment, general.” According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration’s Regulations listings, “1910.242(b) Compressed air used for cleaning. Compressed air shall not be used for cleaning purposes except where reduced to less than 30 p.s.i. and then only with effective chip guarding and personal protective equipment.” [Occupational Safety & Health Administration, [2/3/16](#)]

- **The Violation Was Ultimately Settled For \$1,000.** According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, the penalty reached an informal settlement for \$1,000 on February 18th, 2016. [Occupational Safety & Health Administration, [2/18/16](#)]

**In 2016, OSHA Issued The Georgia-Pacific Pacific Neenah Consumer Products Facility A \$3,400 Fine For A Serious Violation Involving Hazard Communication.** According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products facility at 1915 Marathon Avenue Neenah, WI was fined \$3,400 by the Occupational Safety & Health Administration on February 3rd, 2016. The “serious” violations cited “1910.1200 F05 II Hazard Communication.” According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration’s Regulations listings, “1910.1200(f)(5) Chemical manufacturers, importers, or distributors shall ensure that each container of hazardous chemicals leaving the workplace is labeled, tagged, or marked in accordance with this section in a manner which does not conflict with the requirements of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) and regulations issued under that Act by the Department of Transportation.” [Occupational Safety & Health Administration, [2/3/16](#)]

- **The Violation Was Ultimately Settled For \$1,000.** According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, the penalty reached an informal settlement for \$1,000 on February 18th, 2016. [Occupational Safety & Health Administration, [2/18/16](#)]

### **OSHA Cited C. Reiss Coal For A Violation With Initial Fines Totaling \$1,750 For Unsafe Work Conditions**

**In 2009, OSHA Issued The C Reiss Coal Company Manitowoc Facility A \$1,750 Fine By For A Serious Violation Involving OSH Act General Duty Paragraph.** According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, the C Reiss Coal Company facility at 500 Jay St Manitowoc, WI was fined \$1,750 by the Occupational Safety & Health Administration on January 22nd, 2009. The “serious” violations cited “5A0001 OSH Act General Duty Paragraph.” According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration’s Regulations listings, “Section 5(a)(1) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970: The employer did not furnish employment and a place of employment which were free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees in that employees were exposed to a crushing hazard from being struck by a front end loader that was parked on an incline: a) On July 31, 2008 an employee was operating a Caterpillar 980c Wheel loader, and had parked it on an incline. The wheels were not blocked, nor was the bucket lowered to the ground when the employee left the cab of the Wheel loader. Among other methods, feasible and acceptable means to correct these hazards are to make sure the Wheel loader is operated according to the manufacturer's recommendations. The Wheel loader Operator's maintenance manual states under the heading Machine Parking, ‘If necessary to park on a grade, block the machine. Lower all attachments to the ground and apply down pressure.’” [Occupational Safety & Health Administration, [1/22/09](#)]

## **EXPLOSIVE CHEMICALS**

### **C. Reiss Coal Stored Tons Of Explosive Ammonium Nitrate In A Facility In Sheboygan**

**In 2013, C. Reiss Coal Co.'s Facility Reportedly Stored Tons Of Explosive Ammonium Nitrate In A Facility In Sheboygan While State Officials Thought The Facility Was Inactive.** According to the Associated Press, “Fears of



terrorism have made it harder than ever for citizens to find out what dangerous chemicals lurk in their backyards, The Associated Press has found. Secrecy and shoddy record-keeping have kept the public and emergency workers in the dark about stockpiles of explosive material. A monthlong reporting effort by the AP, drawing upon public records in 28 states, found more than 120 facilities within a potentially devastating blast zone of schoolchildren, the elderly and the sick. But how many others exist nationwide is a mystery, as other states refused to provide data. [...] Wisconsin documents showed that the C. Reiss Coal Co.'s facility had stored tons of ammonium nitrate in a facility in Sheboygan last year. But people would be hard pressed to use that information when deciding where to buy a home or send their kids to school. That's because state officials say the facility is inactive and should not have been on the list." [Associated Press, [5/30/13](#)]

## **Koch Industries' Georgia Pacific Laid Off Hundreds Of Workers In Wisconsin, Offshoring & Outsourcing Most Of Their Jobs, To Benefit Their Bottom Line**

### **GP LAID OFF A QUARTER OF ITS WORKERS AT ITS GREEN BAY PAPER PLANT & OUTSOURCED THE JOBS TO CHINA, TAIWAN, & CANADA**

#### **September 2009: Georgia-Pacific's First Ever Shipments Of Angel Soft Arrived From South Korea, Taiwan In Ports Of Portland, Savannah**

**Georgia Pacific's First Imported Shipments of Angel Soft Arrived From South Korea In The Port Of Portland On September 13, 2009, Weighing Over 36,000 Pounds.** [ImportGenius Database, Search: Consignee: Georgia Pacific, Accessed: 6/23/14]

- **Shipment Was Followed by Two Shipments Weekly of 26,833.4 Pounds of Angel Soft from South Korea to Portland.** [ImportGenius Database, Search: Consignee: Georgia Pacific, Accessed: 6/23/14]

**Georgia Pacific's First Imported Shipments of Angel Soft from Taiwan Arrived in the Port of Savannah On September 13, 2009, Weighing Over 26,000 Pounds.** [ImportGenius Database, Search: Consignee: Georgia Pacific, Accessed: 6/23/14]

- **Shipment Was Followed by Two Shipments Weekly of 26,833.4 Pounds of Angel Soft from Taiwan to Savannah.** [ImportGenius Database, Search: Consignee: Georgia Pacific, Accessed: 6/23/14]

**Shipments Were Imported from Yuen Foong Yu Consumer Products Co, Company Based in Both Taiwan and Mainland China That Owned Paper and Pulp Interests, Other Assets.** [YFY.com, Accessed [6/24/14](#)]

#### **December 2009: Georgia-Pacific Laid Off 158 Employees, A Quarter Of The Workforce, At Plant That Produces Angel Soft**

**In Georgia-Pacific Announced It Intended To Lay Off 158 Workers From Its Green Bay Plant, Almost One-Quarter Of The Plant's Total Employees.** According to the Associated Press, "Georgia-Pacific has told Wisconsin officials it will lay off almost 160 workers from its papermaking plant in Green Bay. That represents as much as a quarter of the employees there, who produce napkins, paper towels and bath tissue. Company spokeswoman Mary Jo Malach (MAL'-lik) says she can't confirm or deny the layoffs until company officials finish meeting with all local employees Friday morning. But in a letter dated Tuesday, the Atlanta-based company tells the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development that 158 workers will be laid off as of February 2. The company's Web site says the plant has about 600 manufacturing employees." [Associated Press, 12/3/09]

- **The Company Said The Machine Lines Being Shut Down Were "Outdated."** According to the Appleton PostCrescent, "Machines being shut down at Georgia-Pacific's Day Street mill are among the most obsolete in the company, a spokeswoman said. 'Day Street employees operated these outdated lines as safely and efficiently as possible,' Mary Jo Malach, public affairs manager for Green Bay operations, said. 'They were able to maintain them better than at any mill in our system. The machines are obsolete.'" [Appleton Post-Crescent, 12/9/09]

- **Some Of The Employees Who Were Laid Off Had As Much As 20 Years With The Company.** According to the Green Bay Post Gazette, “Fifteen of those to be laid off are salaried workers and 143 are hourly union-represented employees. Layoffs of union workers will be by seniority, much of which has yet to be worked out through the union's bumping procedures. Some of those who are laid off will have as much as 20 years with the company, Malach said.” [Green Bay Post Gazette, 12/4/09]
- **Georgia Pacific Plant Produced Angel Soft.** [GP.com, Accessed [2/17/16](#)]

### **Laid Off Workers Received TAA Assistance Due To “A Shift In Production” Of Georgia-Pacific Products To China, Taiwan, And Canada**

**2010: Two Union Locals Filed A Trade Adjustment Assistance Petition On Behalf Of Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products Employees Who Made Tissue, Towels, And Napkin Products In Green Bay, Wisconsin.** According to the Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance, “The investigation was initiated in response to a petition filed on February 22, 2010 by a company official and by the United Steel Workers, Local 2-213 and Local 2-327, on behalf of workers of Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP, 500 Day Street, a subsidiary of Georgia-Pacific LLC, Green Bay, Wisconsin (Georgia-Pacific Consumer Product LP). The workers are engaged in activities related to the production of tissue, towels, and napkin products. The workers are not separately identifiable by product. The worker group also includes on-site leased workers from Encadria Staffing Solutions.” [U.S. Department of Labor, TAA Decision 73539, [7/12/10](#)]

- **In 2010, The Department Of Labor Certified That The Workers Who Were Laid Off Between February 16, 2009 And July 12, 2012 Were Eligible For Trade Adjustment Assistance.** According to the Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance, “All workers of Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP, 500 Day Street, a subsidiary of Georgia-Pacific LLC, including on-site leased workers from Encadria Staffing Solutions, Green Bay, Wisconsin, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after February 16, 2009, through two years from the date of certification, and all workers in the group threatened with total or partial separation from employment on date of certification through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.” [U.S. Department of Labor, TAA Decision 73539, [7/12/10](#)]
- **The Department Of Labor Determined That The Employees Lost Their Jobs Due To “A Shift In Production” Of Georgia-Pacific Products To China, Taiwan And Canada.** According to the Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance, “Criterion I has been met because a significant number or proportion of the workers in the workers’ firm have become totally or partially separated. Criterion II has been satisfied because there has been a shift in a portion of the production of tissue, towels, and napkin products by Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP to China, Taiwan, and Canada. Criterion III has been met because the shift in a portion of the production of tissue, towels, and napkin products by Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP to China, Taiwan, and Canada contributed 7 importantly to worker group separations at Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP.” [U.S. Department of Labor, TAA Decision 73539, [7/12/10](#)]

### **September 2012: Georgia-Pacific Employees At Green Bay Again Filed For TAA Assistance After Layoffs Following Importation Of Tissue And Napkins From Chinese Company, Hinx**

**2012: Between 50 and 80 Employees Separated Through Combination of Voluntary Severances and Involuntary Layoffs.** [U.S. Department of Labor, Petition for Trade Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance, Petition 81988, Filed [9/12/12](#)]

**In September 2012, Green Bay Workers Filed TAA Petition Saying Georgia Pacific “Continues To Outsource Interfold Tissue Production To Chinese Companies, Cellynne And Hinx.”** According to The TAA Petition: “Georgia-Pacific continues to outsource interfold tissue production to Chinese companies, Cellynne and Hinx. Through six months in 2012, outsourced cases totaled 790,262, and represented spend of \$860,260. US tissue imports for the first five months of 2012 increased by 0.8% for Toilet Paper and by 6.2% for Table Napkins over the same prior year. G-P was previously certified in July 2010 by TAA Decision 73539 for similar trade effects. Please see attachment for further information.” [U.S.

Department of Labor, Petition for Trade Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance, Petition 81988, Filed [9/12/12](#)

*GP Consumer Products Imported Tissue From Chinese Company, Hinex*

**GP Consumer Products Began Importing Tissue from Hinex Locations In Hong Kong and China In August 2011, Began Importing Napkins In August 2012.** [ImportGenius Database, Accessed: 6/23/14]

**February 2012: GP Consumer Products Imported 25,000 Pounds of Toilet Paper from Cellynne Paper Facility in Shenzhen, China.** [ImportGenius Database, Accessed: 6/23/14]

**November 2012: Laid Off Workers Received TAA Assistance Because Georgia-Pacific “Acquired From A Foreign Country Articles Like Or Directly Competitive With The Tissue, Towels, And Napkin Products Produced By The Workers”**

**In 2012, Two Union Locals Filed A Trade Adjustment Assistance Petition On Behalf Of Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products Employees Who Made Tissue, Towels, And Napkin Products In Green Bay, Wisconsin.** According to the Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance, “The investigation was initiated in response to a petition filed jointly by the UAW, Local 2-213 and Local 2-327 and the company official on September 24, 2012 on behalf of workers of Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP, a subsidiary of Georgia-Pacific LLC, Green Bay, Wisconsin. The worker group is engaged in activities related to the production of tissue, towels, and napkin products. The worker group includes onsite leased workers from Encadria Staffing Solutions.” [U.S. Department of Labor, TAA Decision 81988, [11/6/12](#)]

- **The Department Of Labor Again Certified That The Workers Who Were Laid Off Between July 13, 2012 And November 6, 2014 Were Eligible For Trade Adjustment Assistance.** According to the Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance, “All workers of Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP, a subsidiary of Georgia-Pacific LLC, including on-site leased workers from Encadria Staffing Solutions, Green Bay, Wisconsin who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after July 13, 2012 through two years from the date of certification, and all workers in the group threatened with total or partial separation from employment on the date of certification through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.” [U.S. Department of Labor, TAA Decision 81988, [11/6/12](#)]
- **The Department Of Labor Investigation Determined That The Employees Lost Their Jobs Because Georgia Pacific “Has Acquired From A Foreign Country Articles Like Or Directly Competitive With The Tissue, Towels, And Napkin Products Produced By The Workers.”** According to the Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance, “Section 222(a)(1) has been met because a significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers’ firm have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated. Section 222(a)(2)(B) has been met because the workers’ firm has acquired from a foreign country articles like or directly competitive with the tissue, towels, and napkin products produced by the workers, which contributed importantly to worker group separations at Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP, a subsidiary of Georgia Pacific LLC, Green Bay, Wisconsin.” [U.S. Department of Labor, TAA Decision 81988, [11/6/12](#)]

**GP LAID OFF AROUND 150 WORKERS IN 2015 WHEN IT CLOSED ITS SPECIALTY WOOD-PRODUCTS FACTORY & OUTSOURCED SHIPPING OPERATIONS FOR ITS PAPER MILL**

**Georgia Pacific Cut About 60 Jobs And \$3.5 Million In Pay & Benefits Closing Its Phillips, Wisconsin Specialty Wood-Products Factory**



### **Georgia Pacific Said It Was Closing Its Phillips, Wisconsin Specialty Wood-Products Factory By October 2015.**

According to the Associated Press, “Georgia-Pacific is closing its specialty wood-products factory in Phillips, eliminating about 60 jobs by late October.” [Associated Press, [8/29/15](#)]

- **Georgia-Pacific Eliminated 60 Jobs With The Closure.** According to the Associated Press, “Georgia-Pacific is closing its specialty wood-products factory in Phillips, eliminating about 60 jobs by late October.” [Associated Press, [8/29/15](#)]
- **GP's “Package Of Pay And Benefits At The Plant Totaled \$3.5 Million.”** According to WAOV.com, “The spokesman did not know an average hourly wage of the workers losing their jobs, but said the company's package of pay and benefits at the plant totaled \$3.5 million last year.” [WAOV.com, [8/28/15](#)]

**Phillips Mayor And Georgia Pacific Plant Employee Charles Peterson Said That The Plant Closing Would Affect Price County “All The Way Through.”** According to WSAW.com, “A Georgia-Pacific spokesperson has confirmed the closing of its plant in Phillips. Spokesman Eric Abercrombie said Friday that the employees of the plant have been notified of the closing. The plant, which employs 53 workers, will be closing its doors in October. Abercrombie stressed that the closing has nothing to do with the employees, but rather with the declining market for the plant's products. [...] Friday, we spoke to the mayor of Phillips, who also happens to be an employee at the plant. ‘We have people that are from the Park Falls area we have the people that work from the Lugerville area, I mean Price County is pretty much going to be affected all the way through,’ said Mayor Charles Peterson.” [WSAW.com, [8/28/15](#)]

### **Georgia Pacific Cut 89 Jobs From Its Green Bay Paper Mill As It Outsourced Shipping Operations**

#### **Georgia Pacific Eliminated 89 Jobs From Its Green Bay Paper Mill As It Outsourced Shipping Operations.**

According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “Georgia-Pacific will cut 89 jobs as it outsources the shipping operations at its Green Bay paper mill, the company said Thursday in a notice to state officials. Being eliminated are 74 lift-truck operator positions and 15 other jobs. Georgia-Pacific said it expects to cut the jobs in mid April. Workers at the mill produce bath tissue, napkins and paper towels. About 2,200 people work for Georgia-Pacific in Green Bay, according to the firm's website.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [2/5/15](#)]

## **KOCH NETWORK IN WISCONSIN**

### **Americans For Prosperity**

#### **AFP-WISCONSIN LAUNCHED IN 2005**

**Americans For Prosperity-Wisconsin Launched Their Wisconsin Operations In 2005.** According to the American's for Prosperity Wisconsin Facebook page, the organization was founded in 2005. [Facebook, accessed [1/18/16](#)]

#### **AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY WAS FOUNDED BY THE KOCH BROTHERS**

**Americans For Prosperity's Founders Were “Billionaire David Koch, And His Brother, Charles Koch.”** According to the Washington Post, “Americans for Prosperity's increasing involvement in races this cycle has caught the attention of the New Yorker, which earlier this week published a lengthy investigative piece on the organization's co-founder, billionaire David Koch, and his brother, Charles Koch.” [Washington Post, [8/26/10](#)]

**Americans For Prosperity Has Been Loud Conservative Voice Taking On Vulnerable Senate Democrats.** According to NPR, “The loudest voice taking on vulnerable Senate Democrats right now is not the Republican party, but Americans for Prosperity, a conservative group founded by the billionaire Koch brothers.” [NPR, [3/6/14](#)]

#### **AFP-WISCONSIN LEADERSHIP & OPERATIVES**

## Wisconsin State Director: Eric Bott

**Eric Bott Has Served As Americans For Prosperity's Wisconsin State Director Since June 2015.** According to LinkedIn, Eric Bott has served as Americans for Prosperity's Wisconsin State Director since June 2015. [LinkedIn, accessed [1/18/16](#)]

*Bott Was Formerly The Director Of Environmental And Energy Policy For Wisconsin Manufacturers And Commerce*

**Eric Bott Was Formerly The Director Of Environmental And Energy Policy For Wisconsin Manufacturers And Commerce.** According to LinkedIn, Eric Bott was the Director of Environmental and Energy Policy for Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce from March 2013 – June 2015. [LinkedIn, accessed [1/18/16](#)]

- **Bott Served As Wisconsin Manufacturers And Commerce's "Key Point Of Contact With The Legislature And Governor Walker's Administration On Environmental Policy."** According to Eric Bott's biography on the AFP-Wisconsin website, "Before joining AFP, Eric Bott worked as Director of Environmental and Energy Policy for Wisconsin's largest general business trade association, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce. There, Bott served as a key point of contact with the Legislature and Governor Walker's administration on environmental policy." [AmericansForProsperity.org/Wisconsin, accessed [6/9/15](#)]

**Bott "Successfully Led Efforts To Advance Regulatory Reforms For Wisconsin Employers And Aggressively Opposed The United States Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan."** According to Eric Bott's biography on the AFP-Wisconsin website, "In recent years, he [Eric Bott] successfully led efforts to advance regulatory reforms for Wisconsin employers and aggressively opposed the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan." [AmericansForProsperity.org/Wisconsin, accessed [6/9/15](#)]

*Wisconsin Manufacturers And Commerce Has Been Linked To The Kochs*

**Wisconsin Manufacturers And Commerce Received A \$200,000 Donation From The Wellspring Committee In 2008** According to its 2008 Form 990 filing with the IRS, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce received a \$200,000 donation from the Wellspring Committee in 2008. [Wellspring Committee IRS form 990 documents, [2008](#)]

- **The Wellspring Committee "Was Founded... With The Help Of Conservative Donors In The Network Led By Billionaire Brothers Charles And David Koch."** According to the Daily Beast, "To fill its own coffers, JCN has increasingly relied on funding—to the tune of nearly \$4 million, according to IRS documents—from another non-disclosing group, the Wellspring Committee, that's run by [Anne]Corkery and was founded seven years ago with the help of conservative donors in the network led by billionaire brothers Charles and David Koch. Corkery's entree to that rarefied network came via JCN supporter Arkley, an early attendee of their famed retreats. And Ann Corkery and her husband, Neil—who is JCN's treasurer—are central figures in a cluster of other nonprofits, according to IRS documents." [Daily Beast, [3/23/15](#)]
- **In 2008, "Koch Operatives Gave" JCN Founder Ann Corkery "The Reins To Their Fledgling Wellspring Committee, A Dark Money Conduit That Began Pumping Funds To Other Dark Money Koch-Backed Groups."** According to the Daily Beast, "[Ann] Corkery had a breakthrough year in 2008. Koch operatives gave her the reins to their fledgling Wellspring Committee, a dark money conduit that began pumping funds to other dark money Koch-backed groups like Americans for Prosperity. At the same time, Corkery served as a finance vice chair for Mitt Romney's 2008 presidential campaign." [Daily Beast, [3/23/15](#)]

*Bott Also Has A History Of Advancing Conservative Politics On The State Level*

**Wisconsin Manufacturers And Commerce "Spent An Estimated \$18.4 Million Since 2006 On Phony Issue Ads To Smear Democratic Candidates And Support Republican Candidates For Governor, Attorney General And The Legislature And Conservative Candidates For The Wisconsin Supreme Court."** According to the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, "The group has spent an estimated \$18.4 million since 2006 on phony issue ads to smear Democratic candidates

and support Republican candidates for governor, attorney general and the legislature and conservative candidates for the Wisconsin Supreme Court. [Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, [3/7/14](#)]

**Bott “Worked As Budget And Policy Director For Speaker Jeff Fitzgerald Where He Ran Point On Advancing The Most Significant Reforms Of The 2011-13 Session Including Collective Bargaining Reform (Act 10) And Voter ID.”**

According to Eric Botts’s biography on the AFP-Wisconsin website, “Previously, Bott worked as Budget and Policy Director for Speaker Jeff Fitzgerald where he ran point on advancing the most significant reforms of the 2011-13 session including Collective Bargaining Reform (Act 10) and Voter ID.” [AmericansForProsperity.org/Wisconsin, accessed [6/9/15](#)]

**Bott Served For More Than Ten Years As A Staffer To The Wisconsin Legislature And Most Recently Worked As Policy Director To Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald Where He Worked On Advancing Iron Mining Reform.**

According to Eric Botts’s biography on the AFP-Wisconsin website, “Prior to his time at Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce, Bott served for more than ten years as a staffer to the Wisconsin Legislature. Most recently, Bott worked as Policy Director to Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald where he was instrumental in developing and advancing iron mining reform.” [AmericansForProsperity.org/Wisconsin, accessed [6/9/15](#)]

*Bott: “I Look Forward To Continuing [AFP’s] Great Work As Together We Work To Repeal Prevailing Wage And Move The State Of Wisconsin Forward”*

**Bott: “Wisconsin Has Certainly Come A Long Way In The Last Few Years, Passing Right-To-Work, Stopping Million Dollar Deficits, And Enacting Common Sense Reforms To Save Taxpayers Millions.”** According to a web post from AFP-Wisconsin, “I am excited to continue the good work Americans for Prosperity has laid out in the Badger State,” [AFP-Wisconsin State Director Eric] Bott said. Wisconsin has certainly come a long way in the last few years, passing Right-To-Work, stopping million dollar deficits, and enacting common sense reforms to save taxpayers millions.”

[AmericansForProsperity.org/Wisconsin/article, [6/8/15](#)]

**Bott: “I Look Forward To Continuing That Great Work As Together We Work To Repeal Prevailing Wage And Move The State Of Wisconsin Forward.”** According to a web post from AFP-Wisconsin, “I am excited to continue the good work Americans for Prosperity has laid out in the Badger State,” [AFP-Wisconsin State Director Eric] Bott said. Wisconsin has certainly come a long way in the last few years, passing Right-To-Work, stopping million dollar deficits, and enacting common sense reforms to save taxpayers millions. I look forward to continuing that great work as together we work to repeal Prevailing Wage and move the state of Wisconsin forward.” [AmericansForProsperity.org/Wisconsin/article, [6/8/15](#)]

**Bott: “In Wisconsin, We’ve Been Freeing Workers With Right-To-Work, Protecting Taxpayers By Fighting For Prevailing Wage Reform, And Expanding Economic Freedom To Every Corner Of The State.”**

According to a statement from AFP-Wisconsin State Director Eric Bott in a web post from AFP-Wisconsin, “While the President is here, I hope he gets the chance to see firsthand the positive impact that free market reforms can have on an economy. In Wisconsin, we’ve been freeing workers with right-to-work, protecting taxpayers by fighting for prevailing wage reform, and expanding economic freedom to every corner of the state. The President has been doing the exact opposite.”

[AmericansForProsperity.org/Wisconsin/article, [7/2/15](#)]

**Bott: “We Hope The President Will Get To See The Successes We’ve Had Here In Wisconsin And Take Those Policies Back With Him To Washington.”** According to a statement from AFP-Wisconsin State Director Eric Bott in a web post from AFP-Wisconsin, “It’s no coincidence that Wisconsin’s employment level is near an all-time high: it’s because free market reforms work. We hope the President will get to see the successes we’ve had here in Wisconsin and take those policies back with him to Washington.” [AmericansForProsperity.org/Wisconsin/article, [7/2/15](#)]

**Former AFP Wisconsin State Director: David Fladeboe**

**David Fladeboe Served As Americans For Prosperity’s Director Of Strategy And Innovation Since February 2015.**

According to LinkedIn, David Fladeboe is currently Americans for Prosperity’s Director of Strategy and Innovation. [LinkedIn, accessed [1/18/16](#)]

**Between August 2013 And May 2015, David Fladeboe Was Americans For Prosperity’s Wisconsin State Director.**

According to LinkedIn, David Fladeboe served as Americans for Prosperity’s Wisconsin State Director from August 2013 – May 2015. [LinkedIn, accessed [1/18/16](#)]

**Between September 2012 And August 2013, David Fladeboe Was Americans For Prosperity’s Deputy State Director.**

According to LinkedIn, David Fladeboe served as Americans for Prosperity’s Deputy State Director from September 2012 – August 2013. [LinkedIn, accessed [1/18/16](#)]

**Between March 2012 And September 2012, David Fladeboe Was Americans For Prosperity’s Policy and Communications Director.** According to LinkedIn, David Fladeboe served as Americans for Prosperity’s Policy and Communications Director from March 2012 – September 2012. [LinkedIn, accessed [1/18/16](#)]

**AFP Wisconsin Communications Director: James Flath**

**James Flath Served As A Registered Lobbyist For Americans For Prosperity.** According to the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, James Flath has been a registered lobbyist for Americans for Prosperity since January 15, 2015. [Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, accessed [1/18/16](#)]

**AFP Wisconsin Field Director And Grassroots Director, Deputy State Director: Annette Olson**

**Annette Olson Served As Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin Deputy State Director.** According to the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, Annette Olson has served as Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin Deputy State Director. [Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, accessed [1/18/16](#)]

**Annette Olson Served As A Registered Lobbyist For Americans For Prosperity.** According to the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, Annette Olson has been a registered lobbyist for Americans for Prosperity since January 15, 2015. [Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, accessed [1/18/16](#)]

**Annette Olson Moved Up To Become The AFP Wisconsin Grassroots Director.** According to Right Wisconsin, “Since then, she has moved up to become Grassroots Director and is overseeing AFP’s field effort in Wisconsin. Annette has been a behind the scenes champion for the conservative movement for years. No one has fought harder or sacrificed as much for what they believe.” [Right Wisconsin, [9/19/14](#)]

**Annette Olson Was Hired Full-Time As A Field Director For AFP In December 2013.** According to Right Wisconsin, “In December 2013, Annette was hired full-time as a Field Director for AFP in December 2013 [sic].” [Right Wisconsin, [9/19/14](#)]

**Americans For Prosperity Named Anette Olson National Activist Of The Year In 2011 “For Her Contributions To The Fight For Economic Freedom.”** According to Right Wisconsin, “In 2011, she was named Americans for Prosperity National Activist of the Year for her contributions to the fight for economic freedom. After the disappointment in 2012, too many activists took time off and stepped back from the fight, not Annette [Olson]. Still an active figure in the Capitol, no one has had more drive or motivation to continue fighting for the cause of freedom.” [Right Wisconsin, [9/19/14](#)]

## **FIELD OPERATIONS**

**AFP-Wisconsin Has 4 Field Offices Located In Sheboygan, Wauwatosa, La Crosse, And Delafield**

**AFP-Wisconsin Announced It Would Be Opening A Fourth Wisconsin Field Office In Delafield, In Addition To Their Offices In Sheboygan, Wauwatosa, And La Crosse.** According to a post on the Americans for Prosperity website, “Americans for Prosperity-Wisconsin announced the grand opening of the organization’s Delafield office will occur on Friday April 29th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Americans for Prosperity-Wisconsin Field Director Amy Buchmeyer had the following to say: ‘Our Delafield office will allow us to significantly increase our grassroots efforts throughout Waukesha County. We have a large number of committed activists in the area, and increasing our presence with this office will boost our activity dramatically. We look forward to having a space where our activists can come and make a positive influence in their



neighborhood.’ [...] Friday marks Americans for Prosperity-Wisconsin’s 4th official field office opening in Wisconsin, with others up and running in Sheboygan, Wauwatosa, and La Crosse. [...] The Delafield office grand opening is open to the public and will be held at 2725 Hillside Dr. Unit C in Delafield. Speakers will begin at 5 p.m.” [Americans for Prosperity, [4/25/16](#)]

- **AFP Said It Would “Announce Several More Office Openings In The Coming Weeks,” With The Intent “To Facilitate A Permanent Presence By AFP In These Communities.”** According to a post on the Americans for Prosperity website, “Friday marks Americans for Prosperity-Wisconsin’s 4th official field office opening in Wisconsin, with others up and running in Sheboygan, Wauwatosa, and La Crosse. AFP will announce several more office openings in the coming weeks. These openings are intended to facilitate a permanent presence by AFP in these communities.” [Americans for Prosperity, [4/25/16](#)]

## **AFP-WI UTILIZED UNSCRUPULOUS TACTICS IN PURSUIT OF THEIR GOALS**

**During 2011 Recall Elections, AFP Mailed Voters Absentee Ballots With The Wrong Date.** According to Politico, “The conservative third-party group Americans for Prosperity said absentee ballot applications sent to Wisconsin voters this weekend with the wrong election date were the result of a ‘printing mistake.’ ‘The date on the ballot application was meant solely for the elections held on Aug. 16. Due to a mistake during printing, all applications were sent out with the Aug. 11 date,’ said AFP-Wisconsin state Director Matt Seaholm. ‘Americans for Prosperity-Wisconsin did not intend to print the incorrect absentee deadline or confuse voters in any way.’ The fliers from the advocacy group informed voters they should return ballots to their city clerk before Aug. 11 — even though the next election day is Aug. 9. The upcoming recall elections of six Republican state senators could flip control of the state Senate, as Republicans currently hold just a 19-14 majority in the chamber.” [Politico, [8/2/11](#)]

**A Recorded Tape Of A Wisconsin Tea Party Organizer Described Plans To Coordinate With Americans for Prosperity’s Wisconsin Branch To Challenge Mailed Voter Registrations.** According to National Journal, “In Wisconsin, a liberal watchdog group has asked state and federal officials to investigate after it unearthed another surreptitiously recorded tape, this one featuring a state tea party activist describing an elaborate plan to mail out thousands of postcards to targeted voters and challenge the registrations of those returned as undeliverable. On the tape, state tea party organizer Tim Dake described plans to work with the state GOP and the Wisconsin branch of Americans for Prosperity, a secretive conservative group underwritten in part by Koch Industries. Americans for Prosperity organizers in Washington and Wisconsin did not return calls and e-mails seeking comment.” [The National Journal, 10/18/10]

**In 2010, “AFP Discussed A ‘Voter Caging’ Scheme With The Wisconsin GOP And Tea Party Activists” Targeting Minority And Student Voters.** According to MSNBC, “AFP is also alleged to have played an active role in helping Republicans suppress the vote. According to a report by One Wisconsin Now, a liberal group, in 2010, AFP discussed a ‘voter caging’ scheme with the Wisconsin GOP and tea party activists, in which a mailer was to be sent to minority and student voters, telling them they had to confirm their voter registration. Any mailers returned as undeliverable were then to be used by tea party volunteers to challenge the eligibility of voters at the polls. AFP’s Wisconsin director said at the time the effort aimed to combat voter fraud. It’s not clear how much of it was put into practice.” [MSNBC.com, [9/29/14](#)]

- **AFP, The Republican Party Of Wisconsin, And Tea Party Organizations Planned To Manipulate Voters And Make Them Ineligible To Vote On Election Day.** According to One Wisconsin Now, “According to the statements made on the recordings, Dake lays out the plans, detailing contact between himself and Reince Preibus, the Republican Party of Wisconsin Chair and Mark Block, state director of Americans for Prosperity-Wisconsin: The Republican Party of Wisconsin will use its ‘Voter Vault’ state-wide voter file to compile a list of minority and student voters in targeted Wisconsin communities. Americans for Prosperity will use this list to send mail to these voters indicating the voter must call and confirm their registration information, and telling them if they do not call the number provided they could be removed from the voter lists. The Tea Party organizations will recruit and place individuals as official poll workers in selected municipalities in order to be able to make the challenges as official poll workers. On Election Day, these organizations will then ‘make use’ of any postcards that are returned as undeliverable to challenge voters at the polls, utilizing law enforcement, as well as attorneys trained and provided by the RPW, to support their challenges.” [One Wisconsin Now, [9/19/10](#)]

## Wisconsin Club For Growth

### WISCONSIN CLUB FOR GROWTH TOOK IN FUNDS FROM KOCH-CONNECTED DARK MONEY CONDUITS & SHUFFLED MILLIONS TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO INFLUENCE POLICY

**Wisconsin Club For Growth Described Themselves As A “Pro-Growth” Group Focused On Government Spending, Health Care, Jobs & The Economy, Education, And Taxes.** According to Wisconsin Club for Growth, “Wisconsin Club for Growth is a state-wide network of thousands of pro-growth Wisconsinites, from all walks of life, who believe that prosperity and opportunity come through economic freedom. [...] Wisconsin Club for Growth is focusing on five issues in the coming year: Government Spending[,] Health Care[,] Jobs & the Economy[,] Education[,] Taxes.” [Wisconsin Club for Growth, accessed [3/8/16](#)]

**Associated Press’s Dana Ferguson: Wisconsin Club For Growth Was Backed By The Koch Brothers.** According to an opinion by the Associated Press’s Dana Ferguson in the Wisconsin Gazette, “The Koch brothers-backed Wisconsin Club for Growth and Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce have spent an estimated \$8.3 million to elect right-wing justices in Wisconsin, giving conservatives and supporters of Gov. Scott Walker’s agenda a majority on the bench.” [Wisconsin Gazette, [4/3/15](#)]

- **In 2011, Wisconsin Club For Growth Received \$225,000 From The Koch-Linked Center To Protect Patient Rights.** According to its 2011 Form 990 filing with the IRS, Center to Protect Patient Rights donated \$225,000 to Wisconsin Club for Growth. [Center to Protect Patient Rights IRS Form 990, 2011]
- **The Wellspring Committee Donated \$400,000 To Wisconsin Club For Growth In 2011.** According to the Shepherd Express, “The Wellspring Committee: National Public Radio and the Center for Responsive Politics recently investigated this dark-money group run by Ann Corkery, which mixes conservative politics and religion. It’s funded right-wing groups such as Americans for Prosperity, the Faith and Freedom Coalition and Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce. In 2011, the group sent \$400,000 to Wisconsin Club for Growth.” [Shepherd Express, [11/13/13](#)]

### In 2011, Wisconsin Club For Growth “Took In Funds From Some Of The Top Republican Donors And Koch-Connected Dark Money Conduits In The Country, And In Turn Shuffled Millions To Other Organizations.”

According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Although the group does not disclose its donors, information that can be gathered from tax filings shows that Wisconsin Club for Growth group took in funds from some of the top Republican donors and Koch-connected dark money conduits in the country, and in turn shuffled millions to other organizations that spent money on ads in 2011 and 2012, all while keeping Wisconsin voters in the dark about the true source of the funds.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [11/18/13](#)]

### CITIZENS FOR A STRONG AMERICA & WISCONSIN RIGHT TO LIFE

**Wisconsin Club For Growth “Effectively Provided The Entire Operating Budget For ‘Citizens For A Strong America’” In 2011.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “In 2011, Wisconsin Club for Growth effectively provided the entire operating budget for ‘Citizens for a Strong America,’ a mysterious group that was also active in Wisconsin’s 2011 and 2012 elections. Club for Growth gave an astounding \$4,620,000 to the group in 2011.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [11/18/13](#)]

**Citizens For A Strong America “Spent Millions” To Influence Wisconsin Elections.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Citizens for a Strong America spent millions on ads influencing Wisconsin elections and also funneled money to other groups, which in turn spent the money on political activity in the state.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [11/18/13](#)]

### Citizens For A Strong America Was One Of The Top Spenders In The 2011 Wisconsin Supreme Court Race.

According to the Brennan Center for Justice, Citizens for a Strong America spent \$836,090 on Wisconsin’s Supreme Court

election through Tuesday, April 5, 2011. Other top groups spent between \$53,200 and \$1,365,340. [Brennan Center for Justice, [4/5/11](#)]

**Citizens For A Strong America Provided Over 90 Percent Of Wisconsin Family Action's 2011 Grants, Most Of Which They Then Spent On Wisconsin Elections.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, "Citizens for a Strong America, which was bankrolled almost entirely by Wisconsin Club for Growth cash, in turn funneled \$916,045 to Wisconsin Family Action in 2011, which was over 90 percent of the \$1,009,616 in grants that the anti-abortion, anti-gay marriage group received that year. The group spent an estimated \$850,000 on the Senate recall campaigns that year, and an additional undisclosed amount on the Prosser-Kloppenburger race." [Center for Media and Democracy, [11/18/13](#)]

- **Wisconsin Family Action Was Subpoenaed In The John Doe Investigation.** According to the Wall Street Journal, "In recent weeks, special prosecutor Francis Schmitz has hit dozens of conservative groups with subpoenas demanding documents related to the 2011 and 2012 campaigns to recall Governor Walker and state legislative leaders. Copies of two subpoenas we've seen demand 'all memoranda, email . . . correspondence, and communications' both internally and between the subpoena target and some 29 conservative groups, including Wisconsin and national nonprofits, political vendors and party committees. The groups include the League of American Voters, Wisconsin Family Action, Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, Americans for Prosperity—Wisconsin, American Crossroads, the Republican Governors Association, Friends of Scott Walker and the Republican Party of Wisconsin." [Wall Street Journal, [11/18/13](#)]

**Citizens For A Strong America Gave Almost \$350,000 To Wisconsin Right To Life Which Was 14 Percent Of The Latter's Revenue.** According to the Capital Times, "Citizens for a Strong America then directed a large portion of that money to socially conservative organizations. Most notably, it gave \$916,000 to Wisconsin Family Action, a group that stridently opposes gay marriage and abortion, and \$347,582 to the anti-abortion Wisconsin Right to Life. Those contributions accounted for more than 90 percent of Family Action's revenue that year and roughly 14 percent of the revenue for Wisconsin Right to Life." [The Capital Times, [1/15/14](#)]

- **Wisconsin Right To Life "Enabled Its Political Action Committee Arm" To Support Walker In The Recall Election.** According to RH Reality Check, "In less than three weeks, a monumental election will be held in Wisconsin, where for the first time the governor could potentially be recalled and replaced before his official term in office is ended. But anti-choice activists in the state are determined that doesn't happen. To defend Republican Governor Scott Walker, anti-choice group Wisconsin Right for Life has enabled its political action committee arm, dedicating web pages, videos and candidate bios on behalf of Walker's candidacy." [RH Reality Check, [5/18/12](#)]
- **Wisconsin Right To Life Email: Scott Walker's Recall Success And Election Of GOP Majorities In State A "Silver Lining" In The 2012 Elections.** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, "Abortion opponents were disappointed by President Barack Obama's reelection and the ability of Democrats to retain control of the U.S. Senate. But Wisconsin Right to Life noted in an email to supporters that the election also put all of Wisconsin's state government in the hands of Republicans. 'The silver lining in the November 6 elections is that Wisconsin has a right-to-life governor, Scott Walker, and strong right-to-life majorities in both houses of the Legislature!' the group's email newsletter said." [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [11/24/12](#)]
- **Wisconsin Right To Life Hoped To Further Wisconsin's Abortion Restrictions.** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, "The state's largest anti-abortion group sees opportunities to place further regulations on abortion, including requiring women seeking the procedure to view an ultrasound of her fetus. Wisconsin Right to Life is also proposing banning abortions that would cause pain to the fetus, barring abortions that are sought based on the sex of the fetus and prohibiting the ability of state employees to use their state health care plans to access abortions." [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [11/24/12](#)]

## WISCONSIN CLUB FOR GROWTH WAS LED BY PROMINENT KOCH OPERATIVE ERIC O'KEEFE

**Eric O'Keefe Headed The Wisconsin Club For Growth.** According to the Wall Street Journal, "Mr. O'Keefe ran many of his issue-oriented campaigns from his adopted home of Wisconsin (he was born in Michigan), where he heads the Wisconsin

Club for Growth, a self-described ‘state-wide network of thousands of pro-growth Wisconsinites.’ After Scott Walker was elected governor in 2011, Mr. O’Keefe was impressed when Mr. Walker pushed through Act 10 legislation to reform the state’s public unions. This was exactly the sort of government-limiting reform that Mr. O’Keefe believed in, and when Republicans in the state Senate came under recall threat, he stepped in. He fired up his fundraising networks, and the Wisconsin Club for Growth ran issue ads extolling Act 10, ads that became the main counter to a union-funded anti-Act 10 advertising juggernaut. The GOP kept the Senate in 2011, and Mr. Walker beat back a recall vote a year later.” [Wall Street Journal, [4/8/16](#)]

**O’Keefe Has Long Been “Friendly With The Koch Brothers.”** According to the Washington Post, “Early in his libertarian days, O’Keefe became friendly with the Koch brothers, with whom he has joined in many battles, mainly through independent groups that the courts have empowered to raise unlimited money, often without having to identify their donors.” [Washington Post, [3/25/12](#)]

### **O’Keefe Announced He Would Fight For A Contested Republican Convention**

**Eric O’Keefe Has Maintained That The Results Of The GOP Primaries Are “Hardly Representative Of The Party’s Will” And Sees A “Contested Convention As A Once-In-A-Lifetime Opportunity For The Delegates Of A Private Political Party To Assert Their Power.”** According to the Wall Street Journal, “Eric O’Keefe is here to say: whoa. The veteran Republican grass-roots activist sees a contested convention as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the delegates of a private political party to assert their power. The results of the GOP primaries are hardly representative of the party’s will, Mr. O’Keefe says, because state parties have been wrecked by domineering state legislatures.” [Wall Street Journal, [4/8/16](#)]

**Eric O’Keefe Announced He Is Gearing Up For A Campaign To Encourage Republican Delegates “To Exercise Their Prerogatives At The Convention And To Ignore Specious Insistence That They Follow Some Imaginary Obligations” Because “They Have An Obligation To Nominate A Better General-Election Candidate Than Mr. Trump.”** According to the Wall Street Journal, “‘There’s nothing that special or even good about the government-run primary process,’ Mr. O’Keefe says. Relishing the opportunity for Republican delegates to stand up for themselves, he is gearing up a campaign to educate and encourage them to exercise their prerogatives at the convention and to ignore specious insistence that they follow some imaginary obligations. [...] Which brings him back to the Republican National Convention in Cleveland. Mr. O’Keefe has been researching the history of conventions and collecting material for meetings with GOP convention delegates to present his case. He will tell them that they have an obligation to nominate a better general-election candidate than Mr. Trump—not merely to spare the country from Mr. Trump’s policies, but to reassert the party’s constitutional right to operate as a wholly private, autonomous political actor.” [Wall Street Journal, [4/8/16](#)]

### **O’Keefe Was Subpoenaed In John Doe Investigation**

**O’Keefe Was Subpoenaed In John Doe Investigation.** According to the Wall Street Journal, “But one target who did confirm receiving a subpoena is Eric O’Keefe, who realizes the personal risk but wants the public to know what is going on. Mr. O’Keefe is director of the Wisconsin Club for Growth, which advocates lower taxes, limited government and other conservative priorities. He has worked in political and policy circles for three decades, including stints as national director of the Libertarian Party in 1980 and a director of the Cato Institute, and he helped to found the Center for Competitive Politics, which focuses on protecting political speech.” [Wall Street Journal, [11/18/13](#)]

## **JOHN DOE CONTROVERSY**

**Wisconsin Club For Growth Was Subpoenaed In The Second John Doe Investigation.** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Sources have said prosecutors are looking at whether groups such as the Wisconsin Club for Growth coordinated illegally with GOP candidates during the 2011 and 2012 recall races. [...] Last month Peterson — the judge overseeing the probe — issued a secret order quashing subpoenas against conservative groups supporting Walker, dealing investigators a setback, sources told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. [...] The quashed subpoenas were sent to Walker’s campaign, business lobbying group Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, the Wisconsin Club for Growth and Citizens for a Strong America, according to the Wall Street Journal.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [2/10/14](#)]



**Wisconsin Club For Growth, Along With Americans For Prosperity, And The Republican Party Of Wisconsin Were Accused Of Illegally Coordinating Fundraising.** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “Prosecutors allege Gov. Scott Walker was at the center of an effort to illegally coordinate fundraising among conservative groups to help his campaign and those of Republican state senators facing recall elections during 2011 and 2012, according to documents unsealed Thursday. [...] Beginning in March 2011, there were ‘open and express discussions’ of the need to coordinate the activities of entities like Americans for Prosperity, Wisconsin Club for Growth, the Republican Party of Wisconsin, the Republican State Leadership Committee and the Republican Governors Association, special prosecutor Francis Schmitz wrote. Conference calls were held between the Walker campaign, the governors association and the business lobbying group Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, he wrote. [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [6/19/14](#)]

- **Center For Media And Democracy: There Was Evidence That Club For Growth Was Coordinating With Walker's Office Ahead Of Union-Busting Legislation.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Wisconsin Club for Growth's top ‘advisor,’ R.J. Johnson, is a close Walker ally and the former Executive Director of the Republican Party of Wisconsin. In Walker's soon-to-be-released book, *Unintimidated*, the governor refers to Johnson as a friend of more than 20 years and his key campaign operative. While the *Wall Street Journal* editorial notes that the John Doe inquiry may be looking into illegal coordination between independent groups and political campaigns, it fails to mention that Johnson is an advisor to both Walker's campaign and Wisconsin Club for Growth. There is evidence that the R.J. Johnson-led Club for Growth was coordinating with Walker's office early in the battle over the governor's controversial Act 10 legislation. Just three days after Governor Walker introduced his ‘budget repair bill’ that ended collective bargaining in the state back in February 2011, Wisconsin Club for Growth began running slick ads accusing state workers of not having to sacrifice, and urging support for the legislation to make state workers ‘pay their fair share.’ One week later, Club for Growth and Americans for Prosperity organized a pro-Walker rally featuring Sarah Palin, Herman Cain, Andrew Breitbart and others.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [11/18/13](#)]

### **Walker Consultant R. J. Johnson Allegedly Said He Owned Club For Growth**

**R. J. Johnson “Is Alleged In An Affidavit To Have Said” That “We Own” Club For Growth While Working As A Consultant For Scott Walker.** According to the New York Times, “One legal filing by the prosecutors describes an email Mr. Walker sent to Karl Rove, the Republican strategist, extolling the importance of R. J. Johnson, a campaign consultant, in leading the coordination efforts. Mr. Walker wrote: ‘Bottom-line: R. J. helps keep in place a team that is wildly successful in Wisconsin. We are running 9 recall elections and it will be like running 9 Congressional markets in every market in the state.’ [...] In a motion filed last December and unsealed on Thursday, prosecutors said the Wisconsin Club for Growth was, for all intents and purposes, controlled by Mr. Johnson, who is alleged in an affidavit to have said, ‘We own C.F.G.’ At the time, Mr. Johnson and his business partner were consultants to Mr. Walker’s campaign. Mr. Walker and several of his aides, including a professional fund-raiser and his deputy chief of staff, raised money for both the campaign and the Club for Growth chapter, prosecutors say, money that was then spent at the direction of Mr. Johnson to help Mr. Walker and several Republican state senators facing recall elections.” [New York Times, [6/20/14](#)]

## **LIBRE**

### **THE KOCH’S & THEIR ASTROTURF LIBRE INITIATIVE HAVE BEGUN TO INFILTRATE THE WISCONSIN POLITICAL LANDSCAPE**

#### **The Kochs Have Launched A Multimillion-Dollar Effort To Persuade Latinos To Vote Republican And “Milwaukee Is High On Their List Of Targeted Cities”**

**Charles And David Koch Have Launched A Multimillion-Dollar Effort To Persuade Latinos To Vote Republican And “Milwaukee Is High On Their List Of Targeted Cities.”** According to the Wisconsin Gazette, “Charles and David Koch have launched a multimillion-dollar marketing effort aimed at persuading Latinos to vote Republican in 2016, and Milwaukee is high on their list of targeted cities.” [Wisconsin Gazette, [12/10/15](#)]

### **The \$14 Million LIBRE Initiative Already Had Staff In Ten States And Planned To “Expand Further In 2016.”**

According to CNN, “In anticipation of the upcoming election cycle, Libre is undertaking one of the most ambitious and expensive Latino outreach programs by any conservative organization yet. It will have a \$14 million operating budget in 2015, according to a source with knowledge of the group's finances [*sic*] who requested anonymity to speak freely. Libre now has field staff in ten states, with plans to expand further in 2016. Most of Libre's funding comes from a network of conservative donors organized by billionaire businessmen Charles and David Koch.” [CNN, [6/21/15](#)]

- **LIBRE Plans To Expand To Wisconsin And North Carolina In 2015 And Increase Its Staff By About 30 Percent Ahead Of 2016.** According to Politico, “LIBRE, which already has a presence in eight states, plans to expand to Wisconsin and North Carolina this year and increase its staff by about 30 percent ahead of 2016, the group's president Daniel Garza told POLITICO after the Rancho Mirage conference.” [Politico, [1/28/15](#)]

**Journal Sentinel: The LIBRE Initiative Announced That It Is “Hiring A State Field Director To Be Based In The Milwaukee Area,” Who Will Be The Second Full-Time Paid Staffer In The State After National Spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy.** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “The Libre [*sic*] Initiative is now hiring a state field director to be based in the Milwaukee area. It will be the first full-time paid staffer the group has had in the state, with the exception of its national spokeswoman — Rachel Campos-Duffy, the wife of U.S. Rep. Sean Duffy (R-Wis.).” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [11/29/15](#)]

- **WUWM: The LIBRE Initiative “Plans To Open A Field Office” In Milwaukee.** According to WUWM, “Milwaukee's Latino voters may find themselves being courted next year. A national conservative-leaning group, The Libre Initiative, plans to open a field office in town.” [WUWM, [12/7/15](#)]

**WUWM: LIBRE “Spokeswoman Rachel Campos-Duffy Says [They Planned] An Aggressive Voter Education Campaign In Milwaukee Because Of The City's Large Latino Population.”** According to WUWM, “Spokeswoman Rachel Campos-Duffy says it plans an aggressive voter education campaign in Milwaukee because of the city's large Latino population.” [WUWM, [12/7/15](#)]

- **Campos-Duffy: LIBRE Planned To Court Small Businesses By Emphasizing “Limited Government, Less Regulation On Small Businesses, More Opportunity And Issues Like School Choice.”** According to WUWM, ““This is a very entrepreneurial culture that very much wants to be in control of their destiny and we think that limited government, less regulation on small businesses, more opportunity and issues like school choice. These are issues that affect their ability to create their own American dream,” Campos-Duffy says.” [WUWM, [12/7/15](#)]

## **LIBRE'S NATIONAL SPOKESWOMAN RACHEL CAMPOS-DUFFY IS BASED IN WISCONSIN**

### **Rachel Campos-Duffy**

**As Of April, 2016 Rachel Campos-Duffy Was The National Spokesperson For The LIBRE Initiative.** According to the LIBRE Initiative, “Rachel is an author and television personality specializing in political punditry, culture and parenting. She is the national spokesperson for The LIBRE Initiative, a non-profit that educates and advocates for the economic empowerment of Hispanics.” [LIBRE Initiative, accessed [4/26/16](#)]

- **Campos-Duffy Has Lived In Wisconsin With Her Husband, Rep. Sean Duffy.** According to the LIBRE Initiative, “She lives in Wisconsin with her husband, Congressman Sean Duffy and her seven awesome kids.” [LIBRE Initiative, [1/26/16](#)]

**Campos-Duffy Got Her Television Start On MTV's Reality Television Show, The Real World, San Francisco.** According to the LIBRE Initiative, “Rachel's television credits are large and diverse. She got her television start on MTV's iconic reality television show, The Real World, San Francisco.” [LIBRE Initiative, [1/26/16](#)]

**Campos-Duffy Has Been “A Recurring Guest Host On FOX News’ ‘Outnumbered’ And On NBC’s Today Show Where She Does Parenting And Relationship Segments.”** According to the LIBRE Initiative, “Currently, she is a recurring guest host on FOX News’ ‘Outnumbered’ and on NBC’s Today Show where she does parenting and relationship segments. For 14 years she was a recurring guest host on ABC’s The View. She is a frequent on-camera commentator on parenting, politics, and culture for popular network and cable shows.” [LIBRE Initiative, [1/26/16](#)]

- **Campos-Duffy Has Also Been “A Frequent On-Camera Commentator On Parenting, Politics, And Culture For Popular Shows Such As The Dr. Phil Show, FOX & Friends, The Hannity Show, The Huckabee Show, The Steve Malberg Show, CNN, Politically Incorrect, And EWTN’s The World Over Live.”** According to the LIBRE Initiative, “She is a frequent on-camera commentator on parenting, politics, and culture for popular shows such as the Dr. Phil Show, FOX & Friends, The Hannity Show, The Huckabee Show, The Steve Malberg Show, CNN, Politically Incorrect, and EWTN’s The World Over Live.” [LIBRE Initiative, [1/26/16](#)]

**Campos-Duffy Published A Book In 2009 Called “Stay Home, Stay Happy: 10 Secrets To Loving At-Home Motherhood.”** According to the LIBRE Initiative, “Her book, published in 2009 by Penguin, is called “Stay Home, Stay Happy: 10 Secrets to Loving At-home Motherhood.” [LIBRE Initiative, [1/26/16](#)]

**Campos-Duffy Has Been Noted For Her Fluency In Spanish And Her Degrees In Economics From Arizona State University And International Affairs With An Emphasis On Economic Development In Latin America From The University Of California, San Diego.** According to the LIBRE Initiative, “Rachel speaks fluent Spanish and has a degree in Economics from Arizona State University’s Honors Program. She has a Masters [sic] degree in International Affairs with an emphasis on Economic Development in Latin America from the University of California, San Diego.” [LIBRE Initiative, [1/26/16](#)]

## **LIBRE’S CAMPOS-DUFFY HAS BEEN BACKWARDS ON IMMIGRATION**

### **Campos-Duffy Has Repeatedly Attacked Undocumented Immigrants as “Illegals,” And “Illegal Immigrants”**

**National Spokesman for LIBRE Initiative Authored An Op-Ed Using Term “Illegal Immigrants.”** According to an op-ed by Rachel Campos Duffy for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “In light of the news from Washington, D.C., about divisions over immigration reform, it is hard to believe that there was at one point an immigration issue that brought Democrats and Republicans together: what to do about the children of illegal immigrants already living in the United States.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [8/11/14](#)]

- **Campos-Duffy: “I Don’t Know What The Number Is Now They Say Of How Many Millions Of Illegals Are Living In This Country.”** According to a speech Rachel Campos-Duffy gave to The Latino Voter Outreach Midwest Conference, “Now what do we do about the 11 million or so, whatever—I don’t know what the number is now they say of how many millions of illegals are living in this country.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy Speech – Latino Voter Outreach Midwest Conference via YouTube.com, [10/15/13](#)]

### **Campos-Duffy Has Made Controversial Statements On DACA**

**LIBRE National Spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy Attacked President Obama And Said Expansion Of DACA Was “All About Politics” And That The President Wanted “Racial Division” Between Hispanic Community And Congress.** According to Rachel Campos-Duffy in her interview with NewsMax, CAMPOS-DUFFY: “For him, all of this is about politics.” MALZBERG: “Sorry to interrupt, but we only have a minute. Along those lines, that this is about politics. Is he setting up the Republicans and how will the Hispanic community (again, I hate that term) react if they defund this and there’s a government shutdown? Will they be blamed?” CAMPOS-DUFFY: “You know, it’s hard to say. My fear as a conservative Hispanic who is very excited about the 10 points we gained with the Hispanic community in the midterms, I would hate to see some of those gains rolled back by having some of our most crazy elements come out and make this a racial thing, because that is what he wants. He wants division.” [NewsMax – *Malzberg Show*, [2014](#)]

**LIBRE National Spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy: Obama's Executive Order And DACA Was An "Illegal Move" And The "Executive Order For DACA Caused An Influx Of Tens Of Thousands Of Children From Central America."** According to a CNN interview transcript with Rachel Campos-Duffy, CAMPOS-DUFFY: "The president's executive order, another illegal move that he made this last summer, and executive order for DACA caused an influx of tens of thousands of children from Central America, and it freaked people out. That's what happened." [CNN Transcript, [11/9/14](#); CNN Transcript, [11/9/14](#)]

- **LIBRE Initiative National Spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy: "I Just Kept Thinking About The Children At The Border, And How His DACA Order Caused That."** According to Breitbart, "This summer's border crisis was a good illustration of the problems of the President's approach, according to Campos-Duffy, who said it showed the 'unintended consequences' of his decision to expand the protections under DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) to the 'most sympathetic group' of immigrants — the 'DREAMers,' those brought here illegally by their parents while they were young children — instead of letting Congress continue to work on legislation. She said Obama's actions were 'completely politically motivated and not helpful to what the DREAMERS [*sic*] actually wanted,' and sharply criticized its lack of certainty and how it created incentives for parents to send their children on the long, dangerous journey alone, where they suffered from heat, dehydration, and hunger and were all too often abused and sexually assaulted along the way — if they even survived the trip. 'I just kept thinking about the children at the border, and how his DACA order caused that, and how he refused to visit the border and see what his policies had wrought...he wouldn't even go and visit them, he refused to come and got a pass from the press on that.'" [Breitbart, [11/28/14](#)]

**Campos-Duffy: DACA "Ruined" Immigration Reform Progress In Congress And "Scared Everybody" Because There Were "A Lot Of Unintended Consequences" To It.** According to the transcript of an interview with Rachel Campos-Duffy on the Malzberg Show on NewsMax.com, "Everybody sort of agreed that the children were the innocent victims in this whole situation and there was a lot of consensus among the most powerful members of the House, Cantor and Boehner and Paul Ryan that in the very least, we could come up with a solution for the dreamers. And as soon as that started to ferment and come into fruition, it started to look like it was going to happen, what does the president do? He did DACA. He used an executive order, and again, it created this chaos. It was what started the whole influx of children from Central America over into the border and what did that do? That, again, right when the House was ready to deal with the idea of a big immigration reform bill, it ruined everything. It scared everybody. And they were like, wait a minute. There's a lot of unintended consequences to DACA and it created a, really, a stop there." [NewsMax – *Malzberg Show*, [2014](#)]

**Rachel Campos-Duffy Op-Ed Headline: "Executive Order Loopholes Fuel Stereotypes, Hurt Latinos."** [Rachel Campos-Duffy – DailyCaller.com, [2/20/15](#)]

**Campos-Duffy: President Obama's Executive Action On Immigration "Includes Loopholes Allowing Undocumented Immigrants To Potentially Collect Tax Refunds And Commit Voter Fraud."** According to an op-ed by Rachel Campos-Duffy in The Daily Caller, "Recent revelations that President Obama's executive action on immigration includes loopholes allowing undocumented immigrants to potentially collect tax refunds and commit voter fraud are fueling outrage — even among Americans who overwhelmingly support reforming our antiquated immigration system." [Rachel Campos-Duffy – DailyCaller.com, [2/20/15](#)]

**Campos-Duffy: President Obama's Executive Action On Immigration Creates "The Impression That Hispanic Immigrants Come To America For A Free Ride."** According to an op-ed by Rachel Campos-Duffy in The Daily Caller, "Recent revelations that President Obama's executive action on immigration includes loopholes allowing undocumented immigrants to potentially collect tax refunds and commit voter fraud are fueling outrage — even among Americans who overwhelmingly support reforming our antiquated immigration system. It's also creating the impression that Hispanic immigrants come to America for a free ride, and nothing could be further from the truth." [Rachel Campos-Duffy – DailyCaller.com, [2/20/15](#)]

**Campos-Duffy: "Secretaries Of State In Numerous States, Including Kansas And Ohio, Say The Executive Action Will Make It Easier For Those Participating In The Program To Commit Voter Fraud."** According to an op-ed by Rachel Campos-Duffy in The Daily Caller, "Meanwhile, Secretaries of State in numerous states, including Kansas and Ohio, say the executive action will make it easier for those participating in the program to commit voter fraud and that their states do not have the tools or laws to prevent it." [Rachel Campos-Duffy – DailyCaller.com, [2/20/15](#)]



## Campos-Duffy Opposed Creating Pathways To Citizenship

**Campos-Duffy: “When You Say A Pathway To Citizenship, There’s A Pathway That Exists. It’s Called Our Immigration System.”** According to a speech Rachel Campos-Duffy gave to The Latino Voter Outreach Midwest Conference, “What the House is proposing is simply to legalize them, and when you say a pathway to citizenship, there’s a pathway that exists. It’s called our immigration system. And you can go, again this is a perfect example of what we talk about with tone. [...] When Democrats say ‘a path to citizenship,’ usually, and this is my interpretation, I think they mean a special pathway where they come to the front of the line. When I hear ‘pathway to citizenship’ for, um, by Republican candidates, I think they mean that the pathway exists and you can, you have the same access, once you’re legalized, you have the same access as everybody else to go through the citizenship process. But now, how do Republicans tell Hispanics that? They say, you go to the back of the line. Doesn’t that sound like the back of the bus? I mean, we mean the same thing. We’re saying the same thing. Exactly the same thing. Why couldn’t we just say, as Republicans, the pathway exists, and you have the same opportunity as everybody else to be a part of, become a citizen by entering, you know the pathway to immigration—I mean, to citizenship?” [Rachel Campos-Duffy Speech – Latino Voter Outreach Midwest Conference via YouTube.com, [10/15/13](#)]

### **Campos-Duffy: “Many Immigrants Do Not Even Desire U.S. Citizenship, Preferring A Work Visa That Would Allow Them To Work Seasonally And To Legally Cross The Border Into Their Home Country As Needed.”**

According to an op-ed by Rachel Campos-Duffy in The Daily Caller, “The truth is, most undocumented immigrants come here for economic opportunity and the American Dream. They aren’t seeking tax credits or handouts. They seek permission to stay in the U.S. to work, and in some cases to pursue citizenship. Indeed, many immigrants do not even desire U.S. citizenship, preferring a work visa that would allow them to work seasonally and to legally cross the border into their home country as needed.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – DailyCaller.com, [2/20/15](#)]

- **Campos-Duffy: “There Was Actually Bipartisan Support In Congress For Work Visas...But The White House’s Electoral Goals Trumped The Agreement And ‘A Path To Citizenship’ Became A Dealbreaker For Democrats.”** According to an op-ed by Rachel Campos-Duffy in The Daily Caller, “The media has failed to report the fact that there was actually bipartisan support in Congress for work visas and a deal could have been struck on that issue, but the White House’s electoral goals trumped the agreement and ‘a path to citizenship’ became a dealbreaker for Democrats.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – DailyCaller.com, [2/20/15](#)]

## Campos-Duffy’s Husband, Representative Sean Duffy, Tried To Defund Obama’s Immigration Executive Actions In Congress

**NumbersUSA Gave Rep. Sean Duffy A “B+” Rating Because He Said He Opposed “Amnesty” And Was Rated “Leaning Yes” For “Supporting Reduction Of Immigration Levels.”** According to the Huffington Post, “[Rep. Sean] Duffy has a B+ rating from NumbersUSA, an organization that supports restricting all immigration -- legal and unauthorized. He said in a questionnaire for the group that he opposes ‘amnesty’ and was rated ‘leaning yes’ for supporting reduction of immigration levels.” [Huffington Post, [5/23/13](#)]

**Duffy: “The Hispanic Community Doesn’t Support Executive Action.”** According to a transcript of an interview with Rep. Sean Duffy on CNN, “DUFFY: The American people don’t support executive action. The Hispanic community doesn’t support executive action. The president is at historic lows. We have the biggest majority we’ve had in 80 years.” [CNN, [11/21/14](#)]

**Headline: “Rep. Duffy Assails Obama Administration On Immigration, Over Reach.”** [WXPR.org, [1/29/15](#)]

### **Duffy Was Among The House Republicans Who Pushed To Defund President Obama’s Immigration Executive Actions In The Funding Package, Which Could Have Led To A Homeland Security Government Shutdown.**

According to a transcript of an interview with Rep. Sean Duffy on CNN’s *Situation Room* with Wolf Blitzer, BLITZER: “Sean Duffy, assuming it passes a clean bill in the Senate, what’s going to happen in the House of Representatives?” DUFFY: “What we’re going to do, Wolf, is something that’s very simple. We’re going to say, you know what? Let’s fund the security of our homeland, make sure all the money is there to make sure Al Qaeda or Russia or China, no one can come and attack us here. What we’re not going to fund though is something that has nothing to do with Homeland Security which is the president’s

executive overreach. So, when I heard Barbara Boxer make comments or Democrats make comments that we're not passing a clean bill, or even you mentioned that, the fact is we actually are passing a clean bill that funds Homeland Security until the end of -- until the end of the fiscal year which is the right thing to do. What I don't understand is why Democrats are saying we have to have the funding of the president's executive overreach in exchange for funding the Homeland Security." [CNN – *Situation Room*, [2/24/15](#)]

**Duffy: “We Didn’t Give” President Obama “Money For Executive Amnesty” In The Funding Package.** According to a transcript of an interview with Rep. Sean Duffy on CNN’s Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer, DUFFY: “And in our -- BLITZER: All right. DUFFY: -- funding package, we didn't give him the money for executive amnesty.” [CNN – *Situation Room*, [2/24/15](#)]

**Duffy: “What We're Not Going To Fund Though Is Something That Has Nothing To Do With Homeland Security Which Is The President's Executive Overreach.”** According to a transcript of an interview with Rep. Sean Duffy on CNN’s Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer, “DUFFY: What we're going to do, Wolf, is something that's very simple. We're going to say, you know what? Let's fund the security of our homeland, make sure all the money is there to make sure Al Qaeda or Russia or China, no one can come and attack us here. What we're not going to fund though is something that has nothing to do with Homeland Security which is the president's executive overreach.” [CNN – *Situation Room*, [2/24/15](#)]

**Duffy On Immigration Executive Actions: “I Think The Right Thing To Do Is Get A Long-Term Solution That Works For Everybody. What The President Has Done Is Divided Houses.”** According to a transcript of an interview with Rep. Sean Duffy on MSNBC’s Jose Diaz-Balart, DIAZ-BALART: “Congressman, I want to start with you. What kind of message would you have for someone like Astrid, who, you know, got here through no fault of her own when she was four years old. She knows no other country. And yet, lives with the very real fear of family separation.” DUFFY: “And I admit, there is a real fear in the community. And we have to acknowledge that. But what I pick up is, she thinks the President’s executive overreach is the end all, be all solution for her and her family. The truth is, it’s not. I think that the President and the administration has misrepresented what they’re doing. This is only a short-term solution.” [...] DIAZ-BALART: “But it’s better than nothing.” DUFFY: “But, no it isn’t” — DIAZ-BALART: “It’s dealing with an issue that every day is causing families to be separated.” DUFFY: “This is why I think you’re wrong, Jose.” DIAZ-BALART: “Ok.” DUFFY: “I think the right thing to do is get a long-term solution that works for everybody. What the President has done is divided Houses.” [MSNBC – *Jose Diaz-Balart*, [2/20/15](#)]

### **Campos-Duffy Personally Supported Gov. Scott Walker During The 2016 GOP Primary**

**CNN: Campos-Duffy Personally Supported Gov. Scott Walker During The 2016 GOP Primary.** According to CNN, “Echoing the sentiments of many of those interviewed for this story, Campos-Duffy, who's personally supporting Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, said Republicans should avoid allowing ‘themselves to be pulled into these extreme arguments about birthright’ and focus instead on solutions that can bridge Republicans and Democrats to achieve comprehensive reform.” [CNN, [8/23/15](#)]

## **HISPANICS FOR SCHOOL CHOICE**

**Hispanics For School Choice Was Affiliated With The LIBRE Initiative.** According to Hispanics for School Choice, they are affiliated with School Choice Wisconsin, Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools, American Federation for Children, Milwaukee Charter School Advocates, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, and the LIBRE Initiative. [Hispanics for School Choice, accessed [1/29/16](#)]

**LIBRE Initiative National Spokesperson Rachel Campos Duffy Served On The Hispanics For School Choice Board Of Directors.** According to Hispanics for School Choice, LIBRE Initiative National Spokesperson Rachel Campos Duffy serves on their Board of Directors. [Hispanics for School Choice, accessed [1/29/16](#)]

### **LIBRE Partnered With Hispanics For School Choice To Host A Roundtable Featuring Sen. Rand Paul**

**LIBRE Partnered With Hispanics For School Choice To Sponsor A Roundtable On School Choice In Milwaukee, Wisconsin Which Featured Sen. Rand Paul.** According to the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, “U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, the

Republican from Kentucky who is considered a possible presidential contender in 2016, will be in Milwaukee April 23 for a roundtable on school choice. His visit is sponsored by the conservative The LIBRE Initiative and Hispanics for School Choice, a local organization that favors the expansion of school choice. The roundtable will take place at St. Anthony's Middle School, 2156 S. 4th St. It will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon." [Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, [4/15/14](#)]

## **LIBRE HAS BEEN CITED AS A TEXTBOOK EXAMPLE OF ASTROTURFING ALMOST ENTIRELY FUNDED BY THE KOCH BROTHERS**

**Center For Media And Democracy: "The LIBRE Initiative Is...A Textbook Example Of Astroturfing Almost Entirely Funded By The Koch Brothers' Secret Bank Freedom Partners."** According to the Center for Media and Democracy's PR Watch, "Described as a "grassroots organization," the LIBRE Initiative is, in fact, a textbook example of astroturfing almost entirely funded by the Koch brothers' secret bank Freedom Partners. The increased funding is part of a wider strategy to boost the network's front groups, which was unveiled at the biannual donors summit at the Ritz Carlton in the Palm Springs desert on January 25." [Center for Media and Democracy PR Watch, [2/10/15](#)]

- **The LIBRE Initiative Received At Least \$9.3 Million From Freedom Partners.** According to its Form 990 filings with the IRS, Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce gave \$3,112,000 in grant money to the Libre Initiative Trust for the 2011 calendar year from November 2011 through October 2012, \$3,300,000 from November 2012 through October 2013 and \$2,900,000 in the last two months of 2013. [2011 Form 990, CitizenAudit, [10/3/13](#); 2012 Form 990, CitizenAudit, [9/23/14](#); 2013 Form 990, CitizenAudit, [11/21/14](#)]

**By 2014 LIBRE, Which Was A "Piece Of The Koch Brothers' Sprawling And Effective Network Of Conservative Groups," Had Operations In Eight States.** According to the Associated Press, "Libre now has operations in eight states in the hope Hispanics will repay conservatives with their votes. Organizers already have 3,000 Texas volunteers, and similar undertakings in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Nevada, New Mexico and Virginia. Libre is but one piece of the Koch brothers' sprawling and effective network of conservative groups. Alongside the grassroots-focused Americans for Prosperity and the youth-oriented Generation Opportunity, Libre began courting Hispanic voters in 2011." [Associated Press, [8/11/14](#)]

**Wisconsin Gazette: LIBRE Admitted That Its Message "Aligns More With Republicans" And "With The Principles And Ideas Of Charles And David Koch" Than The Needs Of Latinos.** According to the Wisconsin Gazette, "Libre has admitted that its message 'aligns more with Republicans' and 'with the principles and ideas of Charles and David Koch' than the needs of Latinos." [Wisconsin Gazette, [12/10/15](#)]

- **Voces De La Frontera Executive Director Christine Neumann-Ortiz: Some LIBRE Commercials Have Gone So Far As To Claim "That Democrats Want To Abort Latino Babies."** According to the Wisconsin Gazette, "Using Spanish-language radio and other targeted media, Libre stresses GOP message points that are framed to resonate with Latino voters, such as the party's strong opposition to abortion and it's [sic] embrace of school choice. Some commercials aired by the group have gone so far as to claim that Democrats want to abort Latino babies, according to Christine Neumann-Ortiz, executive director of the Milwaukee-based immigrant rights group Voces de la Frontera." [Wisconsin Gazette, [12/10/15](#)]

## **State Policy Network**

### **STATE POLICY NETWORK'S WISCONSIN MEMBERS ARE THE MACIVER INSTITUTE AND THE WISCONSIN POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

**State Policy Network's Wisconsin Members Are The MacIver Institute And The Wisconsin Policy Research Institute.** According to the State Policy Network's member directory, its Wisconsin members are the MacIver Institute for Public Policy and the Wisconsin Policy Research Institute. [SPN.org, viewed [3/14/14](#)]

- **State Policy Network Members' Fundraising Included "Major" Koch Money.** According to the Huffington Post, "In 2011, the State Policy Network and its affiliates reported raising a combined \$83.2 million, according to the Center for Media and Democracy. While donors to the groups are not required to be disclosed, a 2010 document

opened a window on some of them. They included the Donors Trust and the Donors Capital Fund, both secretive right-wing funding instruments, as well as Altria, AT&T, Comcast, GlaxoSmithKline, Kraft Foods, Microsoft, Reynolds American and Time Warner Cable. Multiple documents reviewed in the report also show that the Koch brothers, known for their extensive funding of conservative activist causes, are major funders of the State Policy Network and its affiliates through their linked foundations and Koch Industries.” [Huffington Post, [11/14/13](#)]

- **More Than Half Of SPN’s Funding Came From The Koch-Backed Donors Capital Fund.** According to State Policy Network tax documents, State Policy Network has received \$14,828,024 from Donors Capital Fund since 2002, and \$24,878,738 overall since 1993. [State Policy Network Forms IRS Form 990, [1993-2013](#)]

## THE MACIVER INSTITUTE

### The MacIver Institute Received Over \$600,000 From Koch Groups Since 2009

**The MacIver Institute Received \$556,000 From Donors Capital Fund And DonorsTrust From 2009 – 2012.** According to MacIver Institute tax documents, the MacIver Institute for Public Policy received \$556,000 from Donors Capital Fund and DonorsTrust from 2009 – 2012. [MacIver Institute IRS Form 990 accessed via Conservative Transparency, [2009-2012](#)]

**The MacIver Institute Received \$46,600 From The State Policy Network In 2014.** According to MacIver Institute tax documents, the MacIver Institute for Public Policy received \$46,600 from the State Policy Network in 2014. [MacIver Institute IRS Form 990, [2014](#)]

### The MacIver Institute Operated As A Free-Market Wisconsin Think Tank And News Service

**The MacIver Institute Operated As A Free-Market Think Tank That And Acted As A “News Service.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “The MacIver Institute, also known as the John K. MacIver Institute for Public Policy, is a Wisconsin-based, free-market think tank formed in 2009 which also acts as a ‘news service,’ supplying videos and reports to media outlets, like newspapers and television broadcasters.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [3/15/11](#)]

**The MacIver Institute Publishes Several Online Stories A Week, “Many Of Which Seek To Celebrate Republican Policy.”** According to the Capital Times, “Unlike WPRI, MacIver has a news service that releases at least several online stories per week, some of which are straight, but many of which seek to celebrate Republican policy, discredit Democrats and — in particular — to sound an alarm about alleged voter fraud.” [The Capital Times, [11/28/12](#)]

**The MacIver Institute’s Stories Have Described “What It Suggests Is The Questionable Behavior Of Democrats Or The Bold Actions Of Walker Or Other Republicans.”** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel’s No Quarter blog, “Bradley dollars have also been flowing to the MacIver Institute, which runs a ‘news service’ that provides stories detailing what it suggests is the questionable behavior of Democrats or the bold actions of Walker or other Republicans.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel’s No Quarter Blog, [8/7/11](#)]

### The MacIver Institute Teamed Up With AFP On A \$3.7 Million Ad Campaign Promoting Gov. Walker’s Policies

**The MacIver Institute “Teamed Up” With Americans For Prosperity On An Estimated \$3.7 Million Ad Campaign Promoting Gov. Walker’s Policies.** According to the Capital Times, “In 2011 and 2012, AFP teamed up with the MacIver Institute, a conservative think-tank, on an ad campaign promoting Walker’s policies. The Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, an election watchdog group, estimated that the ads cost \$3.7 million. AFP President Tim Philips told CNN that his group spent \$10 million in 2011 and 2012 promoting Walker’s policies.” [Capital Times, [1/15/14](#)]

## National Federation Of Independent Business

### NFIB RECEIVED OVER \$7.3 MILLION IN KOCH MONEY SINCE 2012



**CNN: “The Champions Of Main Street America Got More Money Last Year From A Group Backed By Billionaire Industrialists Charles And David Koch Than Any Other Single Source.”** According to CNN: The National Federation of Independent Business is one of the most influential small-business advocacy groups in the country. They battle against government regulation, higher taxes and, perhaps most famously, Obamacare. And they do it all as the self-described ‘voice of small business.’ But it turns out that the champions of Main Street America got more money last year from a group backed by billionaire industrialists Charles and David Koch than any other single source.” [CNN, [11/21/13](#)]

- **NFIB Received \$3,100,000 From Freedom Partners In 2012.** According to its 2012 - 2013 Form 990 filings with the IRS, Freedom Partners contributed \$3,100,000 to the National Federation of Independent Business from 2012 - 2013. [DonorsTrust IRS Form 990, 2012, 2013]
- **NFIB Received \$4,105,000 From DonorsTrust From 2011 - 2012.** According to its 2011 -2012 Form 990 filings with the IRS, DonorsTrust contributed \$4,105,000 to the National Federation of Independent Business from 2011 - 2012. [DonorsTrust IRS Form 990, 2011, 2012]
- **NFIB Received \$135,783 From Center to Protect Patient Rights In 2012.** According to its 2010 Form 990 filing with the IRS, Center to Protect Patient Rights contributed \$135,783 to the National Federation of Independent Business in 2012. [DonorsTrust IRS Form 990, 2012]

## **NFIB CLAIMED TO REPRESENT “SMALL AND INDEPENDENT” BUSINESSES, BUT EVIDENCE SHOWS OTHERWISE**

**NFIB Claims To Be “America’s Leading Small-Business Advocacy Association.”** According to NFIB’s website, “Founded in 1943, and headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, the National Federation of Independent Business is America’s leading small-business advocacy association. [...] NFIB has a team of lobbyists in Washington, D.C. and in all 50 states fighting to give every type of small and independent business a voice in government policy-making.” [NFIB.com, Viewed [1/23/14](#)]

**NFIB Claimed Membership Of 600,000, But Insiders Said That Number Was Severely Inflated.** According to a 2006 report by the Nashville Scene, “It’s considered the largest and most influential small-business lobbying group in the country, touting 600,000 members nationwide. And while the National Federation of Independent Business is undoubtedly a powerful political machine in Washington, D.C., some say the Nashville-based advocacy group has exaggerated its size for years. Claiming 600,000 members is misleading, according to several former NFIB leaders, if not an outright lie. They say a true count of dues-paying members would reveal membership has plunged in recent years to about half of what the group boasts. ‘I cannot recall when they really ever had 600,000,’ says one former senior manager who worked with NFIB for five years. ‘There were a number of times when I asked questions about it, and there were always many different answers to that question.’ The primary reason for inflating membership numbers, according to erstwhile NFIB insiders, is to maintain the clout it’s gained with Congress over the past decade.” [Nashville Scene, [7/27/06](#)]

- **In 2014, NFIB Claimed 350,000 Members.** According to NFIB’s website, “A nonpartisan, nonprofit association, NFIB has 350,000 small and independent business owners across the nation.” [NFIB.com, Viewed [1/23/14](#)]

**Mother Jones: “Small Business Groups Now Accuse The NFIB Of Doing Exactly What It Was Founded To Prevent: Selling Out Small Business Owners To Benefit The Rich.”** According to Mother Jones, “This is one reason why a variety of rival small business groups now accuse the NFIB of doing exactly what it was founded to prevent: selling out small business owners to benefit the rich and powerful. ‘[They have proved themselves to be just a shill operation for big corporations,’ says Rick Poore, the owner of DesignWear, a 35-person screen printing shop in Nebraska and member of the Main Street Alliance, a business association that disagrees with the NFIB on many issues. ‘People just jump onboard because it has all the right sound bites, but in reality so much of it is against their own best interests.’” [Mother Jones, [7/23/12](#)]

**Businessweek: “No Question” That NFIB Supports Conservative Positions, And It Also Engages In “Small Biz-Washing.”** According to Businessweek, “Does the NFIB support conservative positions? No question. It’s received \$3.7 million in funding from Karl Rove’s Crossroads GPS. The NFIB also spent \$3.1 million in 2010 for ‘advertising services’ with Crossroads Media, which bills itself as ‘the premier Republican media services firm.’ Does that make the NFIB a front for big business, or are conservative policies just what its small business membership wants? That’s harder to judge. The NFIB backs

extending tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans, even though the bulk of those benefits would accrue to people other than small business owners, according to a nonpartisan analysis. We dubbed this practice ‘small biz-washing.’” [Businessweek, [9/26/12](#)]

**Several NFIB Staffers “Earn Salaries In Excess Of \$250,000” While Board Members “Operate Companies That Are Small In Name Only.”** According to Mother Jones, “Moreover, leaders of the NFIB itself have a direct stake in the anti-tax mission. Last year the group paid its president, former steel lobbyist Dan Danner, more than \$700,000. At least seven other NFIB staffers also earn salaries in excess of \$250,000, the cutoff for paying higher taxes under the Obama plan. And many of the businesspeople on NFIB’s board of directors operate companies that are small in name only. For instance, board member James M. Herr is the CEO of snack-food maker Herr Foods Inc., a ‘\$200 million family business,’ according to its website.” [Mother Jones, [7/23/12](#)]

## NFIB WISCONSIN OPERATION WAS LED BY BILL SMITH

**Bill G. Smith Has Been NFIB/Wisconsin State Director For The Past 35 Years.** According to NFIB Wisconsin, “For more than 35 years, Bill G. Smith has been NFIB/Wisconsin State Director. [NFIB.com/Wisconsin, accessed [3/24/16](#)]

- **Corporate Report Magazine Listed Bill Smith As One Of The Best Lobbyists Amongst Hundreds In Wisconsin.** According to NFIB Wisconsin, “The Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel calls NFIB ‘the leading small business lobbying organization’ in Wisconsin, and Corporate Report magazine listed Mr. Smith as ‘among the best in the Capitol’ among hundreds of registered lobbyists.” [NFIB.com/Wisconsin, accessed [3/24/16](#)]

## American Legislative Exchange Council

### THE KOCH BROTHERS HAVE DECADES-LONG CONNECTIONS WITH ALEC

**Center for Public Integrity: “The Koch Brothers Have Decades-Long Connections With ALEC,” Gave Brothers Award In 1994.** According to The Center for Public Integrity, “The Koch brothers have decades-long connections with ALEC, which gave the brothers the Adam Smith Free Enterprise Award in 1994.” [The Center for Public Integrity, [1/31/2013](#)]

**Koch Industries Has Donated “An Untold Amount” To ALEC And Chaired ALEC's Corporate Board.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Research from CMD and GreenPeace documents that the Koch foundations have given ALEC at least \$600,000 in the past decade or so, and Koch Industries has donated an untold amount. The Kochs also bailed out ALEC with a loan of nearly half a million dollars in the late 1990s. Koch Industries has also chaired ALEC's corporate board and has had a seat on its board for over a decade. Plus, another subsidy unaccounted for by ALEC is the money corporations like Koch have spent on having the head of its lobbying arm involved in ALEC's leadership as well as whatever amount of time the company spends crafting ALEC ‘model’ legislation.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [7/13/11](#)]

**ALEC Received \$311,740 From The Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation From 2012 - 2014.** According to its 2012 and 2014 Form 990 filings with the IRS, the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation contributed \$311,740 to ALEC from 2012 - 2014. [Charles Koch Foundation IRS Form 990, 2014, 2012]

**ALEC Received \$150,000 From Donors Capital Fund From 2012 - 2013.** According to its 2012 and 2013 Form 990 filings with the IRS, Donors Capital Fund contributed \$150,000 to ALEC from 2012 - 2013. [Donors Capital Fund IRS Form 990, 2013, 2012]

**ALEC Received \$300,000 From The Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation From 2011 - 2012.** According to its 2011 and 2012 Form 990 filings with the IRS, the Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation contributed \$300,000 to ALEC from 2011 - 2012. [Donors Capital Fund IRS Form 990, 2012, 2011]

## ALEC BRINGS TOGETHER STATE LEGISLATORS AND CORPORATE INTERESTS

**ALEC Seeks To Unite State Legislators And Business Leaders To Further Free-Market, Limited-Government Legislation On At State Level.** From the American Legislative Exchange Council's website, "The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. It provides a constructive forum for state legislators and private sector leaders to discuss and exchange practical, state-level public policy issues. The potential solutions discussed at ALEC focus on free markets, limited government and constitutional division of powers between the federal and state governments. [...] ALEC is a think-tank for state-based public policy issues and potential solutions. It publishes research and writing on issues that are of importance to its members. It holds meetings where people from public and private sectors share their views. It also develops model bills and resolutions on economic issues." [ALEC.org, accessed [4/13/12](#)]

**ALEC Has Given Corporations Power To Alter Model Legislation That Is Often Introduced In State Legislatures.** According to Bloomberg, "If the final language doesn't turn out the way they like, industry representatives have the power to block it from being posted in ALEC's online library where it can be downloaded by state lawmakers. Legislators and private-sector task force members must vote to endorse any model legislation -- and each group must deliver a majority before it is officially adopted, [ALEC spokeswoman Raegan] Weber said." [Bloomberg, [7/21/11](#)]

**Reporter John Nichols: ALEC's Goal "Is The Advancement Of An Agenda That Seems To Be Dictated At Almost Every Turn By Multinational Corporations."** According to NPR, "All of those pieces of legislation and those resolutions [in the documents] really err toward a goal, and that goal is the advancement of an agenda that seems to be dictated at almost every turn by multinational corporations,' Nichols tells Fresh Air's Terry Gross. 'It's to clear the way for lower taxes, less regulation, a lot of protection against lawsuits, [and] ALEC is very, very active in [the] opening up of areas via privatization for corporations to make more money, particularly in places you might not usually expect like public education.'" [NPR, [7/21/11](#)]

## University of Wisconsin & Wisconsin Colleges

### THE CHARLES KOCH FOUNDATION HAS DONATED OVER \$335,000 TO WISCONSIN UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES

**Wisconsin Gazette: The Koch Network "Buys Influence Over Curriculum, Personnel, Policy And Research By Funneling Grants With Strings Attached To Schools."** According to the Wisconsin Gazette, "The Koch network also buys influence over curriculum, personnel, policy and research by funneling grants with strings attached to schools. For example, a Koch foundation grant to Florida State University required veto power over candidates for professorships the grant funded." [Wisconsin Gazette, [11/5/15](#)]

**Time Headline: "How The Koch Brothers [Have Influenced] U.S. Colleges: They Gave \$23.4 Million In 2014 In A Bid To Influence Students."** [Time, [12/15/15](#)]

- **Time: "Almost All Of The Higher Education Programs The Koch Foundations [Have Funded] Cleave To The Brothers' Philosophy Of Promoting Free Markets And Laissez-Faire Capitalism In The United States."** According to Time, "Almost all of the higher education programs the Koch foundations fund cleave to the brothers' philosophy of promoting free markets and laissez-faire capitalism in the United States." [Time, [12/15/15](#)]

**Charles And David Koch Have Considered "The Higher Educational Programs They Fund A 'Fully Integrated' Part Of A Massive Organizational Network Fighting To Enact Deregulatory Government Policies And Elect Conservative Political Candidates."** According to Aljazeera America, "This increased funding in 2014 follows a recent Center for Public Integrity investigation that revealed the Koch brothers, Charles and David, consider the higher educational programs they fund a 'fully integrated' part of a massive organizational network fighting to enact deregulatory government policies and elect conservative political candidates." [Aljazeera America, [12/15/15](#)]

**Center For Public Integrity: Kevin Gentry, "A Top Lieutenant" Of The Koch Network, Told Koch Confab Attendees That Political Success "Begins With Reaching Young Minds In College Lecture Halls."** According to the

Center for Public Integrity, “Last year, a top lieutenant of Charles and David Koch’s vast network of philanthropic institutions, laid bare the billionaire brothers’ strategy to evangelize their gospel of economic freedom. Political success, Kevin Gentry told a crowd of elite supporters attending the annual Koch confab in Dana Point, Calif., begins with reaching young minds in college lecture halls, thereby preparing bright, libertarian-leaning students to one day occupy the halls of political power.” [Center for Public Integrity, [10/30/15](#)]

### **University Of Wisconsin – Madison**

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$122,400 To The University Of Wisconsin From 2010 - 2014 For Educational Programs.** According to Charles Koch Foundation tax documents, the Charles Koch Foundation donated \$99,000 to the University of Wisconsin in 2014, \$11,000 in 2013, \$7,000 in 2011, and \$5,400 in 2010 for educational programs. [Charles Koch Foundation IRS Form 990, [2014](#), [2013](#), [2011](#), [2010](#)]

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$11,000 To The University Of Wisconsin In 2012 For General Support.** [Charles Koch Foundation IRS Form 990, [2012](#)]

### **University Of Wisconsin – Eau Claire**

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$8,500 To The University Of Wisconsin – Eau Claire In 2010 For Educational Programs.** [Charles Koch Foundation IRS Form 990, [2010](#)]

### **University Of Wisconsin Green Bay**

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$9,500 To The University Of Wisconsin Green Bay In 2012 For General Support.** [Charles Koch Foundation IRS Form 990, [2012](#)]

### **University Of Wisconsin – La Crosse**

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$12,500 To The University Of Wisconsin – La Crosse In 2013 For Educational Programs.** [Charles Koch Foundation IRS Form 990, [2013](#)]

### **Beloit College**

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$131,500 To Beloit College From 2008 - 2013 For Educational Programs.** According to Charles Koch Foundation tax documents, the Charles Koch Foundation donated \$4,500 to Beloit College in 2013, \$32,000 in 2011, \$32,000, \$32,000 in 2009, and \$31,000 in 2008 for Educational Programs. [Charles Koch Foundation IRS Form 990, [2013](#), [2011](#), [2010](#), 2009, 2008]

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$6,000 To Beloit College In 2012 For General Support.** [Charles Koch Foundation IRS Form 990, [2013](#)]

### *Charles G. Koch Student Research Colloquium On Market Processes*

**The Department Of Economics At Beloit College “Initiated The Charles G. Koch Student Research Colloquium And Speaker Series” Which Aims To “Further Develop [Students] Interest In The Ideas And Institutions Underpinning A Free And Prosperous Society” And Deepen “Students’ Understanding Of The Market Process.”**

According to Beloit College, “As part of the Miller Upton programs, the Department of Economics at Beloit College has initiated the Charles G. Koch Student Research Colloquium and Speaker Series. The research colloquium has two primary goals. First, the colloquium gives students the opportunity to further develop their interest in the ideas and institutions underpinning a free and prosperous society. This is achieved through the discussion of scholarly papers aimed at deepening students’ understanding of the market process. The second goal of the colloquium is to further develop our students’ research abilities. We believe that students understand economic ideas more deeply by applying them to novel contexts and articulating an argument to a wide variety of audiences. Each member of the colloquium is expected to write an article with the eventual



goal of publication in a newspaper, magazine, or academic journal. Throughout the semester, faculty work with the students on honing their research, writing, and communication skills.” [Beloit College, accessed [2/1/16](#)]

### Carthage College

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$9,500 To Carthage College In 2012 For General Support.** [Charles Koch Foundation IRS Form 990, [2013](#)]

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$6,500 To Carthage College In 2011 For Educational Programs.** [Charles Koch Foundation IRS Form 990, [2011](#)]

### Wisconsin Lutheran College

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$7,500 To Wisconsin Lutheran College In 2011 For Educational Programs.** [Charles Koch Foundation IRS Form 990, [2011](#)]

### Lakeland College

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$5,000 To Lakeland College In 2013 For Educational Programs.** [Charles Koch Foundation IRS Form 990, [2012](#)]

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$7,000 To Lakeland College In 2012 For General Support.** [Charles Koch Foundation IRS Form 990, [2012](#)]

## UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN MARKETING

**Koch Industries Kicked-Off A Sports Marketing Initiative “During The 2014-15 Basketball Season At 15 Select Universities In States” That Would Run Through The 2017-18 Athletic Season.** According to Learfield Sports, “Learfield Sports announced today it has launched a multi-year, integrated national sponsorship platform for Koch Industries, Inc. as the privately held company embarks on a broader initiative into collegiate sports marketing. The partnership tipped off during the 2014-15 basketball season at 15 select universities in states and will run through the 2017-18 athletic season.” [Learfield Sports, [3/9/15](#)]

- **The Effort “Centered Around Men’s And Women’s Basketball And Football,” And Heightened Brand Awareness Through “In-Venue Signage; Digital Inclusions And Social Media Campaigns; Game Sponsorships; And Radio Broadcast Features.”** According to Learfield Sports, “Koch looks to Learfield to help tell its story to the dedicated college sports fan base and university communities. Centered around men’s and women’s basketball and football, the platform provides Koch multiple opportunities for heightened brand awareness through in-venue signage; digital inclusions and social media campaigns; game sponsorships; and radio broadcast features. Additionally, Koch will have opportunities to honor its employees or alumni through in-game, on-the-field or on-the-court recognition.” [Learfield Sports, [3/9/15](#)]

**Koch Industries Sought “To ‘Bolster Recruitment’ On Campuses, Reshape Its Image And Connect With ‘Dedicated Sports Fans And University Communities.’”** According to the Wisconsin Gazette, “Koch’s sponsorship at UW-Madison is through a multi-year contract between the UW Board of Regents and Badger Sports Properties, a subsidiary of Learfield Communications, Inc., according to The Capital Times, which obtained the contract through an open records request. [...] Koch Industries is seeking to ‘bolster recruitment’ on campuses, reshape its image and connect with ‘dedicated sports fans and university communities,’ according to a news release from Learfield.” [Wisconsin Gazette, [11/5/15](#)]

**Koch Industries Entered Into A Marketing Agreement With The University Of Wisconsin Madison.** According to The Cap Times, “Badger fans will be seeing more of Walker’s BFFs at Koch Industries this season, as the company has entered into a marketing agreement with UW-Madison, including sponsoring the Halloween game against Rutgers.” [The Cap Times, [9/25/15](#)]

- **WKBW's Abby Johnston: "Because Absolutely Nothing Is Sacred," The Kochs Had "Some Stake In Your College Basketball Binge." They Sponsored Eight Teams, Including Wisconsin In March Madness' Initial Round Of 64.** According to an opinion by Abby Johnston on WKBW, "Because absolutely nothing is sacred, the Kochs now have some stake in your college basketball binge. They are sponsoring eight teams in March Madness' initial round of 64 – Iowa, Iowa State, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, SMU, Wisconsin, Arkansas and, of course, their hometown hero Kansas. You might be a big OU fan, but the further they advance in the bracket, the more exposure Koch Industries gets, either through employee appearances on the floor or logos splashed across venues." [Abby Johnston – WKBW, [3/19/15](#)]
- **Koch Industries Sponsored The Halloween Football Game Against Rutgers.** According to The Cap Times, "Badger fans will be seeing more of Walker's BFFs at Koch Industries this season, as the company has entered into a marketing agreement with UW-Madison, including sponsoring the Halloween game against Rutgers." [The Cap Times, [9/25/15](#)]

**Connor Touhey Op-Ed: Koch Industries Sponsorship Of The University Of Wisconsin Athletic Department Was A "Direct Affront To Values UW And Residents Of Wisconsin Hold Dear" Due To Their Backing Of Gov. Scott Walker's Policies.** According to an opinion piece by Connor Touhey for The Badger Herald, "This could be a non-issue, but unfortunately Koch Industries — as well as their sponsorship of the ideals held by Walker — is a direct affront to values UW and residents of Wisconsin hold dear. The education agenda Walker has unleashed in our state, backed by the Koch brothers, cut funding and essentially disbanded teacher unions. Considering this, it raises a serious question as to why any part of the university, especially the affluent Athletic Department, would want to associate themselves with such an enterprise." [Connor Touhey – The Badger Herald, [10/7/15](#)]

- **Touhey: "The Koch Industries Ads At College Football Games May Seem To Be The Koch Brothers' Way Of Showing Support For Higher Education, But They Clearly Don't Walk The Walk."** According to an opinion piece by Connor Touhey for The Badger Herald, "The Koch Industries ads at college football games may seem to be the Koch brothers' way of showing support for higher education, but they clearly don't walk the walk." [Connor Touhey – The Badger Herald, [10/7/15](#)]
- **Touhey "Koch Industries Has A Negative Reputation For Its Treatment Of The Environment On A Global Scale. That Stands In Direct Contrast To A University That Has Stood On The Forefront Of Environmentalism For Generations."** According to an opinion piece by Connor Touhey for The Badger Herald, "Furthermore, Koch Industries has a negative reputation for its treatment of the environment on a global scale. That stands in direct contrast to a university that has stood on the forefront of environmentalism for generations." [Connor Touhey – The Badger Herald, [10/7/15](#)]

## KOCH HIJACKING OF WISCONSIN

### Pushing Their Self-Interested Agenda Through Extensive Lobbying

#### KOCH LOBBYING AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

##### Assembly Bill 32: Eliminating The Prevailing Wage

**Assembly Bill 32 Sought To Eliminate Prevailing Wage Laws Which Stipulated That Public Workers "Must Be Paid At The Rate Paid For A Majority Of The Hours Worked In The Person's Trade" And May Not Be Required "To Work A Greater Number Of Hours Per Day And Per Week Than The Prevailing Hours Of Labor, Which Is No More Than 10 Hours Per Day And 40 Hours Per Week, Unless They Are Paid 1.5 Times Their Basic Rate Of Pay."**

According to the State of Wisconsin Legislature 2015 Assembly Bill 32, "Generally, under the current prevailing wage laws, laborers, workers, mechanics, and truck drivers employed on the site of certain projects of public works 1) must be paid at the rate paid for a majority of the hours worked in the person's trade or occupation in the area in which the project is located, as determined by the Department of Workforce Development; and 2) may not be required or permitted to work a greater

number of hours per day and per week than the prevailing hours of labor, which is no more than 10 hours per day and 40 hours per week, unless they are paid 1.5 times their basic rate of pay (commonly referred to as overtime pay) for all hours worked in excess of the prevailing hours of labor. [...] This bill eliminates the state prevailing wage law, the local prevailing wage law, and the highway prevailing wage law but retains the prohibition against local governments enacting or administering their own prevailing wage laws or similar ordinances.” [State of Wisconsin Legislature 2015 Assembly Bill 32, [2/17/15](#)]

### **Assembly Bill 61 & Senate Bill 44: Right To Work For Less**

#### **Assembly Bill 61 And Senate Bill 44 Created A State Right To Work Law, Meaning It Prohibits Requiring People To Join A Labor Organization And “Any Person Who Violates This Prohibition Is Guilty Of A Class A Misdemeanor.”**

According to the State of Wisconsin Legislature 2015 Assembly Bill 61 and Senate Bill 44, “This bill creates a state right to work law. This bill generally prohibits a person from requiring, as a condition of obtaining or continuing employment, an individual to refrain or resign from membership in a labor organization, to become or remain a member of a labor organization, to pay dues or other charges to a labor organization, or to pay any other person an amount that is in place of dues or charges required of members of a labor organization. Any person who violates this prohibition is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.” [State of Wisconsin Legislature 2015 Assembly Bill 61 and Senate Bill 44, [2/23/15](#), [2/23/15](#)]

### **Assembly Bill 68 & Senate Bill 43: Limiting John Doe**

**Assembly Bill 68 And Senate Bill 43 Limited The Scope Of Crimes That Could Be Investigated Under A John Doe Proceeding And Imposed A Six-Month Time Limit On A John Doe Proceeding.** According to the State of Wisconsin Legislature 2015 Assembly Bill 68 and Senate Bill 43, “Under current law, any conduct that is prohibited by state law and punishable by fine or imprisonment or both is a crime that may be investigated under a John Doe proceeding. Under this bill, the crimes that may be investigated under a John Doe proceeding are certain felonies under the Criminal Code or any conduct punishable by fine or imprisonment or both that is allegedly committed by an on-duty law enforcement officer, corrections officer, or state probation, parole, or extended supervision officer. [...] This bill imposes a six-month time limit on a John Doe proceeding. This limit may be extended for additional six-month periods if a majority of judicial administrative district chief judges find good cause for each extension. This bill also provides that the same finding is required to add specified crimes to the original complaint. The vote of each judge must be available to the public.” [State of Wisconsin Legislature 2015 Assembly Bill 61 and Senate Bill 44, [3/5/15](#), [3/5/15](#)]

### **Assembly Bill 600: Deregulating Navigable Waters & Wetlands**

**Assembly Bill 600 Deregulated Navigable Waters And Wetlands And Provided That The State Would No Longer Be “The Owner Of Lake Beds Up To The Ordinary High-Water Mark” And Instead Would Defer Control To Land Owners.** According to the State of Wisconsin Legislature 2015 Assembly Bill 600, “This bill makes various changes to the regulation of navigable waters, artificial water bodies, wetlands, and nonpoint source pollution. [...] Under current statutory and common law, this state holds title to navigable waters in trust for public purposes. This body of law, commonly referred to as the public trust doctrine, is encompassed in article IX, section 1, of the Wisconsin Constitution. Under the public trust doctrine, the state has traditionally been the owner of lake beds up to the ordinary high-water mark (OHWM). This bill provides that any area of a navigable water that was filled before January 1, 1975, and that has remained continuously filled since January 1, 1975, is owned by the riparian owner in whose riparian zone the filled area is located.” [State of Wisconsin Legislature 2015 Assembly Bill 32, [12/10/15](#)]

### **Assembly Bill 1, Senate Bill 1, & Assembly Bill 426 : Deregulating Iron Mining**

#### **Assembly Bill 1, Senate Bill 1, & Assembly Bill 426 Pushed Forward Less Stringent Regulations For Iron Mining.**

According to the State of Wisconsin Legislature 2011 Assembly Bill 1, “This bill creates new statutes for regulating iron mining and modifies the current laws regulating metallic mining so that they cover only mining for nonferrous minerals. [...] The bill places standards for iron mining and for the reclamation of iron mining sites in the statutes, rather than requiring rule-making. The standards in the bill are similar in many respects to DNR’s current rules and are less stringent in other respects.” [State of Wisconsin Legislature 2015 Assembly Bill 32, Senate Bill 1, & Assembly Bill 426, [1/18/13](#), [1/18/13](#), [12/14/11](#)]

## **Assembly Bill 649 & Senate Bill 450: Reductions Greenhouse Gas Emissions & Petroleum Consumption**

**Assembly Bill 649 And Senate Bill 450 Pushed For Reductions In Net Greenhouse Gas Emissions And In Projected Statewide Consumption Of Liquefied Petroleum Gas, Heating Oil, And Natural Gas.** According to the State of Wisconsin Legislature 2010 Assembly Bill 649 and Senate Bill 450, “This bill specifies goals for statewide reductions in net greenhouse gas emissions. The goals are: that the amount of emissions in 2014 does not exceed the amount in 2005; that the amount of emissions in 2022 is at least 22 percent less than the amount in 2005; and that the amount of emissions in 2050 and thereafter is at least 75 percent less than the amount in 2005. The bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to quadrennially assess progress toward meeting the goals. This bill specifies that it is the goal of this state that by 2030 each newly constructed residential or commercial building will use no more energy than is generated on site using renewable resources. The bill requires the Department of Commerce (Commerce) to quadrennially assess progress toward meeting the goal. This bill specifies goals for reductions in projected statewide consumption of electricity, liquified petroleum gas, heating oil, and natural gas by percentages specified in the bill. The bill requires the Public Service Commission (PSC) to quadrennially assess progress toward meeting the goals.” [State of Wisconsin Legislature 2015 Assembly Bill 649 & Senate Bill 450, [1/6/10](#), [1/7/10](#)]

## **Assembly Bill 19 & Senate Bill 13: Limiting Tort Action**

**Assembly Bill 19 And Senate Bill 13 Created “Discovery And Scheduling Requirements For Certain Types Of Tort Actions” And Limited “A Defendant's Liability For A Plaintiff's Injury Under Certain Circumstances.”** According to the State of Wisconsin Legislature 2013 Assembly Bill 19 and Senate Bill 13, “This bill creates discovery and scheduling requirements for certain types of tort actions and limits a defendant's liability for a plaintiff's injury under certain circumstances. Under the bill, a plaintiff who files a tort action must disclose, within 30 days after he or she files the action, whether he or she has filed or anticipates filing a claim against a personal injury trust. A personal injury trust is a trust or compensation fund that is established pursuant to a bankruptcy or other legal action in order to compensate persons who file claims as a result of harm potentially compensable in the plaintiff's tort action, for which the entity that established the personal injury trust is alleged to be responsible.” [State of Wisconsin Legislature 2015 Assembly Bill 19 & Senate Bill 13, [2/15/13](#), [2/12/13](#)]

## **Senate Bill 93: Expanded Firearm Conceal And Carry Privileges**

**Senate Bill 93 Eliminated The Prohibitions Against Going Armed With Or Possessing A Firearm In A Public Building Or Tavern Or Within 1,000 Feet Of The Grounds Of A School Only To The Grounds Of A School.**

According to the State of Wisconsin Legislature 2011 Senate Bill 93, “Current law also prohibits, with certain exceptions, going armed with or possessing a firearm in a public building, tavern, state park, or wildlife refuge or within 1,000 feet of the grounds of a school. This bill eliminates the prohibitions against going armed with or possessing a firearm in a public building or tavern but this bill adds general prohibitions against carrying weapons into a police station, sheriff's office, or state patrol station; a prison, jail, house of correction, or secured correctional facility; a courthouse; a place beyond a security checkpoint in an airport; and a building owned or leased by the state or any political subdivision of the state if the building provides electronic screening for weapons at all public entrances to the building and provides locked storage for weapons on the premises while the person carrying the weapon is in the building.” [State of Wisconsin Legislature 2015 Senate Bill 93, [5/10/11](#)]

**Senate Bill 93 Also Eliminated The Requirement That A Firearm Is Unloaded And Encased In A Vehicle.** According to the State of Wisconsin Legislature 2011 Senate Bill 93, “This bill generally eliminates the requirements that the firearm be unloaded and encased and that the bow or crossbow be unstrung and encased in order to be carried in a vehicle. The bill retains the requirement that a firearm be unloaded and encased in order to be carried on a commercial aircraft.” [State of Wisconsin Legislature 2015 Senate Bill 93, [5/10/11](#)]

**Senate Bill 93 Also Applied The Prohibition Against Possessing A Firearm In A State Park Or A Wildlife Refuge Only To Firearms That Are Not Handguns.** According to the State of Wisconsin Legislature 2011 Senate Bill 93, “This bill applies the prohibition against going armed with or possessing a firearm in a state park or a wildlife refuge only to firearms that are not handguns. This bill also limits the prohibition against going armed with or possessing a firearm within 1,000 feet of the grounds of a school only to the grounds of a school. Any federal prohibitions against guns in school zones, however,



still apply. In addition, current law prohibits, with certain exceptions, carrying a firearm, bow, or crossbow in most vehicles unless the firearm is unloaded and encased or the bow or crossbow is unstrung and encased.” [State of Wisconsin Legislature 2015 Senate Bill 93, [5/10/11](#)]

### **Assembly Bill 408 & Senate Bill 279: Expanded Financial Assistance Related To Biofuels**

**Assembly Bill 408 And Senate Bill 279 Expanded Financial Assistance Related To Biofuels.** According to the State of Wisconsin Legislature 2009 Assembly Bill 408 and Senate Bill 279, “Financial assistance related to biofuels. The bill expands the applicability of relevant state financial assistance programs, to ensure that the programs support the establishment, production, harvest, storage, and transport of bioenergy feedstocks; the conversion of ethanol production plants to biomass energy for process heat; and the development and construction of biorefineries. A ‘biorefinery’ is a facility, including equipment and processes, that converts biomass into fuels and products and may produce electricity.” [State of Wisconsin Legislature 2015 Assembly Bill 408 & Senate Bill 279, [8/31/09](#), [8/28/09](#)]

### **Assembly Bill 578: Healthy & Environmentally Sensitive Cleaning**

**Assembly Bill 578 Promulgated “Rules Requiring Cleaning That Minimizes Adverse Effects On Human Health And The Environment” In Buildings Owned By The State.** According to the State of Wisconsin Legislature 2009 Assembly Bill 578, “This bill requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to promulgate rules requiring cleaning that minimizes adverse effects on human health and the environment (healthy and environmentally sensitive cleaning) in school buildings, buildings on University of Wisconsin campuses, other buildings owned by this state, buildings owned by a technical college district board, and buildings owned by a city, village, town, or county (political subdivision). DHS must consult with the Council on Healthy and Environmentally Sensitive Cleaning, created by the bill, in promulgating the rules. Under the bill, DHS may grant a one-year exemption from a requirement in the rules if a person responsible for complying with the requirement demonstrates that compliance would increase its cleaning costs.” [State of Wisconsin Legislature 2015 Assembly Bill 578, [11/12/09](#)]

### **Assembly Bill 200: Prohibited Fuel Price Gouging**

**Assembly Bill 200 Prohibited A Retail Or Wholesale Seller Of Petroleum-Based Fuel “From Increasing The Fuel's Price By More Than The Amount Of Any Concurrent Increase In The Person's Acquisition, Production, Distribution, Or Operating Costs.”** According to the State of Wisconsin Legislature 2007 Assembly Bill 200, “This bill prohibits a retail or wholesale seller of petroleum-based fuel (such as gasoline, diesel fuel, propane, or liquefied petroleum gas) from increasing the fuel's price by more than the amount of any concurrent increase in the person's acquisition, production, distribution, or operating costs. A person who violates this prohibition may be fined not more than \$25,000, sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than 12.5 years (which, if the sentence is for more than one year, includes a term of confinement and a term of extended supervision), or both.” [State of Wisconsin Legislature 2015 Assembly Bill 200, [3/19/07](#)]

### **Administrative Rule: Control Of Mercury Air Emissions**

**The Natural Resources Board Aimed To Control Mercury Air Emissions With An Administrative Rule.** According to the State of Wisconsin Legislature 2001 Administrative Rule, “The Natural Resources Board at their December 2000 meeting directed staff to prepare administrative rules to control mercury air emissions under the authority of s. 285.11 (9), Stats. This action was initiated in response to a petition received in May 2000 that was signed by several legislators and representatives of environmental organizations, conservation groups, sporting clubs and lake associations. Staff were directed by the board to present proposed rules, with a request for public hearing authorization, at the March 2001 Natural Resource Board meeting.” [State of Wisconsin Legislature Administrative Rule, [2/14/01](#)]

### **Assembly Bill 12 & Senate Bill 2: Adjusting Minimum Wage To Inflation**

**Assembly Bill 12 & Senate Bill 2 Aimed To Adjust Wage According To The Consumer Price Index.** According to the State of Wisconsin Legislature 2015 Assembly Bill 12 and Senate Bill 2, “Beginning three years after the bill's effective date for employees generally and one year after the bill's effective date for tipped employees, the bill requires DWD annually to promulgate rules revising the minimum wages established under the bill by determining the percentage difference between the

consumer price index for the preceding 12-month period (year) and the consumer price index for the year before the preceding year, adjusting the minimum wages then in effect by that percentage difference, and rounding that result to the nearest multiple of five cents. For tipped employees, the bill requires DWD to increase the minimum wage by 95 cents each year until the minimum wage for tipped employees equals 70 percent of the minimum wage for employees generally and then in subsequent years to revise the minimum wage for tipped employees so that the minimum wage for tipped employees remains equal to 70 percent of the minimum wage for employees generally, rounded to the nearest multiple of five cents. DWD, however, is not required to revise the minimum wage if the consumer price index for the preceding year has not increased over the consumer price index for the year before the preceding year.” [Assembly Bill 12 & Senate Bill 2, [1/27/15](#), [1/16/15](#)]

### **Assembly Bill 140: Public Assistance Statements**

**Assembly Bill 140 Created A System That Would Identify Every Individual Or Family Who Received Public Assistance Benefits And Send Them A Yearly Statement Detailing The Types And Monetary Value Of The Assistance They Received.** According to the State of Wisconsin Legislature 2015 Assembly Bill 140, “This bill directs the Department of Administration (DOA), with the assistance of DHS, DCF, and DWD, to create a system that: 1) identifies every individual or family in this state who receives any benefits, defined in the bill as public assistance benefits and UI benefits; 2) tabulates the total amount of benefits received in a year by each such individual or family; and 3) generates a detailed statement showing the types and monetary value of all benefits received by the individual or family in a year. By no later than March 31 of each year, DOA must send the detailed statement for the preceding year to each individual or family who received benefits.” [Assembly Bill 140, [5/27/15](#)]

### **Assembly Bill 192: Requiring Those Seeking Unemployment Insurance To Submit To Drug Tests**

**Assembly Bill 192 Would Require Claimants Who Apply For Regular Unemployment Insurance Benefits To Submit To Drug Tests And Make Assistance Contingent Upon Their Cooperation With The Procedures.** According to the State of Wisconsin Legislature 2015 Assembly Bill 192, “This bill requires the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to establish a program to require claimants who apply for regular UI benefits to submit to drug tests. The bill requires DWD to determine, when a claimant applies for regular UI benefits, whether the claimant is an individual for whom suitable work is only available in an occupation described in the federal regulations. If DWD determines that the claimant is such an individual, DWD must conduct a screening on the claimant to determine whether there is a reasonable suspicion that the claimant has engaged in the unlawful use of controlled substances. If the screening indicates such a reasonable suspicion, DWD must require the claimant to submit to a drug test. The bill provides that, if the claimant declines to submit to such a test, the claimant is ineligible for UI benefits for 52 weeks or until a subsequent claim for benefits, whichever is later. [...] If the claimant submits to the drug test and tests positive for one or more controlled substances without a valid prescription, the bill provides that the claimant is ineligible for UI benefits for 52 weeks or until a subsequent claim for benefits, whichever is later, except that following the positive test, the claimant may maintain his or her eligibility for UI benefits by enrolling in a state-sponsored substance abuse treatment program and undergoing a state-sponsored job skills assessment. The claimant remains eligible for benefits for each week the claimant is in full compliance with any requirements of the substance abuse treatment program and job skills assessment.” [Assembly Bill 192, [4/24/15](#)]

### **Assembly 274 Bill & Senate Bill 352: Required Paid Sick Leave**

**Assembly 274 Bill & Senate Bill 352 Required Paid Sick Leave.** According to the State of Wisconsin Legislature 2015 Assembly 274 Bill and Senate Bill 352, “Paid sick leave. This bill requires an employer, including the state, that employs at least one individual full-time or part-time on a permanent or temporary basis to provide an employee who has been employed by the employer for at least 90 consecutive calendar days with paid sick leave at the employee's regular rate of pay that the employee may use for any of the following reasons[.]” [Assembly Bill 474 & Senate Bill 352, [11/3/15](#), [10/29/15](#)]

### **Assembly Bill 116 & Senate Bill 84: Eliminated The State Estate Tax**

**Assembly Bill 116 & Senate Bill 84 Eliminated The State Estate Tax.** According to the State of Wisconsin Legislature 2013 Assembly Bill 116 and Senate Bill 84, “This bill eliminates the state estate tax beginning with deaths occurring on January

1, 2013. Because this bill relates to an exemption from state or local taxes, it may be referred to the Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions for a report to be printed as an appendix to the bill.” [Assembly Bill 116 & Senate Bill 84, [4/2/13](#), [3/20/13](#)]

### **Assembly Bill 578: Provided Punishments For Employers That Failed To Pay The Minimum Wage**

**Assembly Bill 578 Provided Punishments For Employers That Failed To Pay The Minimum Wage.** According to the State of Wisconsin Legislature 2013 Assembly Bill 578, “This bill permits DWD to require an employer that pays a wage that is less than the state minimum wage to pay to the employee, in addition to the amount of wages due, increased wages of up to 100 percent of the amount of wages due. The bill also increases the amount of the forfeiture that a circuit court may order the employer to pay from not less than \$10 nor more than \$100 for each offense to not less than \$25 nor more than \$250 for each offense. [State of Wisconsin Legislature 2013 Assembly Bill 578, [12/18/13](#)]

## **AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY**

**AFP Spent Nearly \$430,000 For Lobbying Services From 2009-2015.** According to the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, Americans for Prosperity registered Annette C Olson, Scott Meyer, Eric J Bott, James Flath, David Fladeboe, Thomas Fonfara, Luke A Hilgemann, Robert Seitz, Sean Lansing, Matt Seaholm, Mark Block, Joan Hansen, and Lorri Pickens as their lobbyists from 2005-2015. AFP spent \$268,715.03 in 2015, \$102,235.45 from 2013-2014, \$1,662.13 from 2011-2012, and \$56,966.39 from 2009-2010. [Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, [2015](#), [2013-2014](#), [2011-2012](#), [2009-2010](#)]

### **Lobbying Highlights**

Legislative Bill/Resolution	Topic	For/Against/Other	Date
Assembly Bill 32	Eliminating the prevailing wage.	For	<a href="#">2/18/2015</a>
Assembly Bill 61 Senate Bill 44	Prohibiting as a condition of employment membership in a labor organization or payments to a labor organization and providing a penalty.	For	<a href="#">3/2/2015</a> <a href="#">2/25/2015</a>
Assembly Bill 68 Senate Bill 43	Provides for changes to John Doe proceedings.	For	<a href="#">8/14/2015</a> <a href="#">8/14/2015</a>
Assembly Bill 600	Deregulating navigable waters and wetlands.	For	<a href="#">12/16/2015</a>
Assembly Bill 1 Senate Bill 1 Assembly Bill 426	Making changes in the laws relating to the regulation of iron mining.	For	<a href="#">2/20/2013</a> <a href="#">2/20/2013</a> <a href="#">2/22/2012</a>
Assembly Bill 649 Senate Bill 450	Goals for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.	Against	<a href="#">1/8/2010</a> <a href="#">1/31/2010</a>

[Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, accessed [2/8/16](#)]

## **KOCH COMPANIES PUBLIC SECTOR AND AFFILIATES**

**Koch Companies Public Sector, LLC And Affiliates Spent Nearly \$1.2 Million For Lobbying Services From 2009-2015.** According to the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, Koch Companies Public Sector, LLC, and Affiliates registered Jeffrey Schoepke, Robert I Fassbender, Andrew Engelas, Rebecca Hogan, Kathleen Walby, Jason Childress, Amy Boyer, Ray Carey, and Andrew Cook as their lobbyists from 2009-2015. Koch Companies Public Sector, LLC, and Affiliates spent \$100,007.01 in 2015, \$351,949.27 from 2013-2014, \$349,652.40 from 2011-2012, and \$396,233.59 from 2009-2010. [Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, [2015](#), [2013-2014](#), [2011-2012](#), [2009-2010](#)]

### **Lobbying Highlights**

Legislative Bill/Resolution	Topic	For/Against/Other /Undisclosed	Date
Assembly Bill 19	Creating discovery and scheduling requirements for	Undisclosed	<a href="#">4/24/2013</a>

Senate Bill 13	certain types of tort actions and limiting a defendant's liability for a plaintiff's injury under certain circumstances.		<a href="#">4/24/2013</a>
Senate Bill 93	Relating to: going armed with weapons, possessing or transporting a firearm, bow, or crossbow under certain circumstances, disorderly conduct limitations, and electric weapons.	Undisclosed	<a href="#">6/6/2011</a>
Assembly Bill 408 Senate Bill 279	Financial assistance related to bioenergy feedstocks, biorefineries, and conversion to biomass energy.	Undisclosed	<a href="#">10/7/2009</a> <a href="#">10/7/2009</a>
Assembly Bill 578	Healthy and environmentally sensitive cleaning in certain buildings.	Against	<a href="#">11/13/2009</a>
Assembly Bill 649 Senate Bill 450	Goals for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.	Undisclosed	<a href="#">1/13/2010</a> <a href="#">1/13/2010</a>

[Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, accessed [2/8/16](#)]

## FLINT HILLS RESOURCES

**Flint Hills Resources Spent Nearly \$420,000 For Lobbying Services From 2004-2008.** According to the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, Flint Hills Resources registered Andrew Franken, Amy Boyer, Robert I Fassbender, and Elizabeth J Buchen as their lobbyists from 2004-2008. Flint Hills Resources spent \$259,528.55 from 2007-2008, \$122,837.32 from 2005-2006, \$36,675.69 in 2004. [Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, [2007-2008](#), [2005-2006](#), [2004](#)]

### Lobbying Highlights

Legislative Bill/Resolution	Topic	For/Against/Other/Undisclosed	Date
Assembly Bill 200	Fuel price gouging and providing a penalty.	Undisclosed	<a href="#">4/13/2007</a>
Administrative Rule:	Control of mercury air emissions.	Undisclosed	<a href="#">11/7/2001</a>

[Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, accessed [2/8/16](#)]

## NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS

**The National Federation Of Independent Business Spent Nearly \$1,000,000 For Lobbying Services From 2011-2015.** According to the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, the National Federation of Independent Business registered Billy G. Smith as their lobbyist from 2004-2015. The National Federation of Independent Business spent \$120,059.97 in 2015, \$453,409.42 from 2013-2014, and \$426,246.26 from 2011-2012. [Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, [2015](#), [2013-2014](#), [2011-2012](#)]

### Lobbying Highlights

Legislative Bill/Resolution	Topic	For/Against/Other/Undisclosed	Date
Assembly Bill 12 Senate Bill 2	State minimum wage, permitting the enactment of local living wage ordinances.	Against	<a href="#">2/6/2015</a> <a href="#">1/26/2015</a>
Assembly Bill 32 Senate Bill 49	Eliminating the prevailing wage.	For	<a href="#">2/23/2015</a> <a href="#">3/30/2015</a>
Assembly Bill 61 Senate Bill 44	Prohibiting as a condition of employment membership in a labor organization or payments to a labor organization and providing a penalty.	For	<a href="#">3/3/2015</a> <a href="#">2/25/2015</a>
Assembly Bill 140	Annual statements showing total public assistance and unemployment insurance benefits received.	For	<a href="#">9/8/2015</a>
Assembly Bill 192	Requiring certain unemployment insurance claimants to submit to drug tests, for eligibility for	For	<a href="#">4/29/2015</a>



	unemployment insurance benefits.		
Assembly Bill 474 Senate Bill 352	Paid sick leave.	Against	<a href="#">11/9/2015</a> <a href="#">11/9/2015</a>
Assembly Bill 19	Creates discovery and scheduling requirements for certain types of tort actions and limits a defendant's liability for a plaintiff's injury under certain circumstances.	For	<a href="#">3/1/2013</a>
Assembly Bill 116 Senate Bill 84	Eliminating the estate tax.	For	<a href="#">5/7/2013</a> <a href="#">5/7/2013</a>
Assembly Bill 578	Administrative and civil penalties for failure to pay the minimum wage and providing a penalty.	Against	<a href="#">1/13/2014</a>
Assembly Bill 426	Making changes in the laws relating to the regulation of iron mining.	Undisclosed	<a href="#">12/30/2011</a>

[Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, accessed [2/8/16](#)]

## INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE

**Institute For Justice Spent Nearly \$5,500 For Lobbying Services From 2011-2015.** According to the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, Institute for Justice registered Lee McGrath as their lobbyist from 2011-2015. Institute for Justice spent \$287.46 in 2015 and \$5,141.11 in 2011. [Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, [2015](#), [2011](#)]

## HISPANICS FOR SCHOOL CHOICE

**Hispanics For School Choice Spent \$1,761 For Lobbying Services In 2015.** According to the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, Hispanics for School Choice registered Jason S Crye as their lobbyist in 2015. Hispanics for School Choice spent \$1,761.00 in 2015. [Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, [2015](#)]

## Speaker Paul Ryan Has A Record Of Speaking For The Koch Agenda

## KOCH-BACKED GROUPS HAVE SPENT MORE THAN \$669,350 SUPPORTING PAUL RYAN

Contributor	Contributor Organization	Date	Target	Amount
Koch, Charles	Koch Industries	03/28/2016	Team Ryan (Paul D. Ryan's Joint Fundraising Committee)	\$244,200
Koch, Elizabeth	None	03/24/2016	Team Ryan (Paul D. Ryan's Joint Fundraising Committee)	\$244,200
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	02/04/2016	Team Ryan (Paul D. Ryan's Joint Fundraising Committee)	\$71,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	02/04/2016	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$6,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	10/23/2015	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$1,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	03/03/2015	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$2,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	12/07/2013	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$1,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	12/07/2013	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	05/02/2014	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$5,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	05/02/2014	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$2,500
Koch, David	Koch Industries	05/02/2014	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$2,600
Koch, David	Koch Industries	05/02/2014	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$2,600
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	06/13/2012	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$5,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	06/22/2011	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$3,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	02/17/2011	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$1,500

Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	04/14/2010	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$1,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	08/19/2010	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$3,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	07/27/2009	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	09/23/2009	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$4,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	09/11/2008	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$2,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	08/14/2008	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$2,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	10/30/2007	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$2,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	09/14/2007	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$2,500
Koch, Julia	N/A	03/19/2008	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$1,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	09/05/2006	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$5,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	09/05/2006	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	07/31/2006	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	03/10/2006	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	11/01/2005	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	09/14/2005	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	11/20/2003	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$2,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	06/19/2003	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$2,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	03/13/2002	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	10/30/2001	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$4,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	05/22/2000	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	06/29/1999	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$5,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	09/21/1998	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$5,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	06/23/1998	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$2,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	04/06/1998	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$2,500
Koch, David	Koch Industries	11/18/1998	Ryan For Congress Inc.	\$1,000
<b>Total:</b> \$653,100				

[FEC, Accessed 4/25/16]

**Koch Industries Has Been The Third Largest Total Contributor To Paul Ryan Throughout His Career.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Koch Industries has been the third largest total contributor to Paul Ryan throughout his career. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [2/12/16](#)]

**The National Federation Of Independent Business Contributed \$12,000 To Paul Ryan From 2008 - 2012.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the National Federation of Independent Business contributed \$2,500 to Paul Ryan in 2012, \$5,000 in 2010, and \$4,500 in 2008. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [2/8/16](#)]

**The National Rifle Association Contributed \$4,250 To Paul Ryan From 2012 - 2014.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the National Rifle Association contributed \$2,250 to Paul Ryan in 2014 and \$2,000 in 2012. [OpenSecrets.org, [2014](#), [2012](#)]

- **The NRA Received \$4,895,000 From Freedom Partners In 2014.** According to its 2014 Form 990 filing with the IRS, Freedom Partners contributed \$4,895,000 to the NRA in 2014. [Freedom Partners IRS Form 990, 2014]
- **The NRA Received \$3,465,000 From Freedom Partners In 2012.** According to publicly available tax documents, Freedom Partners contributed \$3,465,000 to the NRA in 2012. [Freedom Partners IRS Form 990, 2012]
- **The NRA Received \$3,465,000 From The Center To Protect Patient Rights In 2012.** According to publicly available tax documents, the Center to Protect Patient Rights contributed \$3,465,000 to the NRA in 2012. [Freedom Partners IRS Form 990, 2012]

## DEEP KOCH SUPPORT & TIES

### Paul Ryan Has Been A Longtime Koch Favorite

**US News: Ryan Has “Long Been A Favorite” Of The Koch Brothers.** According to US News & World Report, “The vice presidential nominee's campaign finance record is not without some minor controversy. To begin with, he has long been a favorite of the libertarian billionaires Charles and David Koch. Before entering Congress, Ryan worked with a conservative group that would eventually merge with a Koch brothers' group to become FreedomWorks, a leading sponsor of the Tea Party movement. Their mutual interests in libertarianism could explain why the private energy corporation Koch Industries has given Ryan more than \$65,000 over his career. The Koch brothers have promised to funnel \$400 million through outside groups to defeat President Obama this year.” [US News & World Report, [8/14/12](#)]

**In 2013, Paul Ryan Spoke At A Secret Gathering Hosted By The Kochs Near Albuquerque.** According to Politico, “The Rep. Paul Ryan, House Majority Leader Eric Cantor and New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez secretly spoke to wealthy donors at the Koch brothers' recently concluded summer gathering on the outskirts of Albuquerque. The 2012 vice presidential candidate and No. 2 House Republican are return participants to the twice-annual seminar, which also drew wealthy donors and conservative nonprofit leaders including American Enterprise Institute President Arthur Brooks.” [Politico, [8/7/13](#)]

### **Ryan Was Highly Rated BY AFP**

**Americans For Prosperity President Tim Phillips: “Paul Was One Of The First Guys That We Looked At And Said, ‘Hey, That Young Guy Could Be The Guy’...And When He Put Out The Budget And Defended It, That’s When They Said, ‘He Could Go All The Way.’”** According to the New York Times, “Paul was one of the first guys that we looked at and said, ‘Hey, that young guy could be the guy,’ said Tim Phillips, Americans for Prosperity’s president. And when he put out the budget and defended it, that’s when they said, ‘He could go all the way.’” [New York Times, [8/13/12](#)]

**Paul Ryan Has Attended And Headlined AFP Events Since 2006 And Was Awarded Their Defender Of The American Dream In 2008.** According to the New York Times, “Mr. Ryan, who became House budget chairman in 2006, began attending and speaking at Americans for Prosperity events. In 2008, the Wisconsin chapter gave Mr. Ryan its annual ‘Defender of the American Dream’ award.” [New York Times, [8/13/12](#)]

*Ryan Received Consistently High Marks On The AFP Scorecard*

**Rep. Paul Ryan Has A Lifetime Score Of 84% From Americans For Prosperity.** [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [2/8/16](#)]

- **2015 - 2016: Rep. Paul Ryan Had A 100% Score From Americans For Prosperity For The 114th Congress.** [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [2/8/16](#)]
- **2013 - 2014: Rep. Paul Ryan Had A 62% Score From Americans For Prosperity For The 113th Congress.** [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [2/8/16](#)]
- **2011 – 2012: Rep. Paul Ryan Had A 73% Score From Americans For Prosperity For The 112th Congress.** [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [2/8/16](#)]
- **2009 – 2010: Rep. Paul Ryan Had A 95% Score From Americans For Prosperity For The 111th Congress.** [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [2/8/16](#)]
- **2007 – 2008: Rep. Paul Ryan Had A 90% Score From Americans For Prosperity For The 110th Congress.** [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [2/8/16](#)]

### **60 Plus Gave Ryan Their Guardian Of Senior’s Rights Award And Invested Heavily In His Medicare Plan**

**60 Plus Gave Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan “The Guardian Of Seniors' Rights Award.”** According to 60 Plus, “Because of his commitment to the elderly, Congressman Paul Ryan (R-WI), has earned the coveted Guardian of Seniors' Rights award from the 60 Plus Association, a national non-partisan organization advocating lower taxes and an adherence to the Constitution.” [60 Plus, [8/11/12](#)]

**60 Plus Spokesman Pat Boone Campaigned For Rep. Paul Ryan's Medicare Plan, "Which Would Transform Medicare From A Fee-For-Service Health Coverage Provider To A Supplier Of Direct Checks To Seniors."**

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**60 Plus Spent \$1.4 Million On A Television "Ad Featuring Congressman Paul Ryan And Defending The Republican Plan To Reform Medicare."** According to 60 Plus, "The 60 Plus Association, nationally recognized as the conservative alternative to the liberal AARP, today launched a television ad featuring Congressman Paul Ryan and defending the Republican plan to reform Medicare. The seniors-interest advocacy organization is spending \$1.4 million to run the ad nationally." [60 Plus, [6/17/11](#)]

## **RYAN USED RESEARCH FROM THE KOCH BACKED HERITAGE FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT HIS PROPOSED BUDGET**

**House Budget Chairman Rep. Paul Ryan Cited A Study By The Heritage Center For Data Analytics To Support His Proposed Budget Called "The Path To Prosperity."** According to an opinion by Chairman of the House Budget Committee Congressman Paul Ryan for the Wall Street Journal, "A study just released by the Heritage Center for Data Analysis projects that The Path to Prosperity will help create nearly one million new private-sector jobs next year, bring the unemployment rate down to 4% by 2015, and result in 2.5 million additional private-sector jobs in the last year of the decade. It spurs economic growth, with \$1.5 trillion in additional real GDP over the decade. According to Heritage's analysis, it would result in \$1.1 trillion in higher wages and an average of \$1,000 in additional family income each year." [Paul Ryan – Wall Street Journal, [4/5/11](#)]

### **Heritage And Other Koch Groups Publicly Supported The Ryan Budget**

**Grover M. Hermann Fellow In Federal Budgetary Affairs In The Thomas A. Roe Institute For Economic Policy Studies At The Heritage Foundation Patrick Louis Knudsen: "Many Of Ryan's Reform Proposals Would Enhance Congress's Ability To," Control Spending And Limit The Size And Scope Of Government.** According to a memo by the Grover M. Herman fellow in Federal Budgetary Affairs in the Thomas A. Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies at the Heritage Foundation Patrick Louis Knudsen, "The congressional budget has three principal roles: (1) to control spending, (2) to limit the size and scope of government, and (3) to compel choices among governing priorities. In short, budgeting truly is governing. Many of Ryan's reform proposals would enhance Congress's ability to achieve these aims. The legislation attacks the most basic problem in federal budgeting—the lack of spending limits—in a simple way: by imposing a cap on total spending and separate ceilings on discretionary and entitlement spending." ["Chairman Ryan's Proposals for Fixing the Budget Process," Patrick Louis Knudsen – Heritage Foundation, accessed [12/21/15](#)]

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**In 2011, AFP Backed FY 2012 Ryan Budget.** According to AFP’s congressional scorecard for the 112th Congress, AFP took a “yes” position the House vote on House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan’s (R-WI) proposed budget resolution covering fiscal years 2012 to 2021 which included a proposal to replace Medicare with a premium support plan. [AFP Scorecard for the 112th Congress, [2/1/13](#)]

- **The Ryan Budget Replaced Medicare With A Premium Support Plan.** According to the Congressional Research Service, “Under the new system, Medicare would pay a portion of the beneficiaries’ premiums, i.e., provide ‘premium support.’ The payments would be adjusted for age, health status, and income and would be paid directly by the government to the insurance plan selected by the Medicare beneficiary. In addition, plans with healthier enrollees, would be required to help subsidize plans with less healthy enrollees.” [House vote 277, CRS Report #R41767, 4/13/11]

**In 2012, AFP Backed FY 2013 Ryan Budget.** According to AFP’s congressional scorecard for the 112th Congress, AFP took a “yes” position on the House vote on House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan’s (R-WI) proposed budget resolution covering fiscal years 2013 to 2022 which included a proposal to increase the Medicare eligibility age to 67 by 2034. [AFP Scorecard for the 112th Congress, [2/1/13](#)]

- **The Ryan Budget Proposed Raising The Medicare Eligibility Age To 67 By 2034.** According to the Congressional Research Service, “The budget proposal would gradually increase the Medicare eligibility age to 67. Beginning in 2023, the age of eligibility for Medicare would increase by two months each year until it reached 67 in 2034.” [House vote 151.; CRS Report #R42441, 3/29/12]

### **Ryan’s Budget Plan Cut Spending On Education But Kept Tax Breaks For Oil Companies**

**Ryan Budget Cut Spending On Education But Kept Tax Breaks For Oil Companies.** According to the Daily Beast, “When House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan unveiled the GOP blueprint for cutting government spending, he asked Americans to make sacrifices on everything from Medicare to education, while preserving lucrative tax subsidies for the booming oil, mining and energy industries.” [Daily Beast, [6/17/11](#)]

- **Ryan Had Financial Interest In Oil Companies That Benefit From Oil Subsidies.** According to the Daily Beast, “The financial disclosure report Ryan filed with Congress last month and made public this week shows he and his wife, Janna, own stakes in four family companies that lease land in Texas and Oklahoma to the very energy companies that benefit from the tax subsidies in Ryan’s budget plan. Ryan’s father-in-law, Daniel Little, who runs the companies, told Newsweek and The Daily Beast that the family companies are currently leasing the land for mining and drilling to energy giants such as Chesapeake Energy, Devon, and XTO Energy, a recently acquired subsidiary of ExxonMobil. Some of these firms would be eligible for portions of the \$45 billion in energy tax breaks and subsidies over 10 years protected in the Wisconsin lawmaker’s proposed budget.” [Daily Beast, [6/17/11](#)]

### **Ryan Proposed Drastic Cuts To Safety Nets While Lowering Taxes For Rich**

**Paul Krugman: Ryan’s 2010 Plan Would Have Reduced “Revenue By Almost \$4 Trillion” And Cause A Deficit Of “Roughly \$1.3 Trillion” By 2020.** According to an opinion by columnist Paul Krugman for the New York Times, “But the budget office has done no such thing. At Mr. Ryan’s request, it produced an estimate of the budget effects of his proposed spending cuts — period. It didn’t address the revenue losses from his tax cuts. The nonpartisan Tax Policy Center has, however, stepped into the breach. Its numbers indicate that the Ryan plan would reduce revenue by almost \$4 trillion over the next decade. If you add these revenue losses to the numbers The Post cites, you get a much larger deficit in 2020, roughly \$1.3 trillion.” [Paul Krugman – New York Times, [8/5/10](#)]

**Krugman: The Tax Policy Center Found That The Ryan Plan Would Have “Cut Taxes On The Richest 1 Percent Of The Population In Half, Giving Them 117 Percent Of The Plan’s Total Tax Cuts.”** According to an opinion by columnist Paul Krugman for the New York Times, “And I do mean slash. The Tax Policy Center finds that the Ryan plan

would cut taxes on the richest 1 percent of the population in half, giving them 117 percent of the plan's total tax cuts. That's not a misprint. Even as it slashed taxes at the top, the plan would raise taxes for 95 percent of the population." [Paul Krugman – New York Times, [8/5/10](#)]

**Los Angeles Times: Under Ryan's Plan The Internal Revenue Service Would Have Taxed “The Wealthiest Americans Less, But Many Of The Poorest Ones More.”** According to the Los Angeles Times, “Rep. Paul D. Ryan's proposed federal budget -- now starring as the centerpiece of the presidential campaign as he joins the Republican ticket -- would reshape American government, achieving long-sought conservative goals and reversing an 80-year path of larger, more expensive federal programs. Under Ryan's plan, which has passed the Republican-controlled House twice in slightly different versions, the Internal Revenue Service would tax the wealthiest Americans less, but many of the poorest ones more; Medicare would be transformed; Medicaid would be cut by about a third; and all functions of government other than those health programs, Social Security and the military would shrink to levels not seen since the 1930s.” [Los Angeles Times, [8/14/12](#)]

**The Budget Cut Taxes For The Wealthy By \$2.4 Trillion And Cut Spending By \$6.2 Trillion Compared To The Obama Budget.** According to Dark Money by Jane Mayer, “According to Dark Money by Jane Mayer, “In the name of fixing Medicare, it shrank it to voucher- like ‘premium supports,’ with which senior citizens could buy private medical insurance. It also transformed Medicaid into a tattered patchwork of state-run block grants while cutting overall funding. Further, it repealed the Medicaid expansion that was a part of Obama’s Affordable Care Act. At the same time, it reduced income taxes into two rates, cutting the top rate down to 25 percent— half of what it was when Ronald Reagan was elected. Theoretically, any losses were to be made up by eliminating deductions, but these were not specified. As the New York Times reporter Noam Scheiber summarizes it in *The Escape Artists: How Obama’s Team Fumbled the Recovery*, Ryan’s plan cut taxes for the wealthy by \$2.4 trillion in comparison with Obama’s proposed budget and then cut spending by \$6.2 trillion. He describes it in short as ‘right-wing lunacy.’” [Jane Mayer - Dark Money, 294]

**The “Most Shocking Aspect” Of The Ryan Budget Was “Its Radical Rewrite Of America’s Social Contract,” With 62% Of Its Spending Cuts Coming From Programs For The Poor, Which Only Accounted For 20% Of The Federal Budget.** According to Dark Money by Jane Mayer, “The most shocking aspect was its radical rewrite of America’s social contract. To reduce the deficit, Ryan prescribed massive cuts in government spending, 62 percent of which would come from programs for the poor, even though these programs accounted for only about a fifth of the federal budget. According to a New York Times analysis of a similar, later version of Ryan’s budget, 1.8 million people would be cut off food stamps, 280,000 children would lose their school lunch subsidies, and 300,000 children would lose medical coverage. Robert Greenstein of the liberal Center on Budget and Policy Priorities called the plan ‘Robin Hood in reverse,’ arguing, ‘It would likely produce the largest redistribution of income from the bottom to the top in modern U.S. history.’” [Jane Mayer - Dark Money, 294]

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**Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid: “The Ryan Budget Would Lead To A ‘Kochtopia.’”** According to Energy & Environment Publishing, “Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) touted Ryan's role in developing a 2013 bipartisan spending compromise with Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) when the two were the respective leaders of their chambers' budget committees. But Reid added on the Senate floor yesterday, ‘I said the Ryan budget would lead to a ‘Kochtopia,’ referring to the Koch brothers. ‘I believe that to be true now more than ever.’” [E & E Publishing, [10/23/15](#)]

**The Clamor Of Outside Conservative Groups Endorsing The Ryan Budget “Shared A Common Aquifer – The Pool Of Cash Contributed By The Koch Donor Network.”** According to Dark Money by Jane Mayer, “The plan was successfully sold, nonetheless, winning a chorus of acclaim from conservative pundits and think tank scholars, whom the Republican leadership had treated to high- level policy briefings. Singing the plan’s praise were the Cato Institute, the Heritage

Foundation, and Grover Norquist's powerful antitax group, Americans for Tax Reform, which declared, 'Paul Ryan's budget is what a REAL conservative budget looks like!' Many other nonprofit advocacy groups, like Public Notice, the 60 Plus Association, the Independent Women's Forum, and American Commitment, also chimed in for the drastic spending cuts. The clamor seemed multitudinous, but beneath the surface each of these groups shared a common aquifer—the pool of cash contributed by the Koch donor network.” [Jane Mayer - Dark Money, 295]

## THE KOCH NETWORK PUSHED TO POPULARIZE THE RYAN BUDGET

**Koch Political Consultant Sean Noble Suggested That The Koch Network Should Focus On Helping Paul Ryan.** According to Dark Money by Jane Mayer, “First, though, there was a lot of discussion about how they could help the Republicans in the House, now that the GOP had the majority. Sean Noble, who continued as a contract political consultant to the Kochs, was pushing hard for them to start by helping Paul Ryan, the Wisconsin congressman who was the incoming chairman of the House Budget Committee.” [Jane Mayer - Dark Money, 285]

**“To Popularize” Paul Ryan’s “Radical Budget Plan” Noble Suggested Koch Donors “Pay For Expensive Private Polling And Market Testing To Help Ryan Fine-Tune His Pitch” As Well As An Astroturf Campaign Of Fake Public Support.** According to Dark Money by Jane Mayer, “To popularize his radical budget plan, Ryan would need help, and Noble soon came up with a way for the donors to deliver it. He suggested they pay for expensive private polling and market testing to help Ryan fine-tune his pitch, as well as a campaign by ‘Astroturf’ groups to create a drumbeat of public support. It was an intriguing idea, but it teetered on the edge of impropriety. Drafting the government’s annual budget was a core congressional function” [Jane Mayer - Dark Money, 287]

**Koch Money Began Flowing To Market-Test And Advertise Ryan’s Budget Ideas Via TC4 Trust And Public Notice.** According to Dark Money by Jane Mayer, “At first, in the beginning of 2011, the donors were unenthused about the idea. Having already paid for an expensive election, they didn’t understand why they now also needed to pay for polling and focus groups about government policy. But in the following months, this changed, and mysterious money from the Koch network started flowing. Much of it moved from the donors to a 501(c)(4) ‘social welfare’ group cryptically called the TC4 Trust, working closely with a subgroup focused on budget issues called Public Notice. The TC4 Trust was little more than a UPS box in Alexandria, Virginia, but between 2009 and 2011 it reported revenue to the IRS of approximately \$46 million and gave away some \$37 million to other conservative nonprofit groups. It defined itself as a free-market advocacy group and filed papers with the IRS proclaiming that ‘the grant funds shall not be used for political activity.’ But it soon was paying for polling and a public advocacy campaign aimed at shaping and selling the Republican budget.” [Jane Mayer - Dark Money, 287]

**A Pollster Working On The Project Confirmed That Public Notice Was A Koch Group And Said The Project With Ryan “Wasn’t About Developing Policy...It Was About Selling It.”** According to Dark Money by Jane Mayer, “Ed Goeas, the president of the Tarrance Group, a Republican polling company that worked on the budget project, said that the challenge was to minimize political damage from cuts to entitlement spending. ‘It wasn’t about developing policy,’ Goeas said, ‘it was about selling it.’ The solution, it appears, was to avoid the frank use of the word ‘cut’ when talking about Medicare or Social Security. ‘There was discussion that you could deal with it as ‘getting your money’s worth out of the government,’ said Goeas. ‘You could talk about it as ‘more effective’—but not as cutting it. It had to be more about ‘efficiencies.’ That was a large part of it,’ he said. Public Notice, which paid for the research, also mounted a public advocacy campaign describing the deficit as a looming catastrophe. ‘Public Notice was one of the Koch Brothers’ groups,’ Goeas confirmed, adding that his firm worked ‘for it for three or four years’ while simultaneously advising Ryan.” [Jane Mayer - Dark Money, 287]

**The Ryan Budget Passed The House, Losing Only Four Republican Votes.** According to Dark Money by Jane Mayer, “Against this backdrop, on April 15, 2011, Ryan’s budget plan, now packaged as ‘The Path to Prosperity,’ came up for a vote in the House of Representatives. In the past, its prospects had been uncertain at best. Not just Democrats but many Republicans had deemed previous versions too harsh. A year earlier, Speaker of the House John Boehner had given it only lukewarm support. But by then the Republican caucus had moved far to the right, and the proposal had been repackaged. It now passed easily in the House 235–193, losing only four Republican votes but not attracting a single Democrat.” [Jane Mayer - Dark Money, 293-294]

## RYAN CONSISTENTLY ALIGNED WITH KOCH POLICIES

## **Paul Ryan Supported Koch Approved Tax Policies**

*Koch Brothers Have A History Of Pushing For Tax Policies That Help Their Bottom Line*

**In At Least Five Votes, AFP Opposed Raising Taxes On The Wealthy.** According to AFP's congressional scorecards for the 111th and 112th Congresses, AFP took a position against raising taxes on high-income earners at least five times: 2012 Senate vote 184, 2012 Senate vote 251, 2010 Senate vote 258, 2010 Senate vote 259 and 2010 House vote 604. [AFP Scorecard for the 112th Congress, [2/1/13](#); AFP Scorecard for the 111th Congress, [1/10/11](#)]

**David Koch's 1980 Libertarian Ticket Proposed Halving Capital Gains Tax Rate.** According to Clark For President White Paper On Taxing And Spending Reduction, Page 10, "This proposal will also cut the capital gains tax in half, a major step toward capital formation and economic growth. When the capital gains tax was increased a few years ago, receipts from the tax actually declined. People made fewer investments in areas subject to capital gains taxation. When the rate was later cut, tax receipts increased, and the U.S. savings rate went up. The rate reduction had a very positive impact on personal savings and investment, producing greater capital formation and economic growth." [Clark For President White Paper On Taxing And Spending Reduction, Page 10, [1980](#)]

*Paul Ryan Has Fought For His Billionaire Friends*

**Ryan: Instead Of "Class Warfare," We Should "Make This Country A Tax Shelter For Other Countries."** According to the transcript of an interview of Rep. Paul Ryan with American Business Magazine, "I think we need to have a tax system that makes America a haven for capital formation. Let's make this country a tax shelter for other countries instead of having other countries be a tax shelter for America. This would ultimately raise revenues and promote economic growth. The way we should look at increasing revenues to the government should not be class warfare or a bigger than ever tax increase approach. Economic growth comes from job creation and better economic growth policies that raise revenue through higher growth. Lowering tax rates at a broader base of income brings in more revenues and would help us close our fiscal gap." [American Business Magazine, [8/1/11](#)]

**Paul Ryan's Tax Reform Plan Centers On Reducing The Corporate Tax Rate And Keeping Capital Gains Rates Low.** According to Forbes, "While Ryan has previously demonstrated that he had the political will to push tax reform through, as Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, he might not have had the clout. Now, says Kumar, Ryan can drive the conversation towards real tax reform and make it happen by scheduling and putting bills on the floor of the House. Tops on Ryan's list? Consolidating tax rates for all taxpayers; reducing the corporate rate; repealing the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) and keeping capital gains rates low." [Forbes, [10/29/15](#)]

## **Ryan, Like The Kochs Opposes The Minimum Wage**

*The Koch Brothers Have Fought Against Raising The Minimum Wage*

**As The Libertarian Candidate For Vice President, David Koch Advocated For Abolishing The Minimum Wage.** According to Vice News, "Both David and Charles were heavily influenced by Friedrich von Hayek's free-market bible *The Road to Serfdom*, and further by the work of Robert LeFevre, an advocate for the abolition of government. David ran as the Libertarian Party's vice presidential candidate in 1980, spending \$2 million on the campaign. Among the party's goals were the abolition of various federal law enforcement and regulatory agencies, including the CIA, the SEC, and the Department of Energy. The party also wanted to eliminate Social Security, minimum wage laws, gun control laws, and income taxes—positions the Koch brothers still hold, to varying degrees." [Vice News, [2/5/15](#)]

**Charles Koch Called The Minimum Wage "An Obstacle To Prosperity."** According to Forbes, "Now, as Obama renews calls on Congress to boost the \$7.25 federal minimum wage, elder brother Charles Koch is calling it an obstacle to prosperity. On Wednesday, the Charles Koch Foundation wrapped up a four-week media blitz in Wichita, Kansas, home base of Koch Industries, America's second largest private company. This ad buy included a 60-second TV spot touting the U.S. as a one-time world leader in 'economic freedom' that has lost its way." [Forbes, [8/8/13](#)]

*Paul Ryan Said Raising The Minimum Wage "Hurts The Poor"*



**Ryan Said Raising The Minimum Wage Hurts The Poor.** According to The USA Today, “Republicans already have signaled their opposition to the latest push, raising concerns that a higher minimum wage would force business owners to cut workers’ hours, slash jobs and raise prices. GOP lawmakers – including potential 2016 presidential candidates Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida – have argued that raising the minimum wage could harm more than help America’s poorest.” [USA Today, [2/4/14](#)]

**Ryan Voted Against Increasing The Minimum Wage At Least 10 Separate Times.** [HR 2206, [5/24/07](#); HR 2206, [5/10/07](#); HR 1591, [3/23/07](#); HR 2, [1/10/07](#); HR5970, [7/29/06](#); HR5970, [7/29/06](#); HR2389, [7/19/06](#); HR2990, [7/12/06](#); HR4411, [7/11/06](#); HR5672, [6/27/06](#)]

### **Ryan Followed The Koch Brothers In Railing Against The Export-Import Bank**

*Koch Industries Told Lawmakers To Oppose Reauthorizing The Export-Import Bank*

**The Hill: “Koch Industries Told Lawmakers To Oppose Reauthorizing The Export-Import Bank In A Letter Sent To Congress.”** According to The Hill, “Koch Industries told lawmakers to oppose reauthorizing the Export-Import Bank in a letter sent to Congress on Tuesday and obtained by The Hill. Philip Ellender, president of government and public affairs at Koch Companies Public Sector, wrote in the letter that ‘the Ex-Im bank is yet another example of the government intervening in the market to pick winners and losers.’” [The Hill, [3/3/15](#)]

**When Asked If Charles Koch Has Had Any Influence On The Republican Party, His Aide Said “He Succeeded In Killing The Export-Import Bank.”** According to an interview with Charles Koch in Forbes, “Q. Have you had any impact on the Republican Party? A. It’s tough. Not nearly what we’d hope. (An aide suggests he seems to have succeeded in killing the Export-Import Bank.)” [Forbes, [9/29/15](#)]

*Paul Ryan Supported The Expiration Of The Export-Import Bank*

**Paul Ryan On The Export-Import Bank: “Just Let It Go.”** According to the Washington Post, “Although past campaigns against the bank have fizzled, its opponents this time include top Republicans such as Rep. Jeb Hensarling of Texas, chairman of the House Financial Services Committee. On Thursday, Ways and Means Committee Chairman Paul Ryan of Wisconsin reiterated his support for letting the bank’s charter expire June 30. ‘Just let it go,’ Ryan, the GOP’s 2012 vice presidential nominee, told reporters. ‘Absolutely. Most of the benefits go to a few very large companies. I see it as crony capitalism.’” [Washington Post, [3/28/15](#)]

**Paul Ryan Voted Against Reauthorizing The Export-Import Bank.** According to House Clerk, Representative Paul Ryan voted against H.R. 597: Reform Exports and Expand the American Economy Act which reauthorized the Export-Import Bank. [HR 597, [10/27/15](#)]

### **Ryan Followed The Koch Brothers In Denying Climate Change**

*The Koch Brothers Worked To Ensure The Republican Party Was In Denial On Climate Change*

**Koch Industries Has Been Among The “Top Ten Air Polluters” In America, And Have Been Called The “Kingpin Of Climate Science Denial.”** According to the New Yorker, “In a study released this spring, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst’s Political Economy Research Institute named Koch Industries one of the top ten air polluters in the United States. And Greenpeace issued a report identifying the company as a ‘kingpin of climate science denial.’ The report showed that, from 2005 to 2008, the Kochs vastly outdid ExxonMobil in giving money to organizations fighting legislation related to climate change, underwriting a huge network of foundations, think tanks, and political front groups.” [New Yorker, [8/30/10](#)]

- **The Kochs Gave At Least \$79 Million To Groups That Denied Climate Change.** According to Greenpeace, “The Koch brothers continue to finance campaigns to make Americans doubt the seriousness of global warming, increasingly hiding money through nonprofits like DonorsTrust and Donors Capital Fund. [...] Now the shroud of secrecy has thankfully been lifted, revealing the \$79 million that he and his brother Charles have quietly funneled to

climate-denial front groups that are working to delay policies and regulations aimed at stopping global warming, most of which are part of the State Policy Network.” [Greenpeace, Accessed [10/8/15](#)]

**Koch Industries Has Been Against Efforts To Combat Climate Change Because Their Earnings Could Be Negatively Affected By These Policies.** According to NPR, “Climate change policy could negatively affect Koch Industries’ earnings — the University of Massachusetts Amherst’s Political Economy Research Institute found that Koch Industries ranked among the top 30 companies for CO2 emissions in the United States in 2011. Last year, Koch Industries was the top spender for oil and gas lobbying, according to data from the Center for Responsive Politics: It spent \$13.7 million.” [NPR, [8/11/15](#)]

*Paul Ryan Claimed The Government Can’t Do Anything About Climate Change*

**Rep. Paul Ryan: “I Don’t Know The Answer” To The Question Of Whether Humans Are Causing Climate Change, And “I Don’t Think Science Does, Either.”** According to the Associated Press, “One of the sharpest differences came when the moderator asked each candidate if he thought human activity is to blame for changes to the planet’s climate. ‘I don’t know the answer to that question,’ Ryan said. ‘I don’t think science does, either.’” [Associated Press via Huffington Post, [10/13/14](#)]

- **Ryan: “Climate Change Occurs No Matter What... I Would Argue That The Federal Government, With All Its Tax And Regulatory Schemes, Can’t” Do Anything About It.** According to The Capital Times, “Paul Ryan on Wednesday said the federal government should stay out of the regulatory business when it comes to global warming. ‘Climate change occurs no matter what,’ said the Republican U.S. representative from Janesville. ‘The question is, can and should the federal government do something about it? And I would argue the federal government, with all its tax and regulatory schemes, can’t.’” [Capital Times, [7/31/14](#)]

**Ryan: “To The Detriment Of The American People, Environmental Issues Have Fallen Victim To The Hyper-Politicization Of Science.”** According to an opinion by Rep. Paul Ryan for The Journal Times, “To the detriment of the American people, environmental issues have fallen victim to the hyper-politicization of science.” [Paul Ryan – Journal Times, [12/11/09](#)]

### **Ryan Joined The Kochs In Fighting EPA Regulations**

*The Kochs Have Fought Against The EPA And EPA Regulations*

**CBS News Headline: “Koch Industries: Behind The Fight To Gut The EPA”** [CBS News, [2/8/11](#)]

**Columnist Simon Maloy: “The Koch Brothers Sank Nearly \$10 Million Into Lobbying Against Carbon Taxes And Environmental Regulations That Would Threaten To Shave A Little Bit Of Profit From Their Sprawling Empire.”** According to an opinion by columnist Simon Maloy in Salon, “The Koch brothers sank nearly \$10 million into lobbying against carbon taxes and environmental regulations that would threaten to shave a little bit of profit from their sprawling empire of petroleum concerns.” [Simon Maloy – Salon, [4/16/15](#)]

**Baltimore Sun Editorial: “Republicans Have Succeeded In Stirring Up Public Distrust Of The EPA...And They’ve Done So At The Behest Of ALEC, The Koch Brothers, And Other Vested Interests Who Are Financing The Angry Communications.”** According to an editorial by the Baltimore Sun, “We don’t doubt that Republicans have succeeded in stirring up public distrust of the EPA, particularly in states where thousands of jobs are tied to fossil fuel production, and they’ve done so at the behest of ALEC, the Koch brothers and other vested interests who are financing the angry communications. But their central message that proposed regulations are more costly to the American people than sticking with the status quo is fundamentally wrong when not-so-hidden costs associated with air pollution are factored into the equation.” [Baltimore Sun, [12/8/14](#)]

*Paul Ryan Has Supported Undermining The EPA*

**Rep. Paul Ryan Voted For The Energy Tax Prevention Act Of 2011, Which Would Have Prohibited The EPA From “Promulgating Any Regulation Concerning...The Emission Of A Greenhouse Gas To Address Climate Change.”**

According to the Library of Congress, “Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011 - Amends the Clean Air Act to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from promulgating any regulation concerning, taking action relating to, or taking into consideration the emission of a greenhouse gas (GHG) to address climate change. Excludes GHGs from the definition of ‘air pollutant’ for purposes of addressing climate change. [...] YEAS 255 [...] RYAN (WI)” [Library of Congress, accessed [10/26/15](#), [10/26/15](#)]

**Ryan: “Bigger Government Has Not Resulted In Better Government, Especially In Regards To The Actions Of The Environmental Protection Agency.”** According to a web post by the office of Rep. Paul Ryan, “This budget recognizes the importance of the federal government’s involvement in protecting our nation’s natural resources. However, as we have seen in recent years, bigger government has not resulted in better government, especially in regards to the actions of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).” [Office of Rep. Paul Ryan, accessed [10/26/15](#)]

- **Ryan: The GOP’s FY 2016 Budget Streamlined Or Repealed “Ineffective And Counter-Productive Regulations Like Many Of Those Put In Place By The EPA.”** According to a web post by the office of Rep. Paul Ryan, “However, as we have seen in recent years, bigger government has not resulted in better government, especially in regards to the actions of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). For this reason, this budget streamlines or repeals ineffective and counter-productive regulations like many of those put in place by the EPA.” [Office of Rep. Paul Ryan, accessed [10/26/15](#)]

**Ryan: “I Am Deeply Concerned With” An EPA Regulatory Initiative To “Expand The Scope Of Federal Regulatory Authority Under The Clean Water Act.”** According to the office of Rep. Paul Ryan, “The EPA and Army Corps of Engineers intend to implement a rule that would expand the scope of federal regulatory authority under the Clean Water Act downstream navigable waters, including man-made conveyances such as ditches, pipes, and farmland ponds. This regulatory proposal runs contrary to state water law, previous Supreme Court decisions, and existing compacts. While I believe the federal government has a clear role to play in protecting the environment, I am deeply concerned with this regulatory initiative coming from the EPA.” [Office of Rep. Paul Ryan, accessed [10/26/15](#)]

**Ryan And The Kochs Both Oppose Solar Energy Opportunities**

*The Koch Brothers Worked To Stifle Competition From Solar Energy Technologies To Protect Their Bottom Line*

**Debbie Dooley, Cofounder Of The Atlanta Tea Party: The Koch Brothers Have Tried “To Throw Back Solar On A State-By-State Level...They Understand That Solar Is Taking Off, And They’re Trying To Stop Competition.”**

According to Next City, “In Florida, meanwhile, a group called Conservatives for Energy Freedom is gathering signatures for a ballot amendment that would allow residents to produce and sell solar energy directly to other consumers. Its founder, Debbie Dooley, is also cofounder of the Atlanta Tea Party, and one of 22 people who helped jumpstart the movement nationally in 2009. ‘I realized that I wanted to bring up a group that was strictly conservatives advocating for solar and other forms of clean energy,’ she says of her decision to bring alternative energy and free market advocacy together under the heading ‘Green Tea.’ Too many conservatives, she adds, ‘have been brainwashed into thinking that only tree huggers and liberals care about the environment.’ Neither group has advocated heavily, so far, on the issue of state mandates — and they’re not exactly a natural fit. On an ideological level, Dooley explains, she believes in removing all mandates. But in the technical interest of allowing solar and wind to compete with coal and oil, she also reads between the lobbying lines. ‘You have to look at it on a state-by-state basis,’ she says, in response to my question on what she thinks of RPS. ‘The Koch Brothers are trying to throw back solar on a state-by-state level ... They understand that solar is taking off, and they’re trying to stop competition.’” [Next City, [1/14/15](#)]

**Charles Koch: “The Enormous Cost Of Wind And Solar Are Making People’s Lives Worse.”** According to Charles Koch in an interview for Forbes, “Q. Is current energy policy too focused on fighting carbon emissions? A. The present policies of subsidizing and mandating inefficient alternatives is counterproductive. The enormous cost and unreliability of wind and solar are making people’s lives worse. They’re increasing the cost of energy, they’re corrupting the business community, increasing corporate welfare, and they’re counterproductive. On the other hand, if people believe this is a problem, or could be a problem, then it’s worth investing a certain amount in, not by government mandating, but by letting

companies like ours and others innovate to find economic solutions that will make peoples' lives better today and in the future. Because there are economic alternatives to fossil fuels and because they reduce whatever risk there is that CO2 emissions can cause real harm in the future.” [Charles Koch – Forbes, [9/29/15](#)]

**New York Times In 2014: “The Koch Brothers And Their Conservative Allies In State Government Have Found A New Tax They Can Support. Naturally It’s A Tax On Something The Country Needs: Solar Energy Panels.”**

According to the Shelter Island Reporter, “The New York Times, in an editorial last year titled, ‘The Koch Attack on Solar Energy,’ noted how ‘the Koch brothers and their conservative allies in state government have found a new tax they can support. Naturally it’s a tax on something the country needs: solar energy panels.’” [Shelter Island Reporter, [11/29/15](#)]

- **NYT In 2014: The Koch Brothers Have Particularly Disliked “State Laws That Allow Homeowners With Solar Panels To Sell Power They Don’t Need Back To Electric Utilities.”** According to the Shelter Island Reporter, “The Times told of how the Koch brothers — Koch Industries is based on oil refining — ‘have been spending heavily to fight incentives for renewable energy, which have been adopted by most states. They particularly dislike state laws that allow homeowners with solar panels to sell power they don’t need back to electric utilities.’” [Shelter Island Reporter, [11/29/15](#)]

*Paul Ryan Worked Also Fought Against Solar Energy*

**The Solar Tribune Gave Rep. Paul Ryan An “F” For His Anti-Solar Positions Including Supporting ALEC’s Anti-Solar Agenda And Trying To Make An Example Of Solar Incentives As A Poor Use Of Federal Funds.** According to the Solar Tribune’s 2016 Presidential Campaign Solar Scorecard, Paul Ryan was awarded an “F” for his anti-solar positions. The Solar Tribune went on to say that, “Wisconsin Senator [sic] Paul Ryan, Like Senator Ted Cruz, is heavily tied to the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). In addition to supporting ALEC’s anti-solar agenda, Paul Ryan has tried to make an example of solar incentives as a poor use of federal funds. Despite his criticisms, several of the projects he has sited [sic] as failures have actually been successfully completed.” [Solar Tribune, [1/7/15](#)]

**Paul Ryan Voted No On The Renewable Energy And Energy Conservation Tax Act Of 2008.** According to GovTrack, Paul Ryan voted no on H.R. 5351 (110th): Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2008 which would have provided tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation. [GovTrack, [2/27/08](#)]

**Ryan And The Kochs Both Tried To End The Oil Export Ban**

*Koch Industries Lobbied To End The Oil Export Ban*

**2015: The Koch Brothers Wrote A Letter To GOP Lawmakers Urging Them To End The Oil Export Ban.** According to the San Francisco Chronicle, “In a news conference Wednesday after talks had wrapped up, Pelosi described as “stunning” a letter that coal and oil magnates Charles and David Koch wrote to GOP lawmakers urging an end to the oil export ban but denouncing the solar and wind credits as corporate welfare.” [San Francisco Chronicle, [12/16/15](#)]

**AFP Announced It Was “Proud To Lead A Coalition Of Free Market Organizations Calling For Repeal Of The Outdated Crude Oil Export Ban.”** According to a post on the Americans for Prosperity website, “Americans for Prosperity is proud to lead a coalition of free market organizations calling for repeal of the outdated crude oil export ban. Repealing the ban would help modernize our energy economy, create jobs, and spur economic growth.” [Americans for Prosperity, [9/17/15](#)]

**Koch Supply And Trading Chief Information Officer Rob Short On Lifting The Oil Export Ban: “Koch Industries In General Supports Open Markets And I Think We Would Like To See No Export Bans.”** According to Bloomberg Business, “Koch Industries has advocated lifting the U.S. ban on crude exports. ‘Koch Industries in general supports open markets and I think we would like to see noexport bans’ for U.S. crude oil, [Koch Supply & Trading Chief Information Officer Rob] Short said. ‘I know we are looking for opportunities to export.’” [Bloomberg Business, [12/10/15](#)]

*Paul Ryan Voted To Lift The Oil Export Ban*



**Paul Ryan Said That Voting To Lift The Oil Export Ban Would Be “A Big Win For America’s Energy Workers, Manufacturers, Consumers, And Our Allies.”** According to a press release from Speaker Ryan’s Press Office, “In a big win for America’s energy workers, manufacturers, consumers, and our allies, Congress this week will vote to lift the decades-long ban on oil exports. It is ‘the most important change in U.S. oil policy in more than a generation.’” [Speaker Ryan Press Office, [12/15/15](#)]

**Ryan On Lifting The Oil Export Ban: “Some Estimates Say It Could Create As Many As One Million Jobs When All Is Said And Done.”** According to Think Progress, “‘Some estimates say it could create as many as one million jobs when all is said and done,’ Ryan said.” [ThinkProgress.com, [12/22/15](#)]

**Ryan Voted Against An Amendment To “Require That All Oil And Refined Fuels Transported Through The Keystone XL Pipeline Be Used Here In The United States And Not Exported.”** According to the Library of Congress, “Description: H.Amdt. 75 — 113th Congress (2013-2014) Amendment sought to require that all oil and refined fuels transported through the Keystone XL Pipeline be used here in the United States and not exported, unless the President finds that an exception is required by law or in the national interest. [...] NOES 255 [...] Ryan (WI)” [Library of Congress, accessed, [10/26/15](#), [10/26/15](#)]

### **Ryan And The Kochs Both Opposed Debt Assistance For Puerto Rico**

*Koch Groups Have Lobbied Against The Puerto Rico “Bailout”*

**60 Plus Took Out A Full Page Ad In Politico Against A \$64 Billion Bailout For Puerto Rico And Called Chapter 9 A “Bad Deal For Seniors” And A “Bad Deal For U.S. Taxpayers.”** According to Caribbean Business, “The 60 Plus Association, a U.S. mainland-based right-leaning organization representing more than 7.2 million seniors, recently launched a campaign urging the U.S. Congress to reject a \$164 billion bailout for Puerto Rico. It took out a full page advertisement in Politico that calls Chapter 9 a ‘bad deal for seniors’ and a ‘bad deal for U.S. taxpayers.’ The advertisement goes on to further state that extending Chapter 9 for Puerto Rico would ‘unfairly change the rules in the middle of the game for millions of senior citizens and other pensioners and investors who have their life savings on the line.’” [Caribbean Business, [5/11/15](#)]

**National Hispanic Foundation For The Arts, Advocacy Specialist Gretchen Sierra-Zorita: The Hispanic Leadership Fund, “Which Has Received Koch Funding Through One Of Their Intermediary Organizations, Joined The Fray” In October By Comparing Puerto Rico’s Governor Garcia Padilla To Fidel Castro.** According to an opinion by public policy, outreach and advocacy specialist for the National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts, Gretchen Sierra-Zorita for Fox News Latino, “In October a San Juan court ruled in favor of Doral on the tax dispute. The government filed an appeal. The Hispanic Leadership Fund, which has received Koch funding through one of their intermediary organizations, joined the fray, comparing Garcia Padilla to Cuba’s [Fidel] Castro.” [Gretchen Sierra-Zorita – Fox News Latino, [12/2/14](#)]

**Cato Institute Budget Analyst Nicole Kaeding: Bailing Out Puerto Rico Would “Reward Puerto Rican Policymakers For Their Years Of Irresponsible Choices.”** According to a blog post by Cato Institute budget analyst Nicole Kaeding for Cato’s Cato At Liberty blog, “A larger challenge for Puerto Rico is that federal bankruptcy code prevents the island (and states) from filing bankruptcy. That gives Puerto Rico two choices. It can continue to work out a deal with creditors to refinance its outstanding debts, or it could push Congress to provide some sort of bailout. The idea of state bailouts was discussed some in Congress in 2010 and 2011 as state budgets struggled to handle the effects of the Great Recession. The idea is just as bad now as it was then. Providing a bailout would reward Puerto Rican policymakers for their years of irresponsible choices and should be a non-starter in Congress.” [Cato.org/blog, [6/29/15](#)]

*Paul Ryan Received Over \$170,000 From Groups Opposing Debt Relief For Puerto Rico*

**Paul Ryan Received \$177,058 From Groups That Oppose The Puerto Rico Chapter 9 Uniformity Act Of 2015, As Opposed To \$8,925 From Groups That Support The Bailout.** According to Maplight, Paul Ryan has received \$177,058 from groups that oppose H.R. 870 - Puerto Rico Chapter 9 Uniformity Act of 2015 as opposed to \$8,925 from groups that support the bailout. [Maplight, [3/31/15](#)]

*The Omnibus Spending Bill Didn’t Include Puerto Rico Debt Relief*

**The Omnibus Spending Bill Did Not Include Puerto Rico Debt Relief.** According to NBC News, “Congress passed its catch-all spending bill with little help for Puerto Rico drawing an angry condemnation from the U.S. territory's governor Friday. The bill passed 318-109 with 166 aye votes from Democrats, several of whom had been insisting the bill include debt relief for Puerto Rico. Several backed the sweeping bill, which had to pass to keep government open, after getting assurances that House Speaker Paul Ryan would address the Puerto Rico's debt issues by March next year.” [NBC News, [12/18/15](#)]

## **Koch Groups Initiated Devastating Anti-Labor Efforts In Wisconsin**

### **AFP-WI PUSHED RIGHT-TO-WORK-FOR-LESS LAWS ON WISCONSIN WORKERS**

#### **AFP “Led The Way In Pressing For Passage” Of Wisconsin’s Right-To-Work-For-Less Legislation...**

**AFP-Wisconsin Staff And Volunteers “Led The Way In Pressing For Passage” Of The State’s Right-To-Work Legislation, Which Was A “Central Plank Of The Organization’s Agenda.”** According to a press release from AFP-Wisconsin, “Americans for Prosperity is applauding the passage of right-to-work legislation in Wisconsin, which will now head to Governor Scott Walker’s desk to be signed. Staff and volunteers from AFP’s Wisconsin chapter led the way in pressing for passage of this policy, a central plank of the organization’s agenda.” [Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin Press Release, [3/6/15](#)]

**AFP-Wisconsin Said It Had Been “Heavily Involved In The Fight To Pass This Critically Important Legislation, Airing Ads Statewide Educating Wisconsinites On The Benefits Of Right-To-Work.”** According to a press release from AFP-Wisconsin, “Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin Director David Fladeboe released the following statement upon Senate passage of Right-To-Work. AFP Wisconsin has been heavily involved in the fight to pass this critically important legislation, airing ads statewide educating Wisconsinites on the benefits of Right-To-Work and asking its network of over 125,000 activists to contact their legislator in support of the bill.” [Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin Press Release, [2/26/15](#)]

- **AFP-Wisconsin Announced A “Major” Statewide, Two-Week Ad Buy Supporting Right-To-Work That Included Online, Radio, And Social Media Ads.** According to a press release from AFP-Wisconsin, “Today, Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin is announcing a major statewide ad buy supporting Right-To-Work. AFP Wisconsin will be *[sic]* airing ads over the next two weeks, engaging its network of over 125,000 in-state activists through online, radio, social media, and phone calls in order to educate citizens on the benefits of Right-To-Work legislation. Wisconsinites will be encouraged to contact their legislator and urge them to support Right-To-Work in Wisconsin. Additional actions will be considered as necessary to pass this vital legislation.” [Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin Press Release, [2/25/15](#)]

**AFP-WI State Director David Fladeboe On State Of The State Address: “While The Governor Put Forth Many Pro-Growth Policies We Would Support, We Simply Cannot Miss The Opportunity To Pass Right-To-Work.”** According to a press release from AFP-Wisconsin, “Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin State Director David Fladeboe issued the following statement in response to Governor Walker’s ‘State of the State’ address. “Tonight, Governor Walker outlined an agenda on how he believes we can best move our state forward in his second term. While the Governor put forth many pro-growth policies we would support, we simply cannot miss the opportunity to pass right-to-work.” [Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin Press Release, [1/13/14](#)]

**Fladeboe: “Passing Right-To-Work Will Create Thousands Of Good-Paying Jobs And Will Be A Boon To Middle-Class Families Everywhere.”** According to a press release from AFP-Wisconsin, “AFP Wisconsin State Director David Fladeboe released the following statement: ‘Now is the time for Wisconsin to finally pass Right-To-Work. This long-overdue legislation is the next step forward towards a free and more prosperous Wisconsin. Passing Right-To-Work will create thousands of good-paying jobs and will be a boon to middle-class families everywhere. Simply put, no one should lose their job because they refuse to join a union. Right-To-Work is about freedom and Americans for Prosperity be engaging citizens across our great state to be sure we pass this critically important legislation,’ Fladeboe said.” [Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin Press Release, [2/25/15](#)]

**Wisconsin Election Watch: AFP-WI Spokesman James Flath “Said That The Organization Supports Right To Work With No Exemptions For Trade Unions Especially In The Construction And Manufacturing Industries.”** According to Wisconsin Election Watch, “Wisconsin Election Watch talked to Americans for Prosperity regarding which version of the right to work legislation they would support. Wisconsin Chapter Spokesman James Flath said that the organization supports right to work with no exemptions for trade unions especially in the construction and manufacturing industries. AFP’s stance on right-to-work is the same as National Right to Work and Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce. The two organizations have previously told Wisconsin Election Watch that they oppose any exemptions in right to work legislation.” [Wisconsin Election Watch, [1/15/15](#)]

**AFP Urged People To Send Letters To Their State Legislators To Tell Them “To Support Right To Work” In Wisconsin.** According to a form letter on the Americans for Prosperity website, “The Wisconsin legislature is on the verge of passing right to work! But we need your help to be sure it passes! No employee should lose their job because they refuse to join a union. Wisconsin is one of the last states where unions can force employees to pay dues against their will but with your help, we can make it stop! Fill out the form below and send a letter to your state legislators: tell them to support right to work!” [AmericansForProsperity.org, Accessed [2/23/15](#)]

**Fladeboe: “Tonight, We Congratulate The Wisconsin Senate For Standing Up For Workers All Across Our Great State And Finally Passing This Long Overdue Legislation.”** According to a statement from AFP-Wisconsin State Director David Fladeboe, “Tonight, we congratulate the Wisconsin Senate for standing up for workers all across our great state and finally passing this long overdue legislation. Right-To-Work will create thousands of jobs and guarantee that no worker will ever be denied a job for refusing to join a union. This bill is about choice, freedom and creating more opportunities for working class families. We look forward to the Assembly passing this common sense legislation in the coming days.” [Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin Press Release, [2/26/15](#)]

- **AFP-Wisconsin: Legislators Who Voted In Favor Of Wisconsin’s Right-To-Work Bill “Have The Appreciation Of The Chapter’s More Than 125,000 Activists, Staff And Volunteers.”** According to a press release from AFP-Wisconsin, “The Wisconsin chapter of Americans for Prosperity has been a long-time advocate of right-to-work legislation and was a major player in marshaling support for the policy. Over the past few years, the organization has actively engaged the legislature and organized citizens through a wall-to-wall effort that included radio, digital and social media content, phone banks and more. Legislators who voted to pass the bill have the appreciation of the chapter’s more than 125,000 activists, staff and volunteers.” [Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin Press Release, [3/6/15](#)]

### **...An Effort Backed Up By Several Koch-Backed Groups...**

#### *Mercatus Center*

**According To Mercatus, Wisconsin’s Labor Market Freedom In 2011 Was “Mediocre” Because They Lacked Right-To-Work Legislation.** According to the Mercatus Center’s FreedomInThe50States.org, “Wisconsin’s labor market freedom, occupational freedom, health insurance freedom, and liability system are mediocre. It is not (yet) a right-to-work state, but has avoided mandating a minimum wage above the federal average or requiring employers to buy short-term disability insurance.” [FreedomInThe50States.org, accessed [2/2/16](#)]

- **Mercatus Center Recommended That Wisconsin “Pass A Right-To-Work Law.”** According to the Mercatus Center’s FreedomInThe50States.org, “Policy [Recommendation]: Pass a right-to-work law, whenever political conditions so allow.” [FreedomInThe50States.org, accessed [2/2/16](#)]

#### *ALEC*

**Center For Media And Democracy: In 2015, Wisconsin “Became The 25th Right-To-Work State With The Passage Of A Word-For-Word Copy” Of A “Cookie-Cutter” ALEC’ Bill.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Cookie-cutter ALEC right-to-work bills popped up in several states this year. In March, Wisconsin became the 25th right-to-work state with the passage of a word-for-word copy of ALEC’s bill. ALEC right-to-work bills were proposed in New Hampshire, Missouri, New Mexico, and West Virginia, while Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner (R) simply issued an executive order to establish right-to-work for public sector workers and filed a lawsuit seeking to have ‘fare share’ fees declared unconstitutional.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [6/7/15](#)]

- **Center For Media And Democracy's Brendan Fischer: Wisconsin's "So-Called Right To Work Proposal" Was "Word-For-Word From The... Koch-ALEC Playbook And ALEC Has Been Fighting To Lower Worker's Wages For Decades."** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, "The so-called right to work proposal moving ahead rapidly in the state Legislature shares some some [sic] key passages with a measure drafted by the American Legislative Exchange Council. The similarities were first pointed out by the Center for Media and Democracy, a liberal Madison group that has long tracked the activities of ALEC. [...] 'This is not a new or bold or fresh idea. This is word-for-word from the (conservative donor Charles and David) Koch-ALEC playbook and ALEC has been fighting to lower worker's wages for decades,' said Brendan Fischer, general counsel for the Madison center." [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [2/21/15](#)]

### *MacIver Institute*

**Two Weeks Before Walker First Raised The Issue Of Collective Bargaining Rights, The MacIver Institute Published An Editorial Urging Walker To Make Wisconsin A "Right To Work" State.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, "On November 24, 2010, just weeks after Walker was elected governor, the MacIver Institute published an editorial by Brian Fraley calling for the newly-elected governor and legislature to repeal public sector collective bargaining and make Wisconsin a 'Right to Work' state. Walker never mentioned attacking collective bargaining rights during the campaign. The editorial was published two weeks before Walker first raised the subject publicly at a Milwaukee Press Club luncheon." [Center for Media and Democracy, [2012](#)]

**When Gov. Scott Walker Signed Right-To-Work Legislation, It Took Away Power From "Big Labor Special Interests" And "Gave Back Workers Their Own Voice -- And More Freedom."** According to the MacIver Institute, "Power was taken away from Big Labor special interests in March and handed back to the dedicated workers of Wisconsin. When Gov. Scott Walker signed right-to-work legislation, it gave back workers their own voice -- and more freedom." [MacIver Institute, [8/17/15](#)]

### ... Pushing Their National Agenda Without Regard For Wisconsin

**Economic Policy Institute: "The Strong Performance Of Wisconsin's Manufacturing Industry Indicates That The State's Manufacturers Do Not Need RTW."** According to the Economic Policy Institute, "The strong performance of Wisconsin's manufacturing industry indicates that the state's manufacturers do not need RTW." [Economic Policy Institute, [1/23/15](#)]

**Economic Policy Institute: "According To Multiple Quality-Of-Life Measures, Wisconsin Significantly Outperforms The States With RTW Laws."** According to the Economic Policy Institute, "According to multiple quality-of-life measures, Wisconsin significantly outperforms the states with RTW laws. Thus, it appears RTW states should be trying to become more like Wisconsin, instead of Wisconsin becoming more like RTW states." [Economic Policy Institute, [1/23/15](#)]

**Economic Policy Institute Reported In February 2011 That "Wages In Right-To-Work States" Were "3.2% Lower Than Those In Non-RTW States."** According to the Economic Policy Institute, "Wages in right-to-work states are 3.2% lower than those in non-RTW states, after controlling for a full complement of individual demographic and socioeconomic variables as well as state macroeconomic indicators. Using the average wage in non-RTW states as the base (\$22.11), the average full-time, full-year worker in an RTW state makes about \$1,500 less annually than a similar worker in a non-RTW state." [Economic Policy Institute, [2/17/11](#)]

**Center For American Progress American Worker Project Associate Director Karla Walter: "The Rate Of Worker Fatalities In Construction Is 34% Higher In Right-To-Work States Than In Non-Right-To-Work States."** According to an opinion by Center for American Progress Action Fund's American Worker Project associate director Karla Walter for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, "Even workplace safety is affected, research shows. The rate of worker fatalities in construction is 34% higher in right-to-work states than in non-right-to-work states. In sum, workers, their families and states' economies fare worse in right-to-work states. For all these reasons, it is not surprising that a majority of Americans support labor unions, according to a new Gallup poll." [Karla Walter – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [8/20/15](#)]



**Walter: “From 1977 To 2013, Wisconsin Middle-Class Families Have Seen Their Share Of Income Fall More Than 12% As The Rate Of Union Membership In The State Has Decreased” While “The Share Of Income Going To The Top 20% Of Households Increased By Nearly 20% During This Time Period.”** According to an opinion by Center for American Progress Action Fund’s American Worker Project associate director Karla Walter for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “From 1977 to 2013, Wisconsin middle-class families have seen their share of income fall more than 12% as the rate of union membership in the state has decreased. Meanwhile, the share of income going to the top 20% of households increased by nearly 20% during this time period. Yet anti-union policy groups and lawmakers in states across the country are attacking an already weakened labor movement by advancing so-called ‘right-to-work’ laws that inhibit workers from collectively bargaining for better wages, benefits and protections, under the guise of ‘choice.’ These laws allow some workers to receive a free ride, getting the advantages of a union contract — such as higher wages and benefits and protection against arbitrary discipline—without paying any fee associated with negotiating on these matters.” [Karla Walter – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [8/20/15](#)]

- **Walter: Wisconsin’s Right-To-Work Law Stood “To Further Harm Working Families” Since “Estimates By Marquette University Economist Abdur Chowdhury Suggest That Wisconsin Workers And Families Will Lose Between \$3.89 Billion And \$4.82 Billion In Direct Income Annually Due To Effects Of The Law.”** According to an opinion by Center for American Progress Action Fund’s American Worker Project associate director Karla Walter for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “In reality, Wisconsin’s right-to-work law stands to further harm working families. Estimates by Marquette University economist Abdur Chowdhury suggest that Wisconsin workers and families will lose between \$3.89 billion and \$4.82 billion in direct income annually due to effects of the law.” [Karla Walter – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [8/20/15](#)]

**Walter: Research Showed That Right-To-Work Laws Did “Not Boost Job Creation.”** According to an opinion by Center for American Progress Action Fund’s American Worker Project associate director Karla Walter for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “And research shows that these laws do not boost job creation. Oklahoma is a perfect example of the negative impacts of these laws; the number of companies relocating to the state and the state’s total number of manufacturing jobs fell by about one-third after a right-to-work law went into effect in 2001.” [Karla Walter – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [8/20/15](#)]

## **AFP-WI WAS A LEADING VOICE AGAINST PREVAILING WAGE LAWS EVEN THOUGH REPEALING THEM WOULD PROVIDE NO REAL BENEFIT TO WISCONSIN**

### **AFP Pushed To “Protect” Wisconsin Taxpayers From The “Indefensible” Prevailing Wage...**

**AFP-Wisconsin State Director Eric Bott: AFP-WI Supported Repeal Of The State’s Prevailing Wage Law.** According to WISN 12 News, “Bott said his group also supports repeal of the state’s prevailing wage law, either included in the budget, or as stand-alone legislation.” [WISN 12 News, [6/22/15](#)]

**Bott: “In Wisconsin, We’ve Been Freeing Workers With Right-To-Work, Protecting Taxpayers By Fighting For Prevailing Wage Reform, And Expanding Economic Freedom To Every Corner Of The State.”** According to a press statement by Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin state director Eric Bott, “While the President is here, I hope he gets the chance to see firsthand the positive impact that free market reforms can have on an economy. In Wisconsin, we’ve been freeing workers with right-to-work, protecting taxpayers by fighting for prevailing wage reform, and expanding economic freedom to every corner of the state. The President has been doing the exact opposite.” [Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin Press Release, [7/2/15](#)]

**Bott: Wisconsin’s Prevailing Wage Was “Indefensible.”** According to a press release from Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin, “State Director Eric Bott released the following statement: ‘We’re disappointed by Speaker Vos’s plan to leave Wisconsin’s indefensible prevailing wage requirement largely intact.’” [Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin Press Release, [6/29/15](#)]

**AFP-WI Announced The Launch Of “A New Mail And Radio Campaign Thanking Legislators” For “Repealing The Prevailing Wage Requirement” And For “Passing A Responsible State Budget.”** According to a web post by

Americans for Prosperity, “Today, Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin is announcing the launch of a new mail and radio campaign thanking legislators for their hard work in repealing the prevailing wage requirement for local government and for passing a responsible state budget that trimmed new state borrowing to the lowest levels in 20 years.”

[AmericansForProsperity.org, [7/21/15](#)]

**Capital Times: AFP-WI Was One Of The Sponsors Of A Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance Study That “Found Flaws In The Way The State’s Prevailing Wages Are Calculated.”** According to The Capital Times, “[Rep. Rob] Hutton cited a Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance study that found flaws in the way the state’s prevailing wages are calculated. According to the study, the prevailing wage added as much as \$299 million to the cost of state and local projects last year. The goal of the study was not to evaluate the merits of prevailing wage laws, but to evaluate the state’s method for such calculations, wrote WisTax president Todd Berry. The WisTax study was funded by Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), a trade association representing 800 non-union construction companies within the state. ABC is one of nine groups lobbying in favor of the bill. Others include Americans for Prosperity, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and the National Federation of Independent Business.” [Capital Times, [4/1/15](#)]

- **The AFP-Sponsored Study Was Cited By Rep. Rob Hutton, The Sponsor Of A Bill That Would Repeal Wisconsin’s Prevailing Wage.** According to The Capital Times, “Republican lawmakers on Wednesday argued for a repeal of Wisconsin’s prevailing wage requirements. Under current law, workers on local and state construction projects must be paid what’s called a prevailing wage set by the state. Rep. Rob Hutton, R-Brookfield, said discussions are occurring with leadership in both chambers of the Legislature about how to best address the issue. Hutton, the legislation’s Assembly sponsor, and other critics of the prevailing wage say the requirement over-inflates the costs of publicly funded projects at the expense of taxpayers. [...] Hutton cited a Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance study that found flaws in the way the state’s prevailing wages are calculated.” [Capital Times, [4/1/15](#)]

**AFP-WI Deputy State Director Annette Olson On Prevailing Wage: “Ending This Outdated, Unnecessary Regulation Is A Great Idea That Should Receive Bipartisan Support.”** According to an opinion by AFP-Wisconsin deputy state director Annette Olson for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “Truth is, we could do a lot with the \$300 million we would save by repealing the state’s outdated prevailing wage requirement. There will be a lot of debate about what to do with the savings, but ending this outdated, unnecessary regulation is a great idea that should receive bipartisan support.” [Annette Olson – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [4/5/15](#)]

**AFP-WI Prevailing Wage Petition: “Wisconsin’s Antiquated Construction Law” Wasted “Millions Of Taxpayer Dollars.”** According to a petition by Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin, “Is How Much Wisconsin’s Prevailing Wage Requirement Cost Taxpayers Since 1995 [...]” This antiquated construction law wastes millions of taxpayer dollars.” [AmericansForProsperity.org, Accessed [4/7/15](#)]

**AFP-WI Announced It Would Launch A Website And Statewide Online Advertising “Targeted At Repealing Wisconsin’s Outdated, Costly Prevailing Wage Laws.”** According to a press release from Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin, “Today, Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin is announcing the next step in its plan to move Wisconsin forward. AFP Wisconsin is launching a new microsite, GetWisconsinWorking.com, and a statewide online advertising effort targeted at repealing Wisconsin’s outdated, costly prevailing wage laws.” [Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin Press Release, [4/7/15](#)]

**AFP- WI Said It Would Reach Out To “Its Network Of 125,000 In-State Activists” To Educate Them On The Benefits Of Repealing The Prevailing Wage And “Encourage Them To Contact Their Representatives.”** According to a press release from Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin, “The chapter will be reaching out to citizens and its network of 125,000 in-state activists in order to educate them on the benefits of repealing the prevailing wage requirement and encourage them to contact their representatives.” [Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin Press Release, [4/7/15](#)]

- **AFP- WI Announced “A Statewide Patch-Through Calling Campaign Educating Citizens On The Benefits Of Prevailing Wage Repeal And Encouraging Them To Contact Their Legislators.”** According to a web post by Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin, “Today, Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin is announcing the next steps in their continuing grassroots effort to repeal the state’s outdated prevailing wage laws. AFP Wisconsin, with the help of its 125,000 in-state activists, will be launching a statewide patch-through calling campaign educating citizens on the benefits of prevailing wage repeal and encouraging them to contact their legislators. The initiative will coincide with the new

website, [www.GetWisconsinWorking.com](http://www.GetWisconsinWorking.com), and statewide online advertising campaign announced last week.” [Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin, [4/13/15](#)]

**AFP- WI Announced It Would Launch Radio Advertisements Asking Citizens To Contact Speaker Robin Vos “To Encourage A Full Vote By The Assembly On Prevailing Wage Repeal.”** According to a web post by Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin, “The chapter also announced a new flight of radio advertisements which will begin airing today. The new ads will ask citizens to contact Speaker Robin Vos in order to encourage a full vote by the Assembly on prevailing wage repeal.” [Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin, [5/28/15](#)]

**The Chippewa Herald Reported That AFP-WI “Distributed A List Of Legislators With Estimated Cost Savings In Schools Systems Embarking On Construction Projects Within Their Voting Districts” As Part Of Its Prevailing Wage Repeal Efforts.** According to The Chippewa Herald, “Americans For Prosperity on Wednesday said it will send people door-to-door in an effort to build support for [prevailing wage] repeal. The group also distributed a list of legislators with estimated cost savings in schools systems embarking on construction projects within their voting districts.” [Chippewa Herald, [4/29/15](#)]

**AFP- WI Launched A Door-To-Door Campaign With Infographics That Show Taxpayers Could Save \$300 Million By Repealing The Prevailing Wage Law.** According to a web post by Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin, “Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin today is announcing the launch of a new door-to-door campaign educating taxpayers about how the state’s outdated prevailing wage laws waste millions of taxpayer dollars each and every year. Activists will circulate an infographic and doorhanger showing taxpayers how they could save \$300 million by repealing the law and instead allowing governments to pay workers fair-market wages. AFP Wisconsin will be encouraging citizens to contact their legislators in order to ask for full repeal of the outdated law.” [Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin, [8/29/15](#)]

**AFP Released A Research Study “Showing District-By-District Savings That Could Have Been Realized” In 2015’s School Construction Referenda, “Had Prevailing Wage Been Repealed.”** According to a web post from Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin, “All of this comes in the wake of AFP’s new research study showing district-by-district savings that could have been realized in this year’s school construction referenda, had prevailing wage been repealed and local districts been allowed to pay fair-market wages instead.” [Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin, [8/29/15](#)]

**AFP- WI Announced An Expanded Radio Ad Buy In Support Of Repealing Prevailing Wage.** According to a web post by Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin, “Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin is announcing an expansion of its ad buy in support of prevailing wage repeal. The chapter will be increasing its radio buy in Milwaukee while expanding to the Green Bay media market.” [Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin, [6/12/15](#)]

**AFP- WI Praised The Wisconsin State Assembly “For Passing A Fiscally Responsible Budget” That Included “Prevailing Wage Repeal For Local Governments And Will Cut Taxes For Wisconsinites.”** According to an Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin press release, “Today, Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin praises the Wisconsin State Assembly for passing a fiscally responsible budget that includes prevailing wage repeal for local governments and will cut taxes for Wisconsinites across the state. Staff and volunteers from AFP’s Wisconsin chapter have worked tirelessly for months to raise awareness on possible savings that could be realized by repealing the prevailing wage and have been among the state’s strongest advocates for free market reforms.” [Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin Press Release, [7/9/15](#)]

### **...An Effort Backed Up By The MacIver Institute...**

**The MacIver Institute Argued That The Prevailing Wage Law Unnecessarily Burdened “Taxpayers Who Must Pay Inflated Wages, Not Wages Established By The Free Market, Just For Political Reasons.”** According to the MacIver Institute, “The prevailing wage law unnecessarily burdens taxpayers who must pay inflated wages, not wages established by the free market, just for political reasons.” [MacIver Institute, [7/7/15](#)]

**The MacIver Institute Argued That Prevailing Wage Was Simply “A Protectionist Policy For The Union Contractors In Wisconsin.”** According to the MacIver Institute, “Based on this ever-growing body of evidence, it is clear that prevailing wage is simply a protectionist policy for the union contractors in Wisconsin. It artificially inflates the cost of public projects for taxpayers and does nothing to guarantee the quality of work.” [MacIver Institute, [6/17/15](#)]

- **The MacIver Institute Claimed That “If Legislators Want To Continue To Be On The Right Side Of History, They Should Think Long And Hard About The Impacts Prevailing Wage Has On The Taxpayers They Represent.”** According to the MacIver Institute, “If legislators want to continue to be on the right side of history, they should think long and hard about the impacts prevailing wage has on the taxpayers they represent.” [MacIver Institute, [6/17/15](#)]

### **...Ignoring That Experts Concluded That Repealing The Prevailing Wage Hurts Wisconsin Workers While Providing No Real Benefit To The State**

**Michigan State University Professor Dale Belman And Rutgers University Labor And Employment Relations Undergraduate And Master Director’ Paula B. Voos: “The Elimination Of Prevailing Wage Laws Would Cost” Wisconsin “More In Tax Revenue Than It Would Save In Construction Costs.”** According to a report by Michigan State University School of Labor and Industrial Relations & Department of Economics professor Dale Belman and Rutgers University Labor and Employment Relations undergraduate and masters director’ Paula B. Voos, “The elimination of prevailing wage laws would cost the state more in tax revenue than it would save in construction costs. Prevailing wage laws benefit the public budget.” [Dale Belman & Paula B. Voos - Prevailing Wage Laws in Construction, [October 1995](#)]

**Belman & Voos: “Proposals To Eliminate Prevailing Wage Statutes Threaten The Stability Of The Apprenticeship Training System” Which Is Crucial To Ensuring “A Skilled Labor Force” And Providing “Minorities With Increased Access To Construction Jobs.”** According to a report by Michigan State University School of Labor and Industrial Relations & Department of Economics professor Dale Belman and Rutgers University Labor and Employment Relations undergraduate and masters director Paula B. Voos, “Current proposals to eliminate prevailing wage statutes threaten the stability of the apprenticeship training system. The system ensures a skilled labor force and provides minorities with increased access to construction jobs.” [Dale Belman & Paula B. Voos - Prevailing Wage Laws in Construction, [October 1995](#)]

**Economist Kevin Duncan And Smart Cities Prevail Researcher Alex Lantsberg: “While Repeal Of Prevailing Wage Would Have A Neutral Effect On Public Construction Costs, It Would Give A Competitive Advantage To Firms From States With Lower Wage And Workmanship Standards” Leaving “More Construction Workers Living In Poverty And Reliant On Taxpayer-Funded Public Assistance Programs.”** According to an opinion by labor and regional economist Kevin Duncan and Smart Cities Prevail researcher Alex Lantsberg for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “While repeal of prevailing wage would have a neutral effect on public construction costs, it would give a competitive advantage to firms from states with lower wage and workmanship standards. And it would leave more construction workers living in poverty and reliant on taxpayer-funded public assistance programs. That’s hardly a ringing endorsement for repeal.” [Kevin Duncan & Alex Lantsberg – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [6/8/15](#)]

**Duncan & Lantsberg: Repealing The Prevailing Wage In Wisconsin Could Cause The State “To Lose A Net Total Of 8,700 Jobs Across All Sectors Of The Economy, \$1.2 Billion In Overall Economic Output And \$77 Million In Tax Revenue That Would Likely Necessitate Cuts In Other Vital Public Services.”** According to an opinion by labor and regional economist Kevin Duncan and Smart Cities Prevail researcher Alex Lantsberg for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “If prevailing wage is repealed in Wisconsin, the state could expect to lose a net total of 8,700 jobs across all sectors of the economy, \$1.2 billion in overall economic output and \$77 million in tax revenue that would likely necessitate cuts in other vital public services.” [Kevin Duncan & Alex Lantsberg – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [6/8/15](#)]

## **KOCH GROUPS UNITED AGAINST THE MINIMUM WAGE**

### **AFP Called Minimum Wage Hikes A “Disastrous Idea”**

**Americans For Prosperity Policy Analyst Thomas Fletcher: “There Is A Wide Consensus Among Economists And Business Leaders That Minimum Wage Hikes Do More Harm Than Good.”** According to Americans for Prosperity policy analyst Thomas Fletcher, “There is a wide consensus among economists and business leaders that minimum wage hikes do more harm than good. Recently over 500 economists signed a letter sent to Congress calling an increase in the minimum wage ‘a poorly targeted anti-poverty measure.’ Studies have shown that raising the minimum wage will force businesses to cut hours and lay off workers. A 2004 study by the University of Wisconsin confirmed that indeed employers stopped hiring, cut jobs and hours in order to save money.” [Thomas Fletcher - Americans for Prosperity, [3/14/14](#)]



**AFP Deputy Policy Director Akash Chougale Wrote That, “Thankfully,” The “Disastrous Idea” Of Raising The Federal Minimum Wage To \$10.10 “Failed To Advance.”** According to Americans for Prosperity Deputy Director of Policy Akash Chougale, “On the same day this disappointing GDP statistic was revealed, the US Senate was considering legislation that would raise the minimum wage to \$10.10. That disastrous idea would result in the loss of 500,000 jobs. It also comes shortly after campaign strategists warned Democrats to avoid talking about ‘economic recovery,’ because it is a political loser for the left – because the nation is quickly realizing how liberal policies continue to fail the economy and struggling families. (Thankfully, the minimum wage increase proposal failed to advance.)” [Akash Chougale - Americans for Prosperity, [4/30/14](#)]

### **The Mercatus Center Claimed That Avoidance Of A Minimum Wage Hike Improved Wisconsin’s Labor Market**

**The Mercatus Center Argued That Wisconsin’s Labor Market Freedom Was Improved By Avoiding A “Minimum Wage Above The Federal Average.”** According to the Mercatus Center’s FreedomInThe50States.org, “Wisconsin’s labor market freedom, occupational freedom, health insurance freedom, and liability system are mediocre. It is not (yet) a right-to-work state, but has avoided mandating a minimum wage above the federal average or requiring employers to buy short-term disability insurance.” [FreedomInThe50States.org, accessed [2/2/16](#)]

### **NFIB Described Minimum Wage Hikes As “Short Sighted, Simplistic, And Misguided”**

**National Federation Of Independent Business Wisconsin State Director Bill Smith: The Proposal To Raise The Minimum Wage To \$15 Gradually Over Four Years Was “Short Sighted, Simplistic, And Misguided.”** According to the Badger Herald, “If the bill were to pass, the minimum wage would increase to \$8.50 per hour on the effective date, and five years after the effective date, the minimum wage would increase to \$15 per hour. Future increases would be tied to the consumer price index of past years. [...] Bill Smith, state director of the National Federation of Independent Business, said in a statement that raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour will place a financial burden on smaller businesses, which are still recovering from the Great Recession. ‘Any increase in Wisconsin’s minimum wage will not only add more stress on small businesses but will be passed on to hard-working consumers that are still attempting to economically recover from a very difficult time,’ Smith said. ‘Today’s proposal is short sighted, simplistic and misguided.’” [Badger Herald, [4/29/15](#)]

**NFIB Wisconsin State Director Bill G. Smith Said That The Proposal” To Increase The Minimum Wage Was “Arbitrary” And Drove Up Business Costs.** According to Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, “Bill G. Smith, state director for NFIB, said the proposal is arbitrary and drives up business costs, which results in job loss. ‘An arbitrary, mandatory increase in labor costs without a corresponding increase in sales will force small businesses to make adjustments elsewhere,’ Smith said. ‘Real businesses with real dollars and real jobs need to react each time the minimum wage is increased. No region of our state can fully escape the impact, and for most of those affected, the impact is negative. For those who are the victims of fewer hours or lost job opportunities, earned income will likely be lost. Ultimately, someone must pay for the high labor costs of higher wages.’” [Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, [3/5/14](#)]

**Smith Said That Minimum Wage Increase Proposals Were “Harmful To The Very People They Are Trying To Help.”** According to TwinCities.com, “Leaders from the groups said proposals by Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mary Burke and Rep. Cory Mason, D-Racine, to raise the minimum wage to \$10.10 aren’t popular with voters when they hear about the potential job loss. Bill Smith, state director of the National Federation of Independent Business, says minimum wage increase proposals are ‘harmful to the very people they are trying to help.’” [TwinCities.com, [3/5/14](#)]

### **The MacIver Institute Tried To Argue That Increasing The Minimum Wage Would Harm Wisconsin Workers**

**MacIver Institute Director Of Communications Nick Novak Opinion Title: “A Higher Minimum Wage Would Eliminate Opportunity For Success.”** [Nick Novak – Daily Signal, [9/9/15](#)]

**MacIver Institute Headline: “Increase In Minimum Wage Will Hurt Workers, Lead To Job Losses.”** [MacIver Institute, [1/10/14](#)]

**MacIver Institute President Brett Healy Said That “The Call For A Higher Minimum Wage” Was “Nothing More Than A Stunt.”** According to a press release by the MacIver Institute, “Brett Healy, President of the John K. MacIver Institute for Public Policy, released the following statement after Rep. Cory Mason (D-Racine), Sen. Bob Wirth (D-Pleasant Prairie), Sen. Nikiya Harris (D-Milwaukee), and Rep. Eric Gengrich (D-Green Bay) announced support for a \$10.10 minimum wage: ‘The call for a higher minimum wage is nothing more than a stunt.’” [MacIver Institute, [1/10/14](#)]

### **Yet These Groups Have Ignored That Wisconsin’s Minimum Wage Remained Below A “Living Wage”**

**According To MIT, The Living Wage For Wisconsin Was \$10.13 For One Adult With No Dependents, While The Minimum Wage In Wisconsin Remained \$7.25.** According to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Living Wage Calculator, The living wage for Wisconsin as defined “the hourly rate that an individual must earn to support their family, if they are the sole provider and are working full-time (2080 hours per year)” is \$10.13 for one adult with no dependents, while the minimum wage in Wisconsin is \$7.25. [Massachusetts Institute of Technology Living Wage Calculator, accessed [2/4/16](#)]

## **THE KOCHS PRAISED WALKER FOR CRUSHING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH ACT 10**

### **David Koch Personally Complimented Scott Walker For His Anti-Labor Efforts, Including Act 10**

**David Koch On Scott Walker: “I Think He’s Been A Very Successful Governor, He’s Reformed The Union System In Wisconsin.”** According to Time, “I think he’s [Scott Walker] been a very successful governor, he’s reformed the union system in Wisconsin,” said [David] Koch, who was attending the 2015 TIME 100 Gala in New York City. ‘He’s got a wonderful, good-hearted character that I admire immensely.’” [Time, [4/21/15](#)]

**David Koch Told A Guest At A Republican Governors Association Fundraiser He Hosted That He Was Supporting Scott Walker Because “I Like How He Took On The Unions And Won.”** According to the New York Post’s Page Six, “[David] Koch — who has been attacked by Democrats for his generous support of conservative causes — hosted a fundraiser for the Republican Governors Association at his Palm Beach mansion last month, where 10 governors met with 90 deep-pocketed Republicans. ‘I am supporting Scott Walker,’ Koch told one guest in the ballroom of his 30,000-square-foot mansion. ‘I like how he took on the unions and won, and reduced the state’s debt.’” [Page Six – New York Post, [4/29/15](#)]

**New York Magazine Writer Jonathan Chait: Walker “Singularly Embodied The Conservative View That Prosperity Requires Crushing Labor’s Bargaining Power” Which “Made Him The Darling Of The Koch Brothers.”** According to an opinion by Jonathan Chait for New York Magazine, “The Republican Party stands totally opposed to this entire line of thought, and nobody symbolizes that opposition more than Scott Walker, the governor of Wisconsin. Walker has singularly embodied the conservative view that prosperity requires crushing labor’s bargaining power, a conviction he has followed with a determination and success that has made him the darling of the Koch brothers and other elements of the Republican fundraising base.” [Jonathan Chait – New York Magazine, [7/2/15](#)]

### **Wisconsin Club For Growth**

**Wisconsin Club For Growth: “Wisconsin Will Only Continue Its Forward Momentum If Our Leaders Maintain The Responsible Spending Policies Of Act 10 And Work Towards Further Entitlement Reform.”** According to Wisconsin Club for Growth, “Wisconsin will only continue its forward momentum if our leaders maintain the responsible spending policies of Act 10 and work towards further entitlement reform.” [Wisconsin Club for Growth, accessed [2/24/16](#)]

### **MacIver Institute**

**The MacIver Institute Heralded Act 10 As The “Gift That Keeps On Giving.”** According to the MacIver Institute, “These taxpayer savings are only possible thanks to Act 10. Five years after Gov. Walker introduced it, Act 10 is still the gift that keeps on giving.” [MacIver Institute, [2/11/16](#)]

- **MacIver Institute President Brett Healy: “We Owe Gov. Walker And All Of The Courageous Legislators Who Voted For Act 10 A Big Thank You.”** According to the MacIver Institute, “‘Act 10 refocused lawmakers on what should always be their top priority: the Wisconsin taxpayer, who generously gives their hard-earned money to fund this government,’ [MacIver Institute president Brett] Healy said. ‘We owe Gov. Walker and all of the courageous legislators who voted for Act 10 a big thank you. Gov. Walker has reduced the cost of government in Wisconsin by more than \$5 billion - it is the gift that will keep on giving back to taxpayers long into the future. Five years and \$5 billion in taxpayer savings later, it’s still working Wisconsin!’” [MacIver Institute, [2/11/16](#)]

**The MacIver Institute Had “A Month-Long Celebration Of Act 10.”** According to the MacIver Institute, “It’s working, Wisconsin. Taxpayers in the Badger State continue to benefit from Act 10 - collective bargaining reform - a full five years after Gov. Scott Walker introduced the landmark law. To celebrate a half decade of taxpayer savings thanks to Act 10, the MacIver Institute is kicking off a month-long celebration of Act 10 and the Wisconsin taxpayer.” [MacIver Institute, [2/8/16](#)]

**MacIver Institute Spokesperson Chris Rochester: “Act 10 Has Saved Taxpayers \$5.24 Billion” By Requiring “Government Employees Putting More Money Into Their Own Retirement And Health Benefits.”** According to the Badger Herald, “Proponents of the measure, including Chris Rochester, MacIver Institute spokesperson, said Act 10 has saved taxpayers \$5.24 billion. These taxpayer savings come from government employees putting more money into their own retirement and health benefits, of which taxpayers previously pay a significant portion, Rochester added. ‘Act 10 asks for relatively modest contribution to one’s own retirement — kind of like what most people in the private sector have to do,’ Rochester said.” [Badger Herald, [2/22/16](#)]

### **Americans For Prosperity Complimented A New York Times Critique Of Act 10 For Highlighting Its Supposed “Success”...**

**Americans For Prosperity Hailed Wisconsin As A “Success Story” In “Standing Up To Public Unions” And “Limiting Collective Bargaining.”** According to Americans for Prosperity’s It’s Still Working Wisconsin Budget Reform blog, “The New York Times recently highlighted Wisconsin’s Act 10 and effects the law has had in the state. As other states consider standing up to public unions, Wisconsin serves as a working success story. Limiting collective bargaining in the state has saved taxpayers billions of dollars, but labor bosses continue to call it ‘devastating.’ Marty Beil, executive director of the Wisconsin State Employees’ Union, has had a lot of things to say about the law in the last three years. Beil told the New York Times that membership has plummeted 60 percent in his union, with others facing similar declines around state. He also said the union might have to sell its Madison headquarters. ‘It’s had a devastating effect on our union,’ Mr. Beil, its executive director, said of Act 10. He was sitting in his Madison office, inside the headquarters that his union, hard up for cash, may be forced to sell. The building is underused anyway, as staff reductions have left many offices empty.” [ItsWorkingWisconsin.com, [4/28/14](#)]

**Americans For Prosperity: While The New York Times Tried To Make “Readers Feel Sorry For Big Labor,” They Brought To The Forefront The “Variety Of Success Stories From Wisconsin” From Act 10.** According to Americans for Prosperity’s It’s Still Working Wisconsin Budget Reform blog, “The New York Times recently highlighted Wisconsin’s Act 10 and effects the law has had in the state. [...] While the goal of the article may be to make readers feel sorry for Big Labor, it cannot help but bring up the variety of success stories from Wisconsin.” [ItsWorkingWisconsin.com, [4/28/14](#)]

### **...Despite The Fact That The NYT Conveyed That Act 10 Resulted In A Sharp Reduction In Union Rights And Consequentially Their Membership, Wages, And Benefits**

**NYT: Act 10 “Severely Restricted The Power Of Public-Employee Unions To Bargain Collectively” Causing Union Membership Fall As Much As 60% In The Wisconsin State Employees’ Union And Take Home Pay To Fall More Than 10%.** According to the New York Times, “He gets no satisfaction from being right. Since the law was passed, membership in his union, which represents state employees, has fallen 60 percent; its annual budget has plunged to \$2 million from \$6 million. Mr. Walker’s landmark law — called Act 10 — severely restricted the power of public-employee unions to bargain collectively, and that provision, among others, has given social workers, prison guards, nurses and other public employees little reason to pay dues to a union that can no longer do much for them. Members of Mr. Beil’s group, the Wisconsin State Employees’ Union, complain that their take-home pay has fallen more than 10 percent in recent years, a sign of the union’s greatly diminished power.” [New York Times, [2/22/14](#)]

**NYT: Act 10 Barred “Public-Sector Unions From Bargaining Over Pensions, Health Coverage, Safety, Hours, Sick Leave Or Vacations” And Only Allowed Negotiation Of Base Pay, And Even That Was “Limited: Any Raises They Win Cannot Exceed Inflation.”** According to the New York Times, “Many labor leaders and union members are still fuming about the law. It bars public-sector unions from bargaining over pensions, health coverage, safety, hours, sick leave or vacations. All they can negotiate is base pay, and even that is limited: any raises they win cannot exceed inflation.” [New York Times, [2/22/14](#)]

**NYT: Act 10 Has Saved School Districts Money By Freezing Teachers’ Salaries And “Increasing Employee Contributions For Health Care.”** According to the New York Times, “All over the state, public executives are exercising new authority. Instead of raising teachers’ salaries, the Mequon-Thiensville School District, near Milwaukee, froze them for two years, saving \$560,000. It saved an additional \$400,000 a year by increasing employee contributions for health care, said its superintendent, Demond Means. And it is starting a merit pay system for teachers, a move that has been opposed by some teachers and embraced by others.” [New York Times, [2/22/14](#)]

- **NYT: Act 10 “Required Public Employees” To Contribute “6 Percent Of Their Pay Toward Their Pensions And At Least 12 Percent Of Their Health Plan Costs,” Resulting In An Effective “12 Percent Pay Cut” For Many Employees, Further Compounded By Their “Multiyear Pay Freeze.”** According to the New York Times, “Act 10, which still faces court challenges from unions, has generally required public employees to start contributing 6 percent of their pay toward their pensions and at least 12 percent of their health plan costs. For many employees, that meant a 12 percent pay cut; on top of that, many faced a multiyear pay freeze.” [New York Times, [2/22/14](#)]

**NYT: Act 10 Saved Money At The Expense Of Demoralizing Public Workers.** According to the New York Times, “Demoralization is the flip side of Act 10. In Oneida County in northern Wisconsin, the county supervisors jettisoned language requiring ‘just cause’ when firing employees. Now, said Julie Allen, a computer programmer and head of the main local for Oneida County’s civil servants, morale is ‘pretty bad’ and workers are afraid to speak out about anything, even safety issues or a revised pay scale. ‘We don’t have just cause,’ she said. ‘We don’t have seniority protections. So people are pretty scared.’ Assessing Act 10, Lisa Charbarneau, Oneida County’s director of human resources, said: ‘It’s been a kind of double-edged sword. It’s saved some money, but it’s hurt morale. It’s put a black eye, so to speak, on being a government employee, whether management or hourly. All government employees seem to have taken a hit, there’s this image that they’re sucking all these good benefits.’” [New York Times, [2/22/14](#)]

## **The Koch Network Backed Walker’s Efforts To Rob Wisconsin Schools & Their Students Through Historic Funding Cuts**

### **AFP CELEBRATED THE LARGEST CUTS, \$749 MILLION, TO EDUCATION IN WISCONSIN’S HISTORY AND MOBILIZED TO DEFEND THEM**

**Americans For Prosperity Heralded Walker’s \$749 Million In Cuts From K-12 Public Education As Budget Reforms, And Held Townhall Events And Spent Handsomely To Defend These “Reforms.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “The Americans for Prosperity Foundation (AFP) says it is aiming ‘to help citizens separate the rhetoric from the reality on the budget reforms passed in Wisconsin last year,’ according to a press release from the organization. The ‘budget reforms’ AFP is addressing include Governor Walker’s limits on public sector collective bargaining as well as around \$749 million in cuts from K-12 public education and other ‘reforms,’ all of which inspired months of protest in 2011 and recently led over 1 million Wisconsinites to sign petitions to recall the governor. With a recall election almost imminent, AFP is holding ‘townhall’ events across the state to allegedly have a ‘respectful discussion on why we must maintain the reforms that have saved hundreds of millions for Wisconsin taxpayers.’ The implication seems clear. The election of a governor other than Walker would threaten the ‘reforms,’ his reelection would maintain them. And according to AFP, ‘we must maintain the reforms.’ AFP is also spending \$700,000 on a statewide TV ad campaign defending Walker’s reforms.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [2/9/12](#)]

- **Americans For Prosperity Celebrated That Act 10 Cut \$100 Million Per Year In Spending From Milwaukee Public Schools.** According to Americans for Prosperity It’s Still Working Wisconsin Budget Reform blog, “Act 10 is still



working – just ask Milwaukee public schools, which are saving well over \$100 million a year and thousands of teaching jobs as a result of Act 10. Act 10, which reined in collective bargaining in Wisconsin, has allowed Milwaukee public school officials to take the necessary action to ensure taxpayer money is used as efficiently as possible. Prior to the passage of Act 10, the Milwaukee public school (MPS) system was facing increasing employee retirement costs that would eventually become unsustainable, leading to cut backs in school budgets and staff.” [ItsWorkingWisconsin.com, [6/3/14](#)]

**Americans For Prosperity, Along With The MacIver Institute, Spent \$2.9 Million On Their Campaign To Defend Walker’s Budget Cuts.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Just as Governor Walker’s opponents started collecting recall signatures in November 2011, AFP began running a series of slick TV and web ads claiming ‘It’s Working!’, and alleging that Walker’s fiscal policies have been good for the state (while ignoring all the bad news). The campaign has reportedly cost at least \$2.9 million so far -- nearly three times as much as Walker’s opponent Tom Barrett has raised. The ads come from the ‘charitable’ side of AFP -- the AFP Foundation -- which as a charity organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the tax code, has an absolute prohibition against intervening in political campaigns. The ads were produced in collaboration with another 501(c)(3), the Bradley Foundation-funded MacIver Institute, which has the same prohibition.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [4/27/12](#)]

### **Walker’s Act 10 Cuts To Education Were The Largest In Wisconsin’s History**

**Walker Cut \$800 Million In State Aid To Schools.** According to Bloomberg, “When Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker championed a law restricting collective bargaining for most public employees, he gave school districts cost-cutting tools. He also took away something: \$800 million in aid.” [Bloomberg, [2/2/12](#)]

**PolitiFact: True That “Walker Had Made The Biggest Cuts To Education In Wisconsin’s History.”** According to PolitiFact, “State Democratic Party claim: The party sought to undercut Walker’s announcement on the surplus and tax cuts. It pointed out in a news release during his speech that Walker’s first budget cut nearly one billion dollars from public schools and our technical college system that provides critical job training programs. ‘That number is on target, we said in 2012 when rating True former gubernatorial candidate Kathleen Falk’s statement that Walker had made the biggest cuts to education in our state’s history.’” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [1/22/14](#)]

## **SCOTT WALKER’S RADICAL EDUCATION AGENDA DREW FROM ALEC LEGISLATION**

**Center For Media And Democracy: Governor Scott Walker Sought To “‘Radically’ Overhaul Wisconsin’s Education System Using Several Pieces Of American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) Model Legislation.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Governor Scott Walker seeks to ‘radically’ overhaul Wisconsin’s education system using several pieces of American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) model legislation, and to do it through the budget process, meaning this privatization agenda could be enacted with minimal public discussion or debate.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [5/23/13](#)]

- **CMD: One Budget Provision Planned To Create A “‘Charter School Oversight Board”‘ Following ALEC’s “Next Generation Charter Schools Act And Charter Schools Growth With Quality Act” Which “Would Approve Nonprofit Entities As Independent Charter School Authorizers.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “One budget provision creates a ‘Charter School Oversight Board’ that would approve nonprofit entities as independent charter school authorizers. It tracks the general ideas in the ALEC Next Generation Charter Schools Act and Charter Schools Growth With Quality Act. Currently, only local school boards, elected by the community, can authorize a charter school; in Milwaukee, the Common Council and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee are also authorizers.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [5/23/13](#)]
- **CMD: The Budget Also Expanded The School Voucher Program Reflecting “The Principles In The ALEC Education Accountability Act.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “The budget also expands the school voucher program that diverts taxpayer dollars away from public schools to subsidize private and for-profit schools, not only by increasing funding for vouchers, but also by requiring voucher programs in any district with more than two schools deemed ‘failing.’ The private school accepting the student would receive the aid for the student and the former

school would lose it. This reflects the principles in the ALEC Education Accountability Act.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [5/23/13](#)]

- **CMD: The Budget Included A Provision That Would “Create A New Teaching License For Individuals With No Formal Education Background” To Teach In Charter Schools Reflecting ALEC’s “Alternative Certification Act.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Another budget provision would create a new teaching license for individuals with no formal education background but subject-matter experience to teach in charter schools. This reflects the ALEC Alternative Certification Act.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [5/23/13](#)]
- **CMD: Republicans In The Wisconsin State Legislature’s Joint Finance Committee “Sneaked” ALEC’s “Special-Needs’ Voucher Program Into The Budget At The Last Minute.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Governor Scott Walker proposed to eliminate the 1,000-student cap on the statewide voucher program in his 2015-2017 budget and to fund the expansion with money taken from public schools, one of the most radical expansions of school vouchers in the nation. Republicans in the state legislature’s Joint Finance Committee piled on, sneaking ALEC’s ‘special-needs’ voucher program into the budget at the last minute.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [6/7/15](#)]

## **AFP HERALDED SCHOOL VOUCHERIZATION, WHICH CAME AT THE EXPENSE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING**

### **AFP’s State Level Agenda Centered On “Expanding School Choice” Voucher Programs...**

**Wisconsin Election Watch Reported That AFP-WI’s State Level Agenda Was “Centered On... Expanding School Choice.”** According to Wisconsin Election Watch, “The Wisconsin Chapter of Americans for Prosperity announced on Thursday their Legislative agenda at the state and federal levels for 2015. At the state level, AFP’s agenda is centered on passing right to work legislation, expanding school choice, and implementing further tax reform.” [Wisconsin Election Watch, [1/15/15](#)]

**Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin State Director David Fladeboe: “We Applaud Governor Walker For Standing With Families And Proposing State-Wide Uncapped School Choice.”** According to an Americans for Prosperity press release, “Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin State Director David Fladeboe released the following statement in response to the Governor’s budget address. ‘We applaud Governor Walker for standing with families and proposing state-wide uncapped school choice.’” [Americans For Prosperity Press Release, [2/4/15](#)]

**Fladeboe Described Walker’s 2015-2016 Budget “As Very Good” For Fiscal Conservatives.** According to PBS, “Even so, Walker’s budget this year largely is a win for conservatives and a continuation of the progress he made during his first term, Fladeboe said. ‘It’s a very good budget for a fiscal conservative,’ Healy said. ‘We’ve come to expect that from Governor Walker.’” [PBS, [4/16/15](#)]

**AFP: The 2014 General Election “Confirmed That Voters Support Greater Educational Freedom. Across The Country, Proponents Of School Choice And Opponents Of Common Core Succeeded.”** According to a legislative alert from Americans for Prosperity, “In addition, Tuesday’s election confirmed that voters support greater educational freedom. Across the country, proponents of school choice and opponents of Common Core succeeded. Wisconsin re-elected Governor Scott Walker – a school choice champion – despite enormous opposition from teachers unions. South Carolina re-elected Governor Nikki Haley, who has been a vocal opponent of Common Core. North Carolina elected Thom Tillis to the US Senate, who as Speaker of the House in the Tar Heel State, expanded school choice. And in Georgia, Peach State voters elected an anti-Common Core state superintendent. These are just a few of the many examples that showed American voters, taxpayers, and parents realize what is at stake in our schools.” [Americans For Prosperity Legislative Alert, [11/12/14](#)]

### **...Other Koch-Backed Groups Followed Suit...**

*Wisconsin Club For Growth*

**Wisconsin Club For Growth Accused Opponents Of School Vouchers Of Engaging In Smear Campaigns.** According to Wisconsin Club for Growth, “Unfortunately, that’s about all Evers and the statewide public school bureaucracy get credit for in their campaign to head off school choice expansion. Let’s put it bluntly. Unable to defend the quality of its product, unable to make a respectable argument against parents choosing their children’s school, unable to advance any decent rationale for government enforcing an education monopoly, the public school empire resorts to the first and only tactic the Left can think of nowadays: Smear the competition.” [Wisconsin Club for Growth, [6/19/13](#)]

## *LIBRE*

**LIBRE Partnered With Hispanics For School Choice To Sponsor A Roundtable On School Vouchers In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Featuring Sen. Rand Paul.** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, the Republican from Kentucky who is considered a possible presidential contender in 2016, will be in Milwaukee April 23 for a roundtable on school choice. His visit is sponsored by the conservative The LIBRE Initiative and Hispanics for School Choice, a local organization that favors the expansion of school choice. The roundtable will take place at St. Anthony’s Middle School, 2156 S. 4th St. It will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [4/15/14](#)]

## ...At The Expense Of The State’s Public School System

**Wisconsin Public Radio: Walker’s 2015-2016 Budget Proposal Included “A \$127 Million Cut For Public Schools Over The Biennium” Despite The Fact That The Majority In Wisconsin Favor Increasing The Public Education Budget.** According to Wisconsin Public Radio, “Gov. Scott Walker said on Wednesday that any uptick in state tax revenue projections when the State Budget Office releases numbers next month should go toward restoring K-12 education funding. Currently, the governor’s budget proposal includes a \$127 million cut for public schools over the biennium. Numbers from the spring 2015 Wisconsin Survey, also released on Wednesday, found that 54 percent of respondents thought state funding for K-12 education should be increased.” [Wisconsin Public Radio, [4/23/15](#)]

**Washington Post: Walker Cut \$127 Million From K-12 Funding For 2016 “While At The Same Time Spending Millions More To Expand A School Voucher Program That Uses Public Money To Fund Private Education.”** According to the Washington Post, “Walker, in fact, had proposed a \$127 million cut in K-12 funding and lawmakers restored the cut in their proposal — though they are not giving more money to public school districts for the first time in more than 20 years next year while at the same time spending millions more to expand to expand *[sic]* a school voucher program that uses public money to fund private education. The plan includes a voucher program for special-needs students, which critics say would reduce resources that public schools have for special-needs students.” [Washington Post, [5/28/15](#)]

- **Washington Post: 79.9 Percent Of The Applications To The Voucher Program For The 2015-16 School Year Were From Students Already In Private School, Meaning The School Vouchers Were Effectively A Subsidy For The Private School Population.** According to the Washington Post, “It is worth noting that for the current school year, 75 percent of the applications to the voucher program were already in private school, according to the education department, and for the 2015-16 school year, 79.9 percent. Doesn’t that sound like a subsidy for the private school population?” [Washington Post, [5/28/15](#)]

**Center For Media And Democracy: The Madison Metropolitan School District Estimated “That It Could Lose Up To \$7 Million In State Aid” And Could Force Program Cuts Once The ALEC Inspired Voucher Program Is Fully Implemented.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “The proposal would immediately affect at least nine school districts, including Madison. The Madison Metropolitan School District estimates that it could lose up to \$7 million in state aid once the voucher program is fully implemented. ‘If we’re losing millions in state aid, we have to cut back on something,’ said Madison Board of Education member Arlene Silveira. ‘We’ll have to reduce programming and increase class sizes,’ and possibly raise property taxes to help cover the loss.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [5/23/13](#)]

## **ALEC Pushed The Koch Agenda On Labor, Education, Energy, & Voter ID Laws In WI**

## **KOCH-BACKED ALEC WAS WIDELY INFLUENTIAL IN WISCONSIN**

## **The Koch Network Had Influence Within ALEC And Poured A Lot Of Money Into The Organization**

**Center For Media And Democracy: Koch Industries Chaired ALEC's Corporate Board And Donated "An Untold Amount," With Koch Foundation Giving "At Least \$600,000 In The Past Decade Or So."** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, "Research from CMD and GreenPeace documents that the Koch foundations have given ALEC at least \$600,000 in the past decade or so, and Koch Industries has donated an untold amount. The Kochs also bailed out ALEC with a loan of nearly half a million dollars in the late 1990s. Koch Industries has also chaired ALEC's corporate board and has had a seat on its board for over a decade. Plus, another subsidy unaccounted for by ALEC is the money corporations like Koch have spent on having the head of its lobbying arm involved in ALEC's leadership as well as whatever amount of time the company spends crafting ALEC 'model' legislation." [Center for Media and Democracy, [7/13/11](#)]

**ALEC Received \$311,740 From The Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation From 2012 - 2014.** According to its 2012 and 2014 Form 990 filings with the IRS, the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation contributed \$311,740 to ALEC from 2012 - 2014. [Charles Koch Foundation IRS Form 990, 2014, 2012]

**ALEC Received \$150,000 From Donors Capital Fund From 2012 - 2013.** According to its 2012 and 2013 Form 990 filings with the IRS, Donors Capital Fund contributed \$150,000 to ALEC from 2012 - 2013. [Donors Capital Fund IRS Form 990, 2013, 2012]

**ALEC Received \$300,000 From The Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation From 2011 - 2012.** According to its 2011 and 2012 Form 990 filings with the IRS, the Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation contributed \$300,000 to ALEC from 2011 - 2012. [Donors Capital Fund IRS Form 990, 2012, 2011]

## **43 Wisconsin Lawmakers Have Been Affiliated With ALEC**

**Center For Media And Democracy Deputy Director Mary Bottari: "Wisconsin Is Governed By The 43 ALEC Members Who Make Up The Leadership And GOP Majority Of Both Houses."** According to a post by Center for Media and Democracy deputy director Mary Bottari for the Center for Media and Democracy, "Wisconsin is governed by the 43 ALEC members who make up the leadership and GOP majority of both houses. Governor Scott Walker is an ALEC alumnus who signed 19 ALEC bills into office in his first year as governor." [Mary Bottari – Center for Media and Democracy, [3/2/15](#)]

**CMD Reported In July 2011 That Wisconsin Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald Had Long Been A Member Of ALEC Who Has Attended Their Conferences, Served As The Wisconsin "State Chairman," And Brought Their Model Bills To Wisconsin.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, "The Republican wave that gave Scott Walker the governorship in November, 2010, also gave the GOP control of both houses. The Senate Majority Leader is Scott Fitzgerald. The Speaker of the Assembly is Jeff Fitzgerald. [...] We know know [sic] that Scott Fitzgerald has long been a member of ALEC, and has served as the Wisconsin 'State Chairman' for many years. Economic interest statements show that in 2010 and 2011, Sen. Scott Fitzgerald received almost \$3,000 from ALEC to attend their conferences. In 2011, Rep. Jeff Fitzgerald received \$1,329. The legislators loaded up on a huge variety of ALEC model bills and brought them home to Wisconsin." [Center for Media and Democracy, [7/14/11](#)]

- **Wisconsin Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald: ALEC Is "A Great Organization" Because Its Committees "Crank Out What I Would Consider Boilerplate Legislation, Stuff That's Sweeping The Nation."** According to the Capital Times, "ALEC claims 2,500 legislative members, a third of all state lawmakers in the country. 'It's very well run, probably a little bit conservative, but many Democrats are members, too,' Fitzgerald says. 'It's a great organization' What's so great about it? 'First and foremost, because a lot of the committees crank out what I would consider boilerplate legislation, stuff that's sweeping the nation,' he says. 'Obviously legislators do this all the time, pirate bills from one state that they think is a good idea into another state.'" [Capital Times, [3/27/11](#)]

**Bottari: "Governor Scott Walker Is An ALEC Alumnus Who Signed 19 ALEC Bills Into Office In His First Year As Governor."** According to a post by Center for Media and Democracy deputy director Mary Bottari for the Center for Media and Democracy, "Wisconsin is governed by the 43 ALEC members who make up the leadership and GOP majority of both



houses. Governor Scott Walker is an ALEC alumnus who signed 19 ALEC bills into office in his first year as governor.” [Mary Bottari – Center for Media and Democracy, [3/2/15](#)]

**As Of February 2016, Republican State Rep. John Nygren Was The ALEC Wisconsin State Chair.** According to the American Legislative Exchange Council, Wisconsin Republican State Representative John Nygren is the ALEC Wisconsin State Chair. [American Legislative Exchange Council, accessed [2/2/16](#)]

### **ALEC’s Electoral Influence In Wisconsin**

**Center For Media And Democracy Identified 23 ALEC-Inspired Provisions Introduced In Wisconsin In 2011-2012, 21 Of Which Were Passed.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “32 bills or budget provisions reflecting ALEC model legislation were introduced in Wisconsin’s 2011-2012 legislative session; [...] 21 of these bills or budget provisions have passed, and two were vetoed.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [5/17/12](#)]

**Center For Media And Democracy In July 2015: Walker “Proposed Or Signed Into Law Over 20 ALEC Bills Including Voter ID, Anti-Consumer Tort Reform Legislation, School Vouchers, And A Deadly Asbestos Bill.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Walker has spoken out against the minimum wage, rolled back the prevailing wage for public construction projects, and proposed or signed into law over 20 ALEC bills including Voter ID, anti-consumer tort reform legislation, school vouchers, and a deadly asbestos bill that narrows access to the courts for asbestos victims. His ties to ALEC run deep. He was a member of ALEC when he was a state legislator from 1993 to 2002.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [7/13/15](#)]

**La Crosse Tribune Columnist Harvey Witzenburg: “ALEC Has Had Tremendous Influence In Wisconsin,” Passing “Bills That Defund Unions, Require Photo IDs At The Polls And Help Privatize Schools.”** According to an opinion by columnist Harvey Witzenburg for the La Crosse Tribune, “ALEC has had tremendous influence in Wisconsin. ALEC bills that have been adopted and passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Scott Walker include bills that defund unions, require photo IDs at the polls and help privatize schools. ALEC made headlines recently after Wisconsin legislators introduced a virtually word-for-word copy of ALEC’s right-to-work act on the heels of Michigan and other states that have taken up the anti-union measures in recent years.” [Harvey Witzenburg – La Crosse Tribune, [7/26/15](#)]

**Center For Media And Democracy: “One Of Governor Walker’s First Actions Upon Taking Office Was To Push A Package Of Tort Reform Measures Lifted From The ALEC Playbook.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “One of Governor Walker’s first actions upon taking office was to push a package of tort reform measures lifted from the ALEC playbook. Tort Reform bills generally make it harder for Americans to sue companies whose products or services result in injury or death. Wisconsin Act 2 was the first bill Walker signed into law on January 27, 2011.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [7/14/11](#)]

**Witzenburg: “Wind Energy Companies Have Cancelled Or Suspended Plans To Build Facilities” In Wisconsin, Which “Is Exactly What ALEC, Supported By Fossil Fuel Companies, Wants.”** According to an opinion by columnist Harvey Witzenburg for the La Crosse Tribune, “Walker changed the rules for wind energy in Wisconsin. As a result, wind energy companies have cancelled or suspended plans to build facilities here. Crippling the wind industry is exactly what ALEC, supported by fossil fuel companies, wants.” [Harvey Witzenburg – La Crosse Tribune, [7/26/15](#)]

- **Witzenburg: “The Failure To Develop Wind Energy Means A Loss Of Jobs,” Which, In Wisconsin, “A State That Has Vastly Underperformed In Job Creation,” Was “An Area Of Real Opportunity.”** According to an opinion by columnist Harvey Witzenburg for the La Crosse Tribune, “Walker changed the rules for wind energy in Wisconsin. As a result, wind energy companies have cancelled or suspended plans to build facilities here. Crippling the wind industry is exactly what ALEC, supported by fossil fuel companies, wants. A resource assessment by the National Renewable Energy Lab found that wind resources could provide far more than the state’s current electricity needs. The failure to develop wind energy means a loss of jobs. For a state that has vastly underperformed in job creation, this is an area of real opportunity.” [Harvey Witzenburg – La Crosse Tribune, [7/26/15](#)]

**CMD: Governor Scott Walker Sought To “‘Radically’ Overhaul Wisconsin’s Education System Using Several Pieces Of American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) Model Legislation.”** According to the Center for Media and

Democracy, “Governor Scott Walker seeks to ‘radically’ overhaul Wisconsin’s education system using several pieces of American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) model legislation, and to do it through the budget process, meaning this privatization agenda could be enacted with minimal public discussion or debate.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [5/23/13](#)]

**Associated Press: “Anti-Labor Proposals That Originated With The Koch-Brothers Backed American Legislative Exchange Council” Were Left In The Wisconsin Budget.** According to the Associated Press, “However, anti-labor proposals that originated with the Koch-brothers backed American Legislative Exchange Council and measures to boost the fossil-fuel industry by scaling back environmental protections and conservation efforts, were left in tact [sic] by GOP lawmakers.” [Associated Press via Wisconsin Gazette, [7/10/15](#)]

*Wisconsin’s Right-To-Work Legislation Was A Word-For-Word Copy Of ALEC’s Bill*

**Center For Media And Democracy: In 2015, Wisconsin “Became The 25th Right-To-Work State With The Passage Of A Word-For-Word Copy Of ALEC’s Bill.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Cookie-cutter ALEC right-to-work bills popped up in several states this year. In March, Wisconsin became the 25th right-to-work state with the passage of a word-for-word copy of ALEC’s bill. ALEC right-to-work bills were proposed in New Hampshire, Missouri, New Mexico, and West Virginia, while Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner (R) simply issued an executive order to establish right-to-work for public sector workers and filed a lawsuit seeking to have ‘fare share’ fees declared unconstitutional.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [6/7/15](#)]

- **CMD General Counsel Brendan Fischer: Wisconsin’s Right-To-Work Proposal Was “Word-For-Word From The... Koch-ALEC Playbook And ALEC Has Been Fighting To Lower Worker’s Wages For Decades.”** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “The so-called right to work proposal moving ahead rapidly in the state Legislature shares some some [sic] key passages with a measure drafted by the American Legislative Exchange Council. The similarities were first pointed out by the Center for Media and Democracy, a liberal Madison group that has long tracked the activities of ALEC. [...] ‘This is not a new or bold or fresh idea. This is word-for-word from the (conservative donor Charles and David) Koch-ALEC playbook and ALEC has been fighting to lower worker’s wages for decades,’ said Brendan Fischer, general counsel for the Madison center.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [2/21/15](#)]

## The Koch-Backed Campaign Against Wisconsin’s Access To Health Care

### KOCH GROUPS ADVOCATED PROMINENT WISCONSIN REPUBLICANS’ PLANS TO QUASH MEDICARE & MEDICAID

#### 60 Plus Pushed Paul Ryan’s Plan To Privatize And Kill Medicare

**60 Plus Press Release Headline: “New 60 Plus Ad Praises Paul Ryan Medicare Reforms...Conservative Seniors Group Airs National Television Ad Supporting Republican Medicare Proposal”** [60 Plus, [6/17/11](#)]

**60 Plus Spokesman Pat Boone Campaigned For Rep. Paul Ryan’s Medicare Plan, Which He Said “Would Transform Medicare From A Fee-For-Service Health Coverage Provider To A Supplier Of Direct Checks To Seniors.”** According to the Atlantic, “Now, Boone is campaigning for Rep. Paul Ryan’s (R-Wisc.) Medicare plan, which would transform Medicare from a fee-for-service health coverage provider to a supplier of direct checks to seniors. Under Ryan’s plan, seniors would get ‘premium support’ payments to buy private insurance from a list of government-approved plans. ‘Harry Reid and his cohorts are not fooling seniors with the ‘Medi-scare’ tactics. Rep. Ryan’s budget will not end Medicare. Instead, it will preserve the offerings of this program for our children and grandchildren,’ Boone wrote in a 60 Plus press release Friday morning.” [The Atlantic, [5/27/11](#)]

**The Atlantic: Boone Glossed Over The Fact That Ryan’s Plan Would Significantly Reduce Medicare-Spending Growth, Devoting 25% Less Taxpayer Money To Medicare And Medicaid Combined In 2022 Leading To A Typical 65-Year-Old Having To Pay 34% More For Benefits.** According to the Atlantic, “Boone glossed over the fact that Ryan’s plan would entail cuts from Medicare, too. Obama’s Affordable Care Act reduces the projected growth of future Medicare spending by \$500 billion over the next 10 years, but Ryan’s plan would also significantly reduce Medicare-spending growth.

Compared to the current law signed by Obama, Ryan's plan would devote roughly 25 percent less taxpayer money to Medicare and Medicaid combined in 2022, according to the Congressional Budget Office. A typical 65-year-old would have to pay 34 percent more for his/her benefits in that year." [The Atlantic, [5/27/11](#)]

- **The Atlantic: Boone Was Probably The Only Prominent Senior Advocate That Spoke Up In Favor Of The Plan As AARP Campaigned Hard Against Ryan's Proposal.** According to the Atlantic, "Boone might be the only prominent senior advocate speaking up in favor of the plan. The AARP is campaigning hard against Ryan's proposal. Earlier this month, the group launched a multimillion-dollar ad campaign urging Congress to 'stop the harmful cuts to Medicare and Social Security,' as an attempt to beat back both the Ryan plan and GOP efforts to attach long-term spending reforms to a vote on the debt ceiling. In an interview with The Atlantic, AARP said it is open to expanding that ad buy. The Alliance for Retired Americans is also airing ads against the plan." [The Atlantic, [5/27/11](#)]

### **The MacIver Institute Argued That Ryan And Walker's Bare-Bones Healthcare Plans Were "Winning" And Would Preserve Medicare And Medicaid**

**MacIver Institute: Ryan's Plan Seeks To Preserve Medicare.** According to the MacIver Institute, "Not only is Medicare unable to pay for itself, it has over \$38 trillion in unfunded liabilities and it's expected to become insolvent by 2024. Faced with this reality, Ryan's plan seeks to preserve Medicare by encouraging new program enrollees to buy private health insurance with government funds. His plan doesn't impact anyone over the age of 55." [MacIver Institute, [8/15/12](#)]

**The MacIver Institute Backed Scott Walker's Healthcare Plan Which Rejected The Federal Expansion Of Medicaid.** According to the MacIver Institute, "Governor Scott Walker's health care plan is under attack, including from some state senators within his own party. Walker's plan would reject the federal expansion of the Medicaid program in favor of increasing health care coverage for those below the federal poverty line while allowing those above the line without coverage to enroll in the federal exchanges of private insurers. [...] It wasn't that long ago that Wisconsin was trying to figure out how to cut \$600 million from the Medicare budget while waiting lists grew for BadgerCare. The governor's plan is a rejection of Doyle-era budgeting and directly helps those who need state aid the most. It does not rely upon false promises from the federal government or the false promise of free money. Policy makers need to look beyond the short-term politics and towards the long-term fiscally responsible plan by Governor Scott Walker." [MacIver Institute, [6/4/13](#)]

- **MacIver Institute: Wisconsin's Legislators And Governor Can Brag About "Making The Winning Call" In Rejecting The Proposed Medicaid Expansion In Wisconsin.** According to the MacIver Institute, "It's been called the first debate of the 2016 campaign. Which governor's approach to Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, commonly referred to as Obamacare, was the best approach for their state? Was it Governor Scott Walker's rejection of the proposed Medicaid expansion in Wisconsin? Or was it Governor John Kasich's endorsement of Medicaid expansion in Ohio? [...] While Wisconsin football fans may be mourning the loss by the Badgers to the Buckeyes on Saturday, Wisconsin's legislators and governor can brag about making the winning call on Medicaid. The score is not even close." [MacIver Institute, [12/8/14](#)]

### **THE KOCH-BACKED WISCONSIN CLUB FOR GROWTH DESCRIBED THE ACA AS "INSIDIOUS," "A FIASCO," & A "TOTALITARIAN MONSTROCITY"**

**Wisconsin Club For Growth Described "Obamacare" As A "Totalitarian Monstrosity."** According to Wisconsin Club for Growth, "Our Our [sic] headline takes on new meaning daily as the pernicious nature of Obamacare grows more difficult to disguise. The gradual revelation that in every respect, Obamacare will have the opposite impact our beloved leader promised, no longer rates as even a mild surprise. And while litigating against Obamacare could be seen as a solemn duty, the courts are at best unreliable. In practical terms, there is no need to cite even one other reason why comprehensive Republican success in next year's elections is an existential necessity. By then, theoretically, the totalitarian monstrosity will have been fully in place for 11 months. But we can see how things are going. Implementation is a mess, and behind schedule. Tearing it down will not add too much more confusion even in 2015, and would be worth the trouble in any case. It's that choice, or be prepared to rearrange every detail of your life. Start by calling your doctor to find out if he or she is planning to stick around for all the fun." [Wisconsin Club for Growth, [6/13/13](#)]

- **Wisconsin Club For Growth Said “Obamacare” Was An “Imploding” “Monstrosity” Failing To Illicit Concern Since Its Objective Wasn’t To Provide Health Insurance Coverage.** According to Wisconsin Club for Growth, “In August, polling by a major international consulting firm found more than two out of every three Obamacare enrollees were unhappy with their coverage. Then last week brought word that enrollment is dropping off, suggesting a defiant citizenry prefers to pay fines rather than buy into the Obamacare system. On Sunday we found out the program won’t make its budget targets unless enrollments double. Good luck. The monstrosity is imploding, and the only thing missing is some sign of concern on the part of the Obama administration. It would probably be a mistake to look for that: Concern over an imploding program is what you’d expect only if the objective was to provide health insurance coverage, and the purpose of Obamacare is something else altogether.” [Wisconsin Club for Growth, [9/16/15](#)]

**Wisconsin Club For Growth Described “Obamacare” As Insidious.** According to Wisconsin Club for Growth, “Just when warnings about the insidious nature of Obamacare began seeming redundant, Obamacare’s insidiousness exceeds our worst fears.” [Wisconsin Club for Growth, [3/20/14](#)]

**Wisconsin Club For Growth Described “Obamacare” As A “Fiasco.”** According to Wisconsin Club for Growth, “How else to explain the administration’s airy dismissal of concerns over the Obamacare fiasco? Have you noticed how all the preposterous failures have begun fading into the background of humdrum routine, while the one thing forever conspicuously in sight is the attitude of palpable indifference?” [Wisconsin Club for Growth, [12/12/13](#)]

- **Wisconsin Club For Growth: “Obamacare” Paved “A Path Of Genuine Destruction” That Literally Ripped Peoples’ Lives Apart.** According to Wisconsin Club for Growth, “This can have only one result. It will stoke resentment as no public policy failure could by itself, as Obamacare paves a path of genuine destruction. There’s no partisan hyperbole in saying real people’s lives will be ripped apart—most immediately by identity thieves looting their bank accounts—in service of whatever you want to call this enterprise: Socialized Medicine, or to borrow the 1960s term; income redistribution.” [Wisconsin Club for Growth, [12/12/13](#)]

## **THE KOCH NETWORK THEN FOUGHT TO TURN THE PUBLIC AGAINST REFORM AND EVEN BLOCK ITS IMPLEMENTATION**

### **Americans For Prosperity**

**Center For Media And Democracy: Directly After The Supreme Court Upheld The Affordable Care Act, Americans For Prosperity “Held A ‘Hands Off My Health Care’ Rally To Plan Next Steps In Their Effort To Defeat ‘Obamacare’” Utilizing “American Legislative Exchange Council Model Legislation.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “The evening after the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the Wisconsin chapter of the Koch-funded Americans for Prosperity held a ‘Hands Off My Health Care’ rally to plan next steps in their effort to defeat ‘Obamacare.’ The plan apparently involves American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) model legislation.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [7/2/12](#)]

**AFP – WI Directed Their Supporters To Sign A Petition Against The Affordable Care Act After King V. Burwell.** According to Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin, “A spokesman for the chapter said they planned to direct the public to voice their discontent with the law by signing the petition at [www.americansforprosperity.org/burwell](http://www.americansforprosperity.org/burwell).” [Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin, [7/25/15](#)]

### **ALEC**

**Center For Media And Democracy: “ALEC Health And Human Services Task Force Director Christie Herrera Emailed Wisconsin Legislators In December 2010 Encouraging Them To Introduce ALEC’s Freedom Of Choice In Health Care Act.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Open records requests submitted by the Center for Media and Democracy revealed that ALEC Health and Human Services Task Force Director Christie Herrera emailed Wisconsin legislators in December 2010 encouraging them to introduce ALEC’s Freedom of Choice in Health Care Act. Herrera recommended they use the language introduced in Arizona, which she says ‘expands and updates ALEC’s original



Freedom of Choice in Health Care Act.’ The following April, a version of the bill was introduced in Wisconsin and passed the state senate, but failed to pass the assembly.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [7/2/12](#)]

**Capital Times: 20 To 30 Wisconsin GOP Lawmakers Attended ALEC’s National Meeting Where They Were Given The “State Legislators’ Guide To Repealing Obamacare,” Which Then Inspired Sen. Joe Leibham And Rep. Robin Vos To Introduce The “Health Care Freedom Amendment,” Which Would “Change The Wisconsin Constitution” To “Block The Implementation Of Federal Health Care Reform.”** According to the Capital Times, “In December, he says, he and 20 to 30 other Wisconsin GOP lawmakers attended ALEC’s national meeting Washington D.C., where a key topic of study and conversation was federal health care reform. The ‘State Legislators’ Guide to Repealing Obamacare’ was handed out at this meeting, and its model legislation discussed. ‘A good example of that is a bill Joe Leibham is working on right now,’ Fitzgerald says. Sen. Joe Leibham, R-Sheboygan, and Rep. Robin Vos, R-Rochester, introduced the bill Fitzgerald is talking about on Thursday. The ‘Health Care Freedom Amendment’ would change the Wisconsin constitution to prohibit the government from forcing anyone to participate in any public or private health care or insurance program. The amendment is meant to block the implementation of federal health care reform. The ‘State Legislators’ Guide to Repealing Obamacare’ urges the passage of ‘freedom laws’ exactly like this, which ALEC has been pushing for a while. A flood of similar bills was introduced in 42 states in 2010, according to the manual, which provides legislators with talking points, data and research supporting such legislation. ‘Introduce ALEC’s Freedom of Choice in HealthCare Act, the primary legislative vehicle for state pushback of the individual mandate and Canadian-style, single-payer health care,’ the guide says.” [Capital Times, [3/27/11](#)]

### **MacIver Institute**

**The MacIver Institute Sponsored Healthcare Solutions Week To Discuss How Wisconsin And The Nation Could “Move Forward With True Health Care Reform.”** MacIver Institute, “While the law may have been well intentioned, it is time to have a much-needed, non-political discussion about how Wisconsin and the nation can move forward with true health care reform. That is why The John K. MacIver Institute for Public Policy is happy to join with many other organizations across the country to sponsor Healthcare Solutions Week from October 13-17.” [MacIver Institute, [10/14/14](#)]

- **MacIver Institute: “Instead Of Providing A Government-Centered Approach Like The ACA Has, We Should Try A New Approach.”** MacIver Institute, “Instead of providing a government-centered approach like the ACA has, we should try a new approach that puts you, the patient, in charge of health care decisions. Instead of over-regulating the industry, which increases costs, we need to reduce regulations, introduce more competition and provide pricing transparency to change the health care system - ultimately bending the cost curve. Instead of continuing with a government-run health care system, which will drown our children and our grandchildren in more debt, we should try a different approach, which will save taxpayers money in the long run and just might free our nation of the indebtedness shackles that holds all of us down.” [MacIver Institute, [10/14/14](#)]

## **The Koch Agenda To Destroy Wisconsin’s Environment & Restrict Efforts To Preserve It**

### **KOCH GROUPS AGGRESSIVELY PUSHED FOR DESTRUCTIVE OPEN PIT IRON MINING**

#### **Americans For Prosperity Inserted Itself In Both State And Local Politics To Aggressively Push For Open-Pit Mines**

**AFP Threw Its Support Behind A Proposed Mine In The State’s Far North.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “David Koch’s Americans for Prosperity (AFP) chapter in Wisconsin is throwing its support behind a proposed mine in the state’s far North. A mining bill -- almost identical to the one that failed last year in the Wisconsin State Senate -- was reintroduced this week in the state legislature. What changed? Republicans picked up two more Senate seats in 2012, which may give mining supporters the slim margin they need.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [1/24/13](#)]

**Center For Media And Democracy: Americans For Prosperity “Organized Buses To Carry Some Thirty-Odd Supporters Of The Mine To The Capitol From Sheboygan, Fond Du Lac, Kenosha, Racine, Waukesha And Milwaukee.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “SB 1/AB 1, commonly called the ‘Mining Reform Bill,’ is a renewed effort by supporters of a Florida-based mining company called Gogebic Taconite, or GTAC, to loosen environmental rules so the company can build an open-pit, iron ore mine in rural Northern Wisconsin. [...] The bill has sparked controversy and heated debate this year, just as it did last year, but with a few unlikely players throwing in their support. Americans for Prosperity, David Koch’s Tea Party-affiliated astroturf group, organized buses to carry some thirty-odd supporters of the mine to the Capitol from Sheboygan, Fond du Lac, Kenosha, Racine, Waukesha and Milwaukee. The group gathered in the Wisconsin State Capitol to get their talking points from Bill Williams, CEO of GTAC.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [1/24/13](#)]

**AFP-Wisconsin Communications Director David Fladeboe Wrote Off Environmentalist Opposition To Mining, Stating: “We’ve Had Mining In The State For One Hundred Years, And The Environment Up There Coexists With The Remnants Of The Old Mining Days. We Still Have Clean Water, We Still Have Great Wildlife.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “AFP states its interest in the mining bill stems from its goal of economic prosperity. ‘We want jobs in the state,’ said Communications Director of AFP-Wisconsin, David Fladeboe. ‘We want prosperity for everyone, and this bill will bring, or set into process to bring, thousands of jobs to Wisconsin and help improve the economy.’ Fladeboe writes off the environmentalist opposition to the bill, by stating: ‘We’ve had mining in the state for one hundred years, and the environment up there coexists with the remnants of the old mining days. We still have clean water, we still have great wildlife... and we can have both economic prosperity and environmental protection at the same time.’ For a factsheet on the regulatory actions and high-dollar fines applied to iron-ore mines in the region, click here.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [1/24/13](#)]

**Huffington Post: AFP “Jumped Into An Iron County Board Of Supervisors Election In Northern Wisconsin To Attack Candidates Opposed To An Iron Ore Mine.”** According to the Huffington Post, “Almost no issue appears to be too small for the Kochs’ activists. Americans for Prosperity jumped into an Iron County board of supervisors election in northern Wisconsin to attack candidates opposed to an iron ore mine.” [Huffington Post, [8/14/14](#)]

- **Americans For Prosperity Mailed Fliers To Iron County Residents To “Decry The Influence Of Wealthy Radical Environmentalists Who Oppose A Mine In Iron County, And Point The Finger At Seven Candidates.** According to WXPB, “A conservative political advocacy group funded by the billionaire Koch Brothers is dipping its hand into Iron County board elections. Americans For Prosperity has been mailing fliers to Iron County residents. The fliers decry the influence of wealthy radical environmentalists who oppose a mine in Iron County, and point the finger at seven candidates who are challenging county board seats in next week’s election.” [WXPB, [3/27/14](#)]

**Politifact Rated AFP’s Claim That “Under The Administration Of Gov. Scott Walker, Northern Wisconsin’s Mining Economy Is Moving Forward And More People Are Getting Good, High-Paying Jobs” As “Mostly False.”** According to Politifact, “A direct mail flier from Americans for Prosperity says that ‘Under the administration of Gov. Scott Walker, northern Wisconsin’s mining economy is moving forward and more people are getting good, high-paying jobs.’ It cites the bill aimed at the iron mine as its evidence. But that mine is far from being constructed or open. About ‘maybe 10’ well-paid operating engineers have worked there. To be sure, there’s been a boom in the state’s sand mining industry. But that’s not the subject of the statement. We rate the claim Mostly False.” [Politifact, [10/16/14](#)]

**The MacIver Institute Resorted To Utilizing Propaganda And Mudslinging Targeted At Wisconsin Native American Tribes In Pursuit Of Its Pro-Mining Objective**

**MacIver Institute: “If Minnesota Has A Strong And Safe Mining Industry, Why Can’t Wisconsin?”** According to the MacIver Institute, “If you ask the residents of Hurley and Ashland counties, they will tell you saying yes to this project is a no-brainer. And we did just that, when we produced our mini-documentary Mineshaft. Everyone we talked to on Main Street told us how much the mine would mean to the local economy and how much it would help in keeping young people from moving away just to find good-paying jobs. We also heard that if Minnesota has a strong and safe mining industry, why can’t Wisconsin?” [MacIver Institute, [9/19/13](#)]

**The MacIver Institute Tried To Discredit The Bad River Band Tribes' Appeal To Stop A Proposed Gogebic Taconite Mine By Citing Instances Of Alleged Pollution By The Tribes.** According to the MacIver Institute, "At the end of May, Mike Wiggins Jr., Tribal Chair of the Bad River Band sent a letter to the EPA requesting that they 'initiate a public process under Section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act to protect treaty rights, aquatic resources, fisheries, wildlife, subsistence and public use in the Bad River Watershed and western Lake Superior Basin from metallic mining, including a potential Gogebic Taconite mine.' [...] In the letter, the Tribes ask the EPA to stop the Gogebic Taconite mine because the 'discharge will have unacceptable adverse effects on fisheries, wildlife, shellfish beds, municipal water supplies, or recreational areas.' The MacIver Institute has learned that five of the six tribes that signed the letter have wastewater treatment facilities with a recent history of violations of the Clean Water Act. The EPA's Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO) provides facility reports for wastewater treatment plants across the country and details the violations found at each plant." [MacIver Institute, [7/11/14](#)]

**CMD: The MacIver Institute Produced A "Pro-Mining Propaganda" Film.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, "AFP is relying on an old ally to produce pro-mining propaganda. In the room where AFP activists convened, they were offered free copies of a 'documentary' called Mine Shaft. The film was produced by the MacIver Institute, a Wisconsin-based think tank funded by the Bradley Foundation. [...] The film features interviews with residents of Hurley, who report that even after countless decades of mining in the last century: 'I don't see people walking around with three or four heads because of the pollution from the old mines,' exclaims one person interviewed. The film paints a picture of the need for jobs in the region, but ultimately fails to provide balanced information about the hazards of loosening mining rules statewide." [Center for Media and Democracy, [1/24/13](#)]

### **ALEC And NFIB Were Behind Pro-Mining Legislation**

**CMD: The Wisconsin Assembly Passed The "Open-Pit Mining Bill" Which Drew "Strong Elements From Three Different Pieces Of ALEC 'Model Legislation.'"** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, "The Wisconsin Assembly recently passed the Open-pit Mining Bill (AB 426). Pocan says the bill draws strong elements from three different pieces of ALEC 'model legislation.' The bill explicitly makes groundwater contamination by mining companies acceptable, according to the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters, and would deregulate environmental protections and give immunity to mining operations. The majority of Wisconsin drinking water comes from groundwater, so there is concern that the impact of this bill will be hazardous to public health. But it would benefit the out-of-state mining interests that have been pushing this bill. Regarding the Open-Pit Mining Bill Pocan said, 'I don't think the role of the legislator should be to pass legislation in the interest of only the few.'" [Center for Media and Democracy, [2/10/12](#)]

### **NFIB Supported A Bill That Would "Open The Door For Mining Operations To Set Up Shop" In Wisconsin.**

According to the Badger Herald, "Wisconsin small business groups voiced their support Friday for a bill that would open the door for mining operations to set up shop in the state, citing the possible economic benefits to a number of industries near the mine site. In a statement released Friday, the Wisconsin Restaurant Association, Tavern League of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Grocers Association and National Federation of Independent Business all advocated for a mining bill that would streamline the permit process for iron mines in Wisconsin." [Badger Herald, [2/18/13](#)]

- **NFIB State Director Bill Smith: There Was "A Strong Consensus" That The Legislature Needed "To Make This Happen."** According to the Badger Herald, "'There's a strong consensus that the Legislature needs to make this happen. Our members are convinced that at the end of the day, it's going to have a positive effect,' [NFIB State Director Bill] Smith said. 'You need a payroll to buy necessities and local spending creates jobs. That's really what we're talking about here.' Additional jobs would be created as economic growth occurs in the area, Smith said. These jobs could include more service businesses, hotels and restaurants." [Badger Herald, [2/18/13](#)]

## **KOCH GROUPS IGNORED THE IRREPARABLE HARM IT WOULD CAUSE TO THE ENVIRONMENT & THE BAD RIVER BAND TRIBES**

**Mother Jones: Environmentalists Have "Vehemently Opposed" Open Pit Iron Mining "Warning That It Could Damage Fragile Wetlands And Contaminate Local Air And Water With Toxic Chemicals."** According to Mother Jones, "In 2010, a mining company called Gogebic Taconite LLC began to push hard to establish a large open-pit iron ore

mine in the state. Environmentalists vehemently opposed the project, warning that it could damage fragile wetlands and contaminate local air and water with toxic chemicals.” [Mother Jones, [3/11/15](#)]

**Writer Dan Kaufman: Six Miles Downstream From The Proposed Mining Site Was “The Reservation Of The Bad River Band Of Lake Superior Chippewa, Whose Livelihood Is Threatened By The Mine.”** According to an opinion by writer Dan Kaufman for the New York Times, “The \$1.5 billion mine would initially be close to four miles long, up to a half-mile wide and nearly 1,000 feet deep, but it could be extended as long as 21 miles. In its footprint lie the headwaters of the Bad River, which flows into Lake Superior, the largest freshwater lake in the world and by far the cleanest of the Great Lakes. Six miles downstream from the site is the reservation of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, whose livelihood is threatened by the mine.” [Dan Kaufman - New York Times, [3/29/14](#)]

- **The Bad River Band Tribes “Stated With Confidence And Authority” That Fisheries, Wildlife, Shellfish Beds, Municipal Water Supplies, Or Recreational Areas Would All “Be Adversely Impacted By The Proposed Gogebic Taconite Mine In The Headwaters Of The Bad River Watershed.”** According to a joint letter from Six Bands of the Anishinaabeg Territory Watersheds and Waters of Lake Superior to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, “As you are each undoubtedly aware, CWA§404(c) authorizes the EPA to restrict, prohibit, deny, or withdraw the use of an area for the disposal of dredged or fill material, including mining wastes, when it is determined that discharge will have unacceptable adverse effects on fisheries, wildlife, shellfish beds, municipal water supplies, or recreational areas. While the public process and consultation with our Anishinaabeg relations around Lake Superior may identify risks to other such aquatic resources of national importance, we state with confidence and authority that all of these resource types would be adversely impacted by the proposed Gogebic Taconite mine in the headwaters of the Bad River Watershed. Furthermore, the actions of the mining company and the Wisconsin’s regulatory process detail below leave us with little assurance that science and law will be wielded in a transparent and just manner to protect our lands and waters.” [Six Bands of the Anishinaabeg Territory Watersheds and Waters of Lake Superior, [5/27/14](#)]

**Kaufman: Gov. Scott Walker Signed Legislation In 2013 Granting GTac Astonishing Latitude, Allowing Them “To Fill In Pristine Streams And Ponds With Mine Waste,” Eliminating “A Public Hearing That Had Been Mandated Before The Issuing Of A Permit, Which Required The Company To Testify, Under Oath, That The Project Had Complied With All Environmental Standards.”** According to an opinion by writer Dan Kaufman for the New York Times, “To facilitate the construction of the mine and the company’s promise of 700 long-term jobs, Gov. Scott Walker signed legislation last year granting GTac astonishing latitude. The new law allows the company to fill in pristine streams and ponds with mine waste. It eliminates a public hearing that had been mandated before the issuing of a permit, which required the company to testify, under oath, that the project had complied with all environmental standards. It allows GTac to pay taxes solely on profit, not on the amount of ore removed, raising the possibility that the communities affected by the mine’s impact on the area’s roads and schools would receive only token compensation.” [Dan Kaufman - New York Times, [3/29/14](#)]

- **Bad River Band Tribes: Wisconsin’s Ferrous Mining Law Presumed, “At The Outset, That Significant Adverse Impacts To Wetlands, From Acts Such As The Disposal Of Mine Waste,” Were “Necessary” And Eliminated “Any Meaningful Assessment Of Less Damaging, Upland Alternatives.”** According to a joint letter from Six Bands of the Anishinaabeg Territory Watersheds and Waters of Lake Superior to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, “Regrettably, we cannot rely on the Wisconsin regulatory process to protect these critical resources and the many lifeways for which they provide. First, Wisconsin’s new ferrous mining law presumes, at the outset, that significant adverse impacts to wetlands, from acts such as the disposal of mine waste, are necessary. The law requires the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to allow wetlands to be filled, even the most significant wetlands, as long as mitigation occurs somewhere in the ceded territories. Second, the ferrous mining law limits the review of practicable alternatives to the site of the discharge. This eliminates any meaningful assessment of less damaging, upland alternatives. Third, the law enables groundwater standards to be altered to ensure compliance, permits exemptions for any State approval, and requires the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to find that applicable water quality standards will be met if impacts are practicably avoided and mitigated. Finally, the law removes the broad authority previously held by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to take action against possible violations of statutes regulating discharges to wetlands and require responsible parties to act in manner protective of the public interest.” [Six Bands of the Anishinaabeg Territory Watersheds and Waters of Lake Superior, [5/27/14](#)]



**Kaufman: Rock Samples Taken From The Mine Site Revealed The Presence Of Sulfides And Highly Carcinogenic Asbestos Which Would Be Devastating To The Air And Water In The Surrounding Area.** According to an opinion by writer Dan Kaufman for the New York Times, “Before the passage of the bill, Marcia Bjornerud, a geology professor at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis., testified before the legislature that samples she had taken from the mine site revealed the presence of sulfides both in the target iron formation and in the overlying rock that would have to be removed to get to the iron-bearing rocks. (When exposed to air and water, sulfides oxidize and turn water acidic, which can be devastating to rivers and streams, along with their fish populations.) Sulfide minerals, Professor Bjornerud said, would be an unavoidable byproduct of the iron mining. But the bill does not mandate a process for preventing the harm from the sulfide minerals that mining would unleash. Equally troubling was the more recent discovery by Tom Fitz, a geology professor at Northland College in Ashland, Wis., of a highly carcinogenic asbestos-form mineral at one of GTac’s sampling sites. The fibers of the mineral, which would be dispersed in blasting, are like tiny, breathable needles.” [Dan Kaufman - New York Times, [3/29/14](#)]

**Kaufman: The Bad River Tribe Feared Mining Operations Would Lead To “The Contamination Of The Fish They Depend On For Food And The Destruction Of Sensitive Wild Rice Beds That They Harvest On The Coast Of Lake Superior” Leading Them To Allocate “Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars” Of The Tribe’s “Scant Resources To Legal Fees To Fight The Mine.”** According to an opinion by writer Dan Kaufman for the New York Times, “Last September, several hundred people gathered outside John F. Kennedy Memorial Airport in Ashland, a few miles from GTac’s mining site, to commemorate Kennedy’s 1963 speech, which called for legislation to protect the area’s natural resources and promoted its economic potential as a scenic region for recreation. One of the last to speak at the event was Mike Wiggins Jr., the chairman of the Bad River tribe and the mine’s most formidable opponent. The Bad River fear the contamination of the fish they depend on for food and the destruction of sensitive wild rice beds that they harvest on the coast of Lake Superior. Mr. Wiggins has voiced his opposition to the mining legislation in private meetings with Mr. Walker, led Wisconsin’s tribes in demonstrations at the State Capitol in Madison and allocated hundreds of thousands of dollars of the Bad River tribe’s scant resources to legal fees to fight the mine.” [Dan Kaufman - New York Times, [3/29/14](#)]

- **The Bad River Band Tribes Stated That If The Mine Were To Be Developed, It Would “Sacrifice The Natural Capital And Ecosystem Services Critical To A Healthy Watershed” And Threaten The “Cultural Cornerstone” Of Their People.** According to a joint letter from Six Bands of the Anishinaabeg Territory Watersheds and Waters of Lake Superior to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, “If this project is developed, millions of tons of waste rock and tailings would be deposited in the water-rich headwaters of the Bad River Watershed. This would sacrifice the natural capital and ecosystem services critical to a healthy watershed. Fill deposit and pit dewatering activities are likely to disrupt the flow regimes and thermal refugia for cold-water fisheries. Mobilized metals, such as copper and iron, would further impair the fitness of native salmonids and other aquatic life. The loss of wetlands, clearing of land, and creation of an impermeable summit of waste in critical upper watershed locations could change flow patterns, exacerbate erosion, and deposit sediments down to the Kakagon-Bad River Sloughs Estuary Complex at the confluence with Lake Superior. Flashy, sediment-laden waters are known to impair fish recruitment, mobilize adsorbed metals, and disrupt wild rice production. In addition, the geology of the ore body and its potential overburden are known to host sulfide minerals. When exposed to air and water, sulfide minerals produce sulfate which has impaired wild rice fitness in vast reaches of Minnesota’s Iron Range. This cannot be allowed to happen to Bad River’s sloughs, the largest extant beds of wild rice in the Great Lakes region and cultural cornerstone of our people.” [Six Bands of the Anishinaabeg Territory Watersheds and Waters of Lake Superior, [5/27/14](#)]

**Kaufman: The Bad River And Several Other Tribes Asserted “That The State Has No Right To Permit The Enormous Mine Without Their Agreement Since The Site Lies In ‘Ceded Territory.’”** According to an opinion by writer Dan Kaufman for the New York Times, “The Bad River and several other tribes assert that the state has no right to permit the enormous mine without their agreement since the site lies in ‘ceded territory,’ an area covering a large portion of Northern Wisconsin where tribal members maintain special hunting, fishing and harvesting rights enshrined in federal treaties. Last June, one of the tribes established an educational camp near the mining site to draw attention to how the mine would violate its treaty rights, as well as to highlight sustainable alternatives to mining. GTac responded to a minor altercation with protesters unconnected to the camp by hiring an Arizona-based private-security firm, which sent guards armed with semiautomatic weapons to patrol the mine site. (The guards have since been withdrawn; the camp is still there.)” [Dan Kaufman - New York Times, [3/29/14](#)]

**Wisconsin State Journal: Critics Of The Mine Were “Skeptical, Especially Because Gogebic Taconite’s Parent Company Has Never Mined Iron” And Its Coal Mining Operations In Southern Illinois “Have Faced Legal Challenges From Nearby Residents And Environmentalists For Using Techniques That, According To The Lawsuits, Damage Farmland By Causing It To Subside.”** According to the Wisconsin State Journal, “Critics are skeptical, especially because Gogebic Taconite’s parent company has never mined iron, only coal. And some of the company’s underground coal mines in southern Illinois have faced legal challenges from nearby residents and environmentalists for using techniques that, according to the lawsuits, damage farmland by causing it to subside.” [Wisconsin State Journal, [10/9/11](#)]

**According To A Public Opinion Survey Conducted By UW-Superior Of Households In Iron And Ashland Counties, 73 Percent Were Of Those Surveyed Were “Absolutely Opposed” To A Mine And “12 Percent Were ‘Generally Opposed’ To It.”** According to the Capital Times, “There is limited public support for an iron ore mine in northern Wisconsin and more than half of those surveyed said they were “absolutely not” interested in working there, despite the fact Republican lawmakers are pushing the mine as a way to boost the economy and bring jobs to Wisconsin. The public opinion survey, conducted over the summer by UW-Superior Economics Assistant Prof. Zamira Simkins and undergraduate student Aleksei Bogdanov, included responses from 102 households in Iron and Ashland counties and another 862 respondents who voluntarily completed the survey online. Of the 102 households surveyed, 44 percent were ‘absolutely opposed’ to a mine and roughly 18 percent said they were ‘generally opposed’ to it. According to the 862 online respondents, 73 percent were ‘absolutely opposed’ to it and 12 percent were ‘generally opposed’ to it.” [Capital Times, [9/23/13](#)]

## **KOCH GROUPS HAVE RAILED AGAINST THE EPA IN WISCONSIN**

### **AFP-WI: The EPA’s “One-Size-Fits-All Approach Doesn’t Work”**

**Wisconsin Director For Americans For Prosperity Eric Bott: “The EPA’s One-Size-Fits-All Approach Doesn’t Work.”** According to the Wisconsin State Journal, “Conservatives said they haven’t seen details of Walker’s plan, but they said they assumed federal clean air and clean water laws would remain in place and that states would enforce them adequately, but with greater understanding of local needs. Conservatives said they haven’t seen details of Walker’s plan, but they said they assumed federal clean air and clean water laws would remain in place and that states would enforce them adequately, but with greater understanding of local needs. ‘The EPA’s one-size-fits-all approach doesn’t work,’ said Eric Bott, Wisconsin director for Americans for Prosperity, which promotes lower taxes and less government. He also is former environmental director for Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce, the state’s business lobby.” [Wisconsin State Journal, [7/28/15](#)]

### **Clean Power Plan**

*AFP: Walker Deserved “High Praise” For Rejecting The Clean Power Plan And Was “Right To Sue The Federal Government”*

**Americans For Prosperity State Director Eric Bott Said Governor Walker Deserved High Praise For Rejecting President Obama’s Clean Power Plan.** According to Americans for Prosperity State Director Eric Bott, “Americans for Prosperity- Wisconsin issued a statement thanking Governor Scott Walker after he issued an executive order that keeps his state agencies from succumbing to President Obama’s costly, draconian carbon mandates known as the Clean Power Plan. The group said Governor Walker’s move was in accordance with the Supreme Court’s recent stay and was an effort to fight for affordable and reliable energy for Wisconsinites rather than runaway electricity and heating bills, which make life less affordable across the board. ‘Americans for Prosperity – Wisconsin thanks Governor Walker for protecting working families, the elderly, and Wisconsin’s most vulnerable populations from unaffordable electricity and hikes to home heating rates,’ said AFP-Wisconsin State Director Eric Bott. ‘On the jobs front, Governor Walker’s action allows Wisconsin manufacturers to remain competitive nationally and internationally, protecting tens of thousands of family-supporting jobs. The governor deserves high praise for rejecting President Obama’s energy poverty regulations — they’re simply out of touch with the facts on the ground in Wisconsin.’” [Eric Bott - Americans for Prosperity, [2/16/16](#)]

**AFP-Wisconsin State Director David Fladeboe On Gov. Scott Walker Suing The EPA Over The Clean Power Plan: “Walker Is Right To Sue The Federal Government.”** According to an opinion by Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin state director David Fladeboe for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “Gov. Scott Walker promised in his ‘state of the state’ address that he would combat Environmental Protection Agency regulations that jeopardize our state’s well-being — and this week he did exactly that. Walker and Attorney General Brad Schimel are joining 12 other states in suing the EPA over its

proposed Clean Power Plan that drastically reduces U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. This federal regulation forces Wisconsin to cut emissions by 34% — and as recent studies show, it may be the most costly and environmentally meaningless regulation ever conceived. [...] Considering the all-pain-and-no-gain nature of this regulation, Walker is right to sue the federal government. He's protecting Wisconsinites from Washington. He's also got the law on his side." [David Fladeboe – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [2/28/15](#)]

- **Fladeboe On Walker's Clean Power Plan Lawsuit: "The Arguments Our Lawsuit Employs — That The Regulation Is Unconstitutional And Illegal Under Federal Law — Have Broad Bipartisan Support."**

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**Americans For Prosperity Director Of Federal Affairs And Strategic Initiatives Christine Harbin: States Should "Follow Wisconsin's Lead In Standing Up Against Washington" And Protect Themselves From The "Costly Dramatic Changes" Of The Carbon Rule Until The Supreme Court Issues A Decision On Them.**

According to Americans for Prosperity Federal Affairs and Strategic Initiatives director Christine Harbin, "Americans for Prosperity Director of Federal Affairs and Strategic Initiatives Christine Harbin also had the following to say: 'States should follow Wisconsin's lead in standing up against Washington's attempt to take over the national electricity market. Significant legal questions surround President Obama's carbon rule, and states should protect themselves from these costly, dramatic changes until the Supreme Court issues a decision on them. State leaders can promote access to affordable and reliable electricity in their states by opposing efforts to comply in the meantime.'" [Christine Harbin - Americans for Prosperity, [2/16/16](#)]

*The MacIver Institute Said The Clean Power Plan Would Be Devastating For Wisconsin And Advocated For The Next President To Appoint A Supreme Court Justice To Best Ensure Its Demise*

**MacIver Institute: "The EPA's Proposed Clean Power Plan... Would Have Devastating Effects On The U.S. Economy, But Would Be Even More Detrimental To Wisconsin's Families And Businesses."**

According to the MacIver Institute, "New electricity regulations being proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would have devastating effects on the U.S. economy, but would be even more detrimental to Wisconsin's families and businesses. According to this joint study published by The Beacon Hill Institute at Suffolk University and The John K. MacIver Institute for Public Policy, the EPA's proposed Clean Power Plan would cost Wisconsin \$920 million in 2030, increase electricity prices significantly and lower disposable income in the state by nearly \$2 billion." [MacIver Institute, [2/25/16](#)]

**MacIver Institute Regular Contributor James Wigderson: The Possibility Of An Obama Supreme Court Nomination Approving The EPA's Clean Power Plan Would Be "Bad" For Wisconsin.**

According to MacIver Institute regular contributor James Wigderson, "The case is currently before the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals which is scheduled to hear oral arguments in June. Regardless of what decision the appeals court makes, it's widely expected the decision will be appealed to the Supreme Court. It's not hard to imagine that any Supreme Court appointment by Obama will vote the other way, giving the EPA a 5-4 victory, when the Clean Power Plan comes before the court again. This would be bad news for our state. Wisconsin, led by Attorney General Brad Schimel, is one of the states suing the EPA. The reason Schimel joined the suit against the EPA is because the executive branch of the United States is overstepping its authority. It requires state agencies to become accomplices in this federal policy of controlling carbon emissions, regardless of the state's policies and needs." [James Wigderson - MacIver Institute, [2/16/16](#)]

- **Wigderson: "It Is Important For Wisconsin That Any Appointment To The Court Be Made By The Next President" To Try To Best Avoid Having A Justice "Vote To Impose The Clean Power Plan."** According to MacIver Institute regular contributor James Wigderson, "Given what liberals believe to be the stakes of the next Supreme Court appointment, it is important for Wisconsin that any appointment to the court be made by the next president. While we have no way knowing for sure that an Obama appointment will vote to impose the Clean Power Plan, it's pretty clear that the supporters of the Clean Power Plan believe that is what will happen. There is a greater

chance that the next president will appoint a justice that would side with the conservatives and recognize the Clean Power Plan as an extreme overreach by a federal regulatory agency.” [James Wigderson - MacIver Institute, [2/16/16](#)]

## **Ozone Emissions Standard**

### *Americans For Prosperity Applauded Efforts To Oppose The EPA's Ozone Emissions Standards*

**Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin Applauded Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel's "Efforts To Join Multiple Other States In Challenging The United States Environmental Protection Agency's New Ozone Emissions Standard."** According to an Americans for Prosperity press release, “Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin issued the following statement applauding Attorney General Brad Schimel's efforts to join multiple other states in challenging the United States Environmental Protection Agency's new ozone emissions standard. As the state with the most manufacturing jobs per capita, Wisconsin will be hit hard with environmental compliance costs and substantial increases in energy prices. Additionally, EPA's rule will make opening new manufacturing facilities or expanding existing facilities in SE Wisconsin difficult, if not impossible. State Director Eric Bott issued the following statement in response to the Department of Justice's motion to intervene in the ozone case: ‘We can all expect to pay more to drive our cars, heat our homes, and keep the lights on under EPA's flawed ozone rule,’ said Eric Bott, State Director of Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin. ‘If EPA is successful, Wisconsin could lose thousands of family supporting manufacturing jobs. AFP commends Attorney General Schimel for fighting to protect Wisconsin workers and families from EPA's latest assault on America's economy.’” [Americans for Prosperity, [12/1/15](#)]

- **AFP-WI State Director Eric Bott: The Wisconsin Department Of Justice Sought To Protect Wisconsin Workers From The EPA's Job-Killing Ozone Regulation.** According to a tweet by Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin State Director Eric Bott, “@WisDOJ seeking to protect Wisconsin workers from EPA's job-killing ozone regulation” [Eric Bott – Twitter, [12/1/15](#)]

### *MacIver Institute*

**MacIver Institute Regular Contributor James Wigderson: The EPA Would “Make Everything Worse” With Their Ozone Standard.** According to MacIver Institute regular contributor James Wigderson, “The new EPA ozone standard will cost Wisconsin motorists an extra \$1 billion to operate their vehicles between 2017 and 2040, according to a study by the National Association of Manufacturers. Compliance with the new EPA standard will have a total cost of \$10 billion, and will cost \$28 billion in Gross State Product. But that's okay, because we won't be able to afford cars after 23,561 people lose their jobs every year under the new EPA ozone mandate. Wisconsin's emission testing may be annoying, even stupid at times, but the EPA is about to make everything worse.” [James Wigderson - MacIver Institute, [8/18/15](#)]

## **WISCONSIN GROUPS HAVE HAILED THE KEYSTONE PIPELINE...**

### **Americans For Prosperity**

**AFP-WI State Director David Fladeboe Applauded Representatives Ryan, Sensenbrenner, Grothman, Duffy And Ribble On Their Votes For The Keystone Pipeline.** According to a press release from Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin, “Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin released the following statement after today's overwhelming vote of support for the Keystone Pipeline by the U.S. House of Representatives. AFP Wisconsin Director David Fladeboe said: ‘We applaud Representatives Ryan, Sensenbrenner, Grothman, Duffy and Ribble on their votes to provide much needed relief for middle class families.’” [Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin Press Release, [1/9/15](#)]

**Fladeboe On Keystone Pipeline: “With 8.7 Million Americans Still Out Of Work, We Simply Cannot Afford To Deny Access To 42,000 Good-Paying Jobs.”** According to a press release from Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin, “Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin released the following statement after today's overwhelming vote of support for the Keystone Pipeline by the U.S. House of Representatives. AFP Wisconsin Director David Fladeboe said: [...] ‘With 8.7 million Americans still out of work, we simply cannot afford to deny access to 42,000 good-paying jobs.’” [Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin Press Release, [1/9/15](#)]



**Fladeboe: “American Families Need Secure Jobs And The American Economy Needs Secure Energy. The Keystone Pipeline Provides Both.”** According to a press release from Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin, “American families need secure jobs and the American economy needs secure energy. The Keystone Pipeline provides both. The President and Senate should act quickly to sign this bill into law and get Americans back to work.” [Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin Press Release, [1/9/15](#)]

### Wisconsin Club For Growth

**Wisconsin Club For Growth: The Keystone XL Pipeline Would Be Able To Meet The Demand For Propane If “Barack Obama And Democrats Down The Food Chain” Hadn’t “Contrived To Entangle” The Pipeline “In Regulatory Red Tape For Going On Six Years.”** According to the Wisconsin Club for Growth, “But also true is that a lot of propane is delivered by rail, and railroads have seen stupendous growth in demand for their service because oil producers need rail cars to move crude out of the Northern Plains to refiners elsewhere in the country. Much of that crude would move by pipeline, if Barack Obama and Democrats down the food chain hadn’t contrived to entangle the Keystone XL Pipeline in regulatory red tape for going on six years.” [Wisconsin Club for Growth, [8/27/14](#)]

## **...BUT HAVE PUSHED TO RESTRICT RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT**

### Americans For Prosperity

**Bloomberg: The Koch-Backed Americans For Prosperity And The American Legislative Exchange Council “Championed Efforts Around The U.S. To Roll Back State Incentives For Renewable Power, Calling Them A Distortion Of The Free Market.”** According to Bloomberg, “Critics look at Walker’s record and see the ideological imprint of Charles and David Koch, the billionaire Republican campaign donors. The Koch-backed Americans for Prosperity provided funding and volunteers during Walker’s rise to power in Wisconsin. That group, and another partly funded by the Kochs named the American Legislative Exchange Council, have championed efforts around the U.S. to roll back state incentives for renewable power, calling them a distortion of the free market.” [Bloomberg, [9/2/15](#)]

**AFP-WI Memo: “We Urge You To Reject The Arguments Of Those Who Want To See The Rooftop Solar Industry Financed On The Backs Of The Rest Of Us Without Our Own Energy Systems.”** According to an Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin memo, “What solar advocates are pushing for would essentially force the rest of us without the means or desire to put solar panels on our roof or a wind turbine in our backyard to pay for their share of the grid. That’s not fair and it’s also not a free market. We urge you to reject the arguments of those who want to see the rooftop solar industry financed on the backs of the rest of us without our own energy systems.” [Americans For Prosperity Wisconsin Memo, [9/15/14](#)]

**AFP-WI Supported A Plan Proposed By A Number Of State Utilities, Which Could “Restrict Renewable Energy Development,” While Tea Party Patriots Were Against The Plan.** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “Solar advocates have enlisted conservatives in their bid to challenge proposals by We Energies and other state utilities that they say would restrict renewable energy development in Wisconsin. Debbie Dooley is visiting Wisconsin this week in a trip sponsored by the Wisconsin Solar Electric Industries Association. [...] Dooley, national coordinator with the Tea Party Patriots, became involved in energy issues while fighting plans by Georgia’s main utility, Southern Co., to charge ratepayers for cost overruns it experienced while building new nuclear reactors. She became irked that utilities’ profits rose even as construction costs increased from building big projects like massive power plants. But a prominent group that supports Republicans in Wisconsin, Americans for Prosperity’s Wisconsin chapter, this week came out in support of the utilities’ rate plans.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [9/16/14](#)]

- **AFP-WI State Director David Fladeboe: AFP “Believes That Individuals Should Have The Ability To Make Decisions About Their Own Property And Energy Systems — But They Should Not Expect Others To Pay For Their Choices.”** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “‘All should pay for their fair share of the electric grid,’ the group’s state director, David Fladeboe, said in a memorandum. ‘As an organization dedicated to promoting and protecting free markets, Americans for Prosperity believes that individuals should have the ability to make decisions about their own property and energy systems — but they should not expect others to pay for their choices.’” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [9/16/14](#)]

- **Milwaukee Sun Sentinel: The Changes The Utility Was Seeking Would Tack On A New Charge For Solar-Generating Customers, Pay Them Less For The Energy They Produce, And Ban Solar Companies From Owning The Panels On Customers' Roofs.** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, "The changes the utility is seeking before the state Public Service Commission would tack on a new charge for solar-generating customers, pay them less for the energy they produce and ban companies like Sunvest Solar in Milwaukee or national solar companies from owning the panels on customers' roofs." [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [9/16/14](#)]

**Americans For Prosperity Sponsored An Article On RightWisconsin.com Supporting Higher Fees For Solar Energy Users.** [Right Wisconsin, [9/15/14](#)]

## ALEC

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**La Crosse Tribune Columnist Harvey Witzenburg: Wind Energy Companies "Cancelled Or Suspended Plans To Build Facilities" In Wisconsin, Which Was "Exactly What ALEC, Supported By Fossil Fuel Companies," Wanted.** According to an opinion by columnist Harvey Witzenburg for the La Crosse Tribune, "Walker changed the rules for wind energy in Wisconsin. As a result, wind energy companies have cancelled or suspended plans to build facilities here. Crippling the wind industry is exactly what ALEC, supported by fossil fuel companies, wants." [Harvey Witzenburg – La Crosse Tribune, [7/26/15](#)]

- **Witzenburg: "The Failure To Develop Wind Energy Means A Loss Of Jobs," Which, In Wisconsin, "A State That Has Vastly Underperformed In Job Creation," Was "An Area Of Real Opportunity."** According to an opinion by columnist Harvey Witzenburg for the La Crosse Tribune, "Walker changed the rules for wind energy in Wisconsin. As a result, wind energy companies have cancelled or suspended plans to build facilities here. Crippling the wind industry is exactly what ALEC, supported by fossil fuel companies, wants. A resource assessment by the National Renewable Energy Lab found that wind resources could provide far more than the state's current electricity needs. The failure to develop wind energy means a loss of jobs. For a state that has vastly underperformed in job creation, this is an area of real opportunity." [Harvey Witzenburg – La Crosse Tribune, [7/26/15](#)]

**ALEC Pushed For Model Legislation That Was Introduced In Wisconsin That Would Repeal State Renewable Portfolio Standards, Which Mandate That A Certain Percentage Of Electric Generation Come From Renewable Sources.** According to the Capital Times, "The Guardian is reporting that ALEC is pushing to block clean energy initiatives nationwide, from penalizing homeowners who install rooftop solar panels or small scale wind farms to weakening state renewable portfolio standards (RPS). In place in about half the states, including Wisconsin, the RPS standards mandate that a certain percentage of electric generation come from renewable sources. Wisconsin's RPS is 10 percent by 2015, with most of the state's electric utilities already meeting the requirement. [...] In 2012, ALEC drafted a model bill pushing for the outright repeal of RPS and at least 15 states, including Wisconsin, have seen the legislation introduced. So far those efforts at repeal haven't been very successful, reports Midwest Energy News." [Capital Times, [12/6/13](#)]

## MacIver Institute

**The MacIver Institute Claimed That Liberal Special Interest Groups Attempted To Push Wisconsin's Public Service Commission "Towards A Misguided Position Of Restoring The Solar Power Subsidies."** According to the MacIver Institute, "Wisconsin's Public Service Commission (PSC) decided earlier this month to temporarily stop subsidizing home solar and wind power projects through the Focus on Energy program. The subsidy is discontinued through the end of the year pending a final decision by the PSC. Unfortunately, liberal special interest groups are attempting to push the PSC towards a

misguided position of restoring the solar power subsidies. Not only are the subsidies wrong because the funding comes from higher energy rates, but the subsidies may actually be counter-productive to the solar industry.” [MacIver Institute, [8/22/13](#)]

- **The MacIver Institute Advocated That The Government “Eliminate” Solar Subsidies And “Allow The Free Market To Work.”** According to the MacIver Institute, “Here is another opportunity for the legislature to provide guidance to the PSC. Government interference in the marketplace is causing undesired uncertainty. Eliminate the subsidies, end the practice of rate payers subsidizing their neighbors’ solar panels, and allow the free market to work. In the process, the legislature will reduce the indirect taxation on energy rate payers, lowering everyone’s utility bills.” [MacIver Institute, [8/22/13](#)]

## THE KOCHS HAVE SPENT OVER \$44 MILLION AND COUNTING ON BEHALF OF THEIR WI PUPPET CANDIDATES

### Ron Johnson

#### RON JOHNSON CREDITED AFP WITH HIS DECISION TO RUN FOR SENATE

**New York Times Political Correspondent Nicholas Confessore: Sen. Ron Johnson Credited Americans For Prosperity With His Decision To Run For Senate.** According to a blog post by New York Times Political Correspondent Nicholas Confessore, “The reception, where Mr. Koch was honored with an award, marked the growing influence of the Tea Party-linked group within a Republican Party that it has sought to prod to the right on spending and regulation. Several Republican lawmakers close to Mr. Koch and his brother Charles attended, including Senator Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, who credited the group [Americans for Prosperity] with his decision to run for Senate, and Senator John Boozman of Arkansas.” [Nicholas Confessore - New York Times, [8/30/12](#)]

- **AFP’s Madison Tea Party Rally In 2010 “Helped Launch The Career Of U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson.”** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “AFP is an advocacy group founded by the conservative Koch brothers. The group emerged as a key conservative player in Wisconsin in recent years with several high-profile events, including a tea party rally in 2010 in Madison that helped launch the career of U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.).” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [8/6/13](#)]

#### Sen. Johnson Got Close To The Kochs And Showed His Gratitude By Becoming Their “Model Legislator”

**Politico Reported That Sen. Ron Johnson Was Regarded As “Well-Liked By The Big-Spending Koch Brothers, Who Are Sure To Support His Reelection.”** According to Politico, “That said, [Sen. Ron] Johnson’s best asset is his ability to self-fund a campaign. He’s also well-liked by the big-spending Koch brothers, who are sure to support his reelection. The well-honed political machine of newly reelected Republican Gov. Scott Walker could be a difference-maker too.” [Politico, [4/5/15](#)]

**Slate: Sen. Ron Johnson Got “Fairly Close To The Kochs, Dining With David Koch At The 2012 Republican National Convention And Appearing At Their Donor Conferences.”** According to Slate, “Wisconsin Sen. Ron Johnson had actually gotten fairly close to the Kochs, dining with David Koch at the 2012 Republican National Convention and appearing at their donor conferences.” [Slate, [6/2/14](#)]

**Sen. Johnson Was Described By A Koch Conference Attendee As Their “Model Legislator.”** According to Politico, “On the final full day of the seminar, I noticed Senator Johnson schmoozing two donors at a poolside cabana. I’d heard someone who attended these seminars describe Johnson as the Kochs’ ‘model legislator.’” [Politico, [4/29/14](#)]

#### Johnson Knows How Important Koch Backing Is So He Supports And Defends Them In Return

**Politico: “Louisiana Metals Titan Ned Diefenthal...Suggested To” Sen. Ron Johnson “That The Koch Network Is A Better Investment” Than The RNC.** According to Politico, “At an April 2013 gathering, POLITICO reported that Louisiana metals titan Ned Diefenthal complained to Sen. Ron Johnson about the incompetence of the RNC and its chairman, Reince Priebus. He ‘keeps sending me letters asking for money. I’m not giving him any money. He doesn’t know what to do with it,’ Diefenthal said of Priebus. While Diefenthal’s family had donated \$280,000 to the RNC over the years, he suggested to Johnson that the Koch network is a better investment.” [Politico, [12/30/15](#)]

**Sen. Ron Johnson Abruptly Dodged Answering The Question Of Whether “Big Donors And Outside Groups” Like Those At The Indian Wells Koch Seminar Had “Too Much Influence In Politics.”** According to Politico, “When he finally paused for a breath, I jumped in. I explained that I was a reporter—a declaration that journalistic standards required me to make before conducting an interview—and then led with a blunt question: Do big donors and outside groups like those at the seminar have too much influence in politics? Before I finished my question, Johnson rose from the cabana couch and stepped around me. ‘It’s—it’s—it’s pretty hot,’ he stammered, marching toward the nearby doors to the hotel lobby, donors in tow. Ryan, a tech billionaire, started to follow, but pivoted toward me. Pointing a stubby finger in my face, he scolded, ‘That’s pretty rude, you know? You interrupted a private conversation,’ which, of course, I had. I didn’t disagree, and apologized again.” [Politico, [4/29/14](#)]

**Sen. Ron Johnson Said That He Thought The Kochs And The Policies They’re Promoting Aim To Lift People Out Of Poverty.** According to Slate, “I think someone like David Koch, who’s donated a billion dollars to cancer research, I think someone like Charles Koch and the policies they’re primarily promoting, I think they are educating people on the free enterprise system, which just happens to be the best economic system,’ said Johnson after his RLC speech. ‘It’s the one that’s lifted more people out of poverty than any system in the history of the world. From what I know of the Koch brothers, that is what they’re trying to promote.’” [Slate, [6/2/14](#)]

**Johnson: “What Frustrates Me Is The Press Is Always Focused On The Big-Money Influence On Republicans, Where The Real Big-Money Influence Is Really On The Democrats’ Side... That’s Where The Real Story Is.”**

According to the Hill, “‘What frustrates me is the press is always focused on the big-money influence on Republicans, where the real big-money influence is really on the Democrats’ side,’ said Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.). ‘You’ve got guys like George Soros and Tom Steyer; that’s where the real story is.’” [The Hill, [5/8/14](#)]

### **The Kochs And Their Groups Devoted At Least \$318,356 From 2010 - 2015 To Support Ron Johnson**

Contributor	Contributor Organization	Date	Target	Amount
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	03/31/2015	Ron Johnson For Senate Inc.	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	06/25/2015	Ron Johnson For Senate Inc.	\$2,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	06/29/2015	Ron Johnson For Senate Inc.	\$500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	06/29/2015	Ron Johnson For Senate Inc.	\$5,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	09/23/2014	Strategy PAC (Johnson Affiliated)	\$5,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	10/29/2013	Strategy PAC (Johnson Affiliated)	\$5,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	08/06/2013	Ron Johnson For Senate Inc.	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	07/30/2012	Strategy PAC (Johnson Affiliated)	\$1,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	05/20/2012	Strategy PAC (Johnson Affiliated)	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	03/26/2012	Strategy PAC (Johnson Affiliated)	\$2,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	12/17/2011	Strategy PAC (Johnson Affiliated)	\$2,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	09/30/2011	Strategy PAC (Johnson Affiliated)	\$2,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	07/16/2010	Ron Johnson For Senate Inc.	\$5,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	09/29/2010	Ron Johnson For Senate Inc.	\$5,000
Koch, C Chase	Koch Nitrogen	09/13/2010	Ron Johnson For Senate Inc.	\$2,400
Koch, C Chase	Koch Nitrogen	09/13/2010	Ron Johnson For Senate Inc.	\$2,400
Koch, Charles G	Koch Industries	10/28/2010	Ron Johnson For Senate Inc.	\$2,400
Koch, David H	Koch Industries	11/01/2010	Ron Johnson For Senate Inc.	\$2,400
Koch, Elizabeth B	N/A	10/29/2010	Ron Johnson For Senate Inc.	\$2,400
Koch, Julia F	N/A	10/29/2010	Ron Johnson For Senate Inc.	\$2,400



Koch, Anna B	N/A	10/14/2010	Ron Johnson For Senate Inc.	\$2,400
				<b>Total: \$56,800</b>

[FEC, Accessed 2/8/16]

### **Independent Expenditures**

Contributor Organization	Koch Connection	Year	Target	For/Against?	Source	Amount
NFIB	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2010	Ron Johnson	For	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$84,756
American Majority	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2010	Ron Johnson	For	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$4,100
Club For Growth	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2010	Ron Johnson	For	<a href="#">USA Today</a>	\$166,000
Revere America	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2010	Ron Johnson	For	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$6,700
						<b>Total: \$261,556</b>

## **THE KOCH NETWORK RALLIED TO JOHNSON'S SIDE & PLEDGED MILLIONS TO PROTECT HIS SEAT IN 2016**

**Americans For Prosperity Announced That They Would Back Sen. Ron Johnson With Ads In 2016 Because They Were “Impressed With” His Work.** According to the National Journal, “Americans for Prosperity, ‘the flagship group in Charles and David Koch’s net-work of politically active non-profits,’ laid out which senators it plans to ‘back with TV ads’ in 2016. AFP president Tim Phillips said the group has ‘been impressed with’ Sens. Ron Johnson (R-WI), Rob Portman (R-OH), Pat Toomey (R-PA), and Kelly Ayotte (R-NH). ‘But Sen. Mark Kirk (R-IL) is less likely to get air sup-port next year.’ Phillips: ‘He does not have a record we’re ex-cited about from an economic freedom perspective.’” [National Journal, [11/6/15](#)]

- **AFP-Wisconsin State Director David Fladeboe: “The Policies Russ Feingold Supported As A Senator – Obamacare, Tax Increases, And Billion Dollar Spending Packages – Are Bad For Wisconsin Families.”** According to a web post by Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin, “Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin State Director David Fladeboe released the following statement in regards to Russ Feingold’s record in the U.S. Senate: ‘The policies Russ Feingold supported as a Senator – Obamacare, tax increases, and billion dollar spending packages – are bad for Wisconsin families. Americans for Prosperity knows that free-market policies which promote freedom and opportunity are the best recipe for moving Wisconsin forward. Russ Feingold’s record would do just the opposite.’” [AmericansForProsperity.org, [5/14/15](#)]

**AFP Spent Over \$1 Million On An Ad In Favor Of Sen. Ron Johnson, Which Was To Run For Three Weeks And To “Be Bolstered On The Ground By A Door-Knocking Effort In Seven Cities Including La Crosse, Waukesha And Milwaukee, Where AFP Staff And Volunteers Will Hand Out A Leaflet Highlighting The National Debt.”** According to the Washington Post, “The conservative advocacy group Americans for Prosperity is rolling out a three-week, \$1.1 million campaign in support of Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), part of an early effort by the Koch-backed group to build a firewall around Senate Republicans. The campaign, which launches Wednesday, stresses Johnson’s business credentials over his time in Washington. It includes a gauzy television spot that opens with scenes of the bucolic Wisconsin countryside and a beaming baby, while a female narrator calls the state ‘a place of inspiration and aspiration.’ [...] The ad is set to run on broadcast, cable and digital. It will be bolstered on the ground by a door-knocking effort in seven cities including La Crosse, Waukesha and Milwaukee, where AFP staff and volunteers will hand out a leaflet highlighting the national debt. ‘The politicians are failing us,’ the door hanger reads. ‘But Ron Johnson was a manufacturer for 30 years.’” [Washington Post, [4/4/16](#)]

**Club For Growth Announced That They Planned To “Inject At Least \$2.5 Million Into The Wisconsin Senate Race To Help Republican Sen. Ron Johnson Defeat Democratic Challenger Russ Feingold.”** According to USA Today, “A national conservative group is planning to inject at least \$2.5 million into the Wisconsin Senate race to help Republican Sen. Ron Johnson defeat Democratic challenger Russ Feingold in 2016. Club for Growth and its affiliated political action committees are hoping to funnel at least \$1.5 million worth of contributions directly to Johnson’s campaign and plan to spend

‘north of \$1 million’ on statewide advertisements either supporting his candidacy or, more likely, attacking Feingold.” [USA Today, [8/18/15](#)]

- **Club For Growth Received \$1 Million From Freedom Partners In 2014.** According to its 2014 Forms 990 filing with the IRS, Freedom Partners provided a cash grant of a million dollars for “general support” to Club for Growth. [Freedom Partners IRS Form 990, 2014]

**Politico: Club For Growth Launched “A \$700,000 Ad Buy Against Former Democratic Sen. Russ Feingold, With Two Spots” That Aired On “Broadcast And Cable Stations Throughout Wisconsin.”** According to Politico, “Club for Growth will launch a \$700,000 ad buy against former Democratic Sen. Russ Feingold, with two spots that will air on broadcast and cable stations throughout Wisconsin, highlighting Feingold’s record, which the group calls, ‘too liberal, too Washington, too yesterday.’ ‘In 2010, Wisconsin voters had enough of Feingold’s support for bailouts, big government, and record debt,’ said David McIntosh, the group’s president. ‘Club for Growth Action is putting up this initial round of television ads just in case any Wisconsinites need a reminder of why they should not let Russ Feingold and his liberal agenda back in office.’” [Politico, [9/22/15](#)]

**Arizona Republic: The Koch-Linked Judicial Crisis Network Ran Ads “Applauding” Sens. John McCain, Kelly Ayotte, Chuck Grassley, Ron Johnson, Mitch McConnell, And Pat Toomey For Saying That President Obama Shouldn’t Pick Justice Antonin Scalia’s Replacement.** According to The Arizona Republic, “Despite criticism and charges of hypocrisy, U.S. Sen. John McCain is standing by his decision to join fellow Senate Republicans in saying that President Barack Obama should not get to pick the replacement for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. [...] Meanwhile, a ‘dark money’ group linked to right-leaning billionaire brothers Charles and David Koch has begun running a television ad supporting McCain on the question. The Judicial Crisis Network also is running similar ads applauding Republican U.S. Sens. Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire, Chuck Grassley of Iowa, Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky and Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania.” [Arizona Republic, [2/21/16](#)]

- **The Network Launched A Seven Figure Ad Buy Praising GOP Senators, Including Ron Johnson, For Working To Block A Supreme Court Nominee.** According to the Politico, “A conservative judicial activist group is launching a million-dollar ad campaign to give cover to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and his vulnerable incumbents as they angle to block President Barack Obama from filling a Supreme Court vacancy. The Judicial Crisis Network is launching a seven-figure ad buy that will land during this weekend’s Sunday shows in Washington, as well as McConnell’s home state of Kentucky and a half-dozen states where senators up for reelection are backing him. Democrats believe the issue is a long-term political loser for the GOP and could cost them the Senate. The ads will praise GOP Sens. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania, Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire, Rob Portman of Ohio, Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, John McCain of Arizona and Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley of Iowa. Noticeably absent from that list is Sen. Mark Kirk of Illinois, who has not announced plans to preemptively reject a court nominee.” [Politico, [2/18/16](#)]

### ...Explaining Why Johnson Was Unwilling To Sign The Anti-Dark Money “Badger Pledge”

**Wisconsin Radio Network: Ron Johnson Was Unwilling To Sign The Anti-Dark Money “Badger Pledge.”** According to the Wisconsin Radio Network, “Feingold argues that doesn’t have to be the case though. The Democrat, long known for his opposition to what he calls ‘dark money ads,’ has urged Johnson to sign a so-called ‘Badger Pledge.’ The agreement would have both candidates agree to make a donation to a charity of the opponent’s choosing every time an outside group runs an ad that benefits them. The donation would be equal to 50 percent of what those groups spent. Feingold says ‘that has real teeth. That actually would prevent these from happening.’ Johnson has so far refused to sign the pledge.” [Wisconsin Radio Network, [8/5/15](#)]

## **JOHNSON CONSISTENTLY CARRIED OUT THE KOCH’S POLICY DEMANDS**

### Ron Johnson Was Awarded An “A” Rating For His Legislative Record By AFP

**As Of January 2016, Sen. Johnson Had A Lifetime Score Of 90% From Americans For Prosperity.** [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]

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**2015 - 2016: Sen. Johnson Had A 89% Score From Americans For Prosperity For The 114th Congress.** [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]

- **2015: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Try To Halt Efforts To Reduce Dangerous Carbon Pollution From Power Plants.** According to AFP's 2015-2016 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position to "disapprove of the New Source Performance Standards" for Greenhouse Gas Emissions by voting no on Senate Vote #307, S.J. Res. 23. [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2015: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Try To Nullify The President's Clean Power Plan.** According to AFP's 2015-2016 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position to "disapprove of the President's Clean Power Plan" by voting no on Senate Vote #306, S.J. Res. 24. [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2015: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Disallow The Introduction Of Future Energy Taxes.** According to AFP's 2015-2016 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position to "protect the United States from an energy tax" by voting yes on Senate Vote #103, the Blunt Amendment. [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2015: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support Eliminating The Estate Tax.** According to AFP's 2015-2016 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position to "eliminate the death tax" by voting yes on Senate Vote #114, the Thune Amendment. [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2015: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support An Amendment Proposed By Sen. John Barrasso That Would Inhibit EPA Oversight Using The Clean Water Act.** According to AFP's 2015-2016 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position to add "a reserve fund for legislation to stop federal overreach using Clean Water Act §404" by voting yes on Senate Vote #88, the Barrasso amendment [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2015: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support An Amendment Proposed By Sen. Mitch McConnell That Would Enable States To Avoid Accountability To EPA Regulations On Power Plant Emissions.** According to AFP's 2015-2016 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position to prevent "the federal government from withholding highway funds from States that refuse to submit State Implementation Plans required under the EPA's proposed rule on power plant emissions" by voting yes on Senate Vote #116, the McConnell amendment [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2015: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To "Approve Construction Of The Keystone Pipeline."** According to AFP's 2015-2016 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position to "approve construction of the Keystone Pipeline" by voting yes on Senate Vote #49, H.R. 3. [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2015: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Reject A Five-Year Extension Of The Production Tax Credit To Promote Renewable Fuels Like Wind Energy.** According to AFP's 2015-2016 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position to "reject efforts to extend the production tax credit (PTC), the main handout for the wind energy industry" by voting no on Senate Vote #40, the Heitkamp Amendment. [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2015: Sen. Johnson Voted Against The AFP Position To "Re-Authorize The Export Import Bank."** According to AFP's 2015-2016 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson voted against the AFP position to "re-authorize the Export Import Bank" by voting yes on Senate Vote #256, the Kirk Amendment. [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]

113<sup>th</sup> Congress

**2013 - 2014: Sen. Johnson Had A 85% Score From Americans For Prosperity For The 113th Congress.** [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]

- **2014: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Oppose Reauthorization Of The Highway Trust Fund Through December 2014.** According to AFP's 2013-2014 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position to oppose the Boxer alternative, Boxer amendment #3583, Senate Vote #245 to reauthorize the Highway Trust Fund through December. [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2014: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Oppose The Farm Bill Conference Report.** According to AFP's 2013-2014 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position to vote no on Senate Vote #21, H.R. 2642, the Farm Bill conference report. [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2014: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Oppose The Omnibus Bill, H.R. 3547 That Would Appropriate Funds For Fiscal Year 2014.** According to AFP's 2013-2014 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position to vote no on the omnibus bill, Senate Vote #13, H.R. 3547, which appropriates funds for fiscal year 2014. [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2014: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Repeal SNAP.** According to AFP's 2013-2014 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote #132, the Inhofe amendment to the Senate Farm Bill "that would repeal the nutrition entitlement programs and establish a nutrition assistance block grant program." [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2014: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Oppose The Agriculture Reform, Food, And Jobs Act Of 2013.** According to AFP's 2013-2014 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position to oppose "Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act of 2013 (S. 954)" by voting no on Senate Vote #145. [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2013: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Oppose The Bipartisan Enzi-Durbin Marketplace Fairness Act, Which Allowed States To Close Tax Loopholes To Level The Playing Field For Small Businesses.** According to AFP's 2013-2014 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position to oppose the "Enzi-Durbin Marketplace Fairness Act," which gave states the option to require out-of-state businesses, to collect taxes under State law the same way local businesses do, by voting no on Senate Vote # 113. [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2013: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Oppose An Amendment Proposed By Sen. Rob Portman Which "Would Require The Congressional Budget Office To Include Macroeconomic Feedback In Its Scoring."** According to AFP's 2013-2014 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position to oppose the Portman amendment for CBO dynamic scoring which "would require the Congressional Budget Office to include macroeconomic feedback in its scoring" by voting no on Senate Vote # 90. [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2013: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support An Amendment Proposed By Sen. Jim Inhofe To Prevent The EPA From Enforcing The Clean Air Act** According to AFP's 2013-2014 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote # 76, the Inhofe amendment to which sought to "reduce spending and decrease the risk of drastic energy price increases by prohibiting further greenhouse gas regulations." [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2013: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support An Amendment Proposed By Sen. John Thune To Eliminate The Estate Tax.** According to AFP's 2013-2014 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote # 67, the Thune Amendment which sought to "eliminate the death tax". [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]



- **2013: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support Disallowing The Introduction Of Future Energy Taxes.** According to AFP's 2013-2014 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote # 59, which would create a "point of order against legislation that would create a federal tax or fee on carbon emissions". [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2013: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support An Amendment Proposed By Sen. Ted Cruz To Repeal The Affordable Care Act.** According to AFP's 2013-2014 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote # 51, the Cruz Amendment, "Repealing [sic] Obamacare". [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2013: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support The Cruz-Lee Amendment To Defund President Obama's Health Care Law.** According to AFP's 2013-2014 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote #34, the "Cruz-Lee amendment defunding President Obama's health care law." [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2013: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Oppose "The Senate Democrats' Plan Avoiding Sequestration."** According to AFP's 2013-2014 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting no on Senate Vote #27 to oppose the "Senate Democrats [sic] plan avoiding Sequestration." [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2013: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Oppose Hurricane Sandy Supplemental Relief Funding.** According to AFP's 2013-2014 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting no on Senate Vote # 4 to oppose "Hurricane Sandy Supplemental" relief funding. [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2013: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support "Sen. Toomey's Full Faith And Credit Act" Which Would Require The Treasury To Prioritize Payments On The Debt In Case A Debt Ceiling Isn't Reached.** According to AFP's 2013-2014 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting no on Senate Vote #8, "Sen. Toomey's Full Faith and Credit Act" which would require the treasury to prioritize payments on the debt in case a debt ceiling isn't reached. [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2014: Sen. Johnson Voted Against The AFP Position To "Extend Numerous Tax Provisions Including The Wind Production Tax Credit."** According to AFP's 2013-2014 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson voted against the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote #364 to "extend numerous tax provisions including the wind production tax credit." [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2014: Sen. Johnson Voted Against The AFP Position To Support The "Murray-Ryan Budget Deal."** According to AFP's 2013-2014 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson voted against the AFP by voting yes on Senate Vote #281 to support the "Murray-Ryan Budget Deal." [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]

### *112<sup>th</sup> Congress*

**2011 – 2012: Sen. Johnson Had A 97% Score From Americans For Prosperity For The 112th Congress.** [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]

- **2012: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Oppose "Making Appropriations For Disaster Relief."** According to AFP's 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson voted with the AFP position to oppose "making appropriations for disaster relief for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes." [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2012: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Oppose "A Bill To Amend The Internal Revenue Code Of 1986 To Provide Tax Relief To Middle-Class Families."** According to AFP's 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting no on Senate Vote #184, H.R. 6262 "a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief to middle-class families." [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]

- **2012: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Oppose “A Bill To Reauthorize Agricultural Programs Through 2017.”** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting no on Senate Vote #164, S. 3240 “a bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2012: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support Amending The National Labor Relations Act, A Fundamental Labor Law That Protects Workers’ Rights To Organize In Unions And Engage In Collective Bargaining.** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote #163, Rubio Amdt. No. 2166 to the National Labor Relations Act a fundamental labor law which protects workers’ rights to organize in unions and engage in collective bargaining. [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2012: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support Recommitting The Bill “To The Agriculture Committee With Instructions To Separate Title IV—The Title Dealing With Food Stamps (SNAP) And Other Nutrition—To Consider Separately.”** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote #153, recommitting S. 3240 “to the Agriculture Committee with instructions to separate Title IV—the title dealing with food stamps (SNAP) and other nutrition—to consider separately.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2012: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Slash Spending Back To Fiscal Year 2008 Levels.** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote #152, S. 3240 “to recommit to reduce spending back to fiscal year 2008 levels.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2012: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support Eliminating “Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, And Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance.”** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote #150, S.Amdt. 2226 to S. 3240 eliminating “biorefinery, renewable chemical, and biobased product manufacturing assistance.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2012: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support “Disapproving Of EPA Rules Relating To Emission Standards For Certain Steam Generating Units.”** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote #139, S. J. Res. 37, “disapproving of EPA rules relating to emission standards for certain steam generating units.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2012: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support Paul Ryan’s “Resolution Setting Forth The Congressional Budget For The United States Government For Fiscal Year 2013, And Setting Forth The Appropriate Budgetary Levels For Fiscal Years 2014 Through 2022.”** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote # 99, S. Con. Res. 37, “A concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2012: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support A Joint Resolution That Would Overturn The National Labor Relations Board’s “Representation Case Procedures” Rule, Which Reformed Private Sector Union Elections.** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote #68, S. J. Res. 36, “A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation election procedures.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2012: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Oppose Reauthorizing “Federal-Aid Highway Construction Programs.”** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting no on Senate Vote #48, S. 1813, reauthorizing “federal-aid highway construction programs.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]

- **2012: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Oppose Extending And Expanding “Tax Credits For Natural Gas Powered Vehicles.”** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting no on Senate Vote #41, S.Amdt. 1782 to S. 1813, extending and expanding “tax credits for natural gas powered vehicles.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2012: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Oppose Extending And Expanding “Tax Credits For Politically Favored Alternative Energy Sources.”** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting no on Senate Vote #39, S. Amdt. 1812 to S. 1813, extending and expanding “tax credits for politically favored alternative energy sources.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2012: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support Approving The Keystone XL Pipeline.** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote #34, S. Amdt. 1537 to S. 1813, approving the Keystone XL pipeline project. [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2012: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support Providing Additional Time For The Administrator Of The EPA To Issue Achievable Weaker Emissions Standards “For Industrial, Commercial, And Institutional Boilers, Process Heaters, And Incinerators.”** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson by voting yes on Senate Vote #30, S. Amdt. 1660 to S. 1813, providing additional time for the Administrator of the EPA “to issue achievable standards for industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers, process heaters, and incinerators.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2011: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Oppose “An Omnibus Spending Bill Making Appropriations For Nine Appropriations Categories For The Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2012.”** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting no on Senate Vote #235, H.R. 2055, “an omnibus spending bill making appropriations for nine appropriations categories for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2011: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Oppose “Minibus Appropriations For The Departments Of Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Transportation, And Housing And Urban Development, And Related Programs For The Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2012.”** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting no on Senate Vote #208, H.R. 2112, “minibus appropriations for the departments of agriculture, commerce, justice, transportation, and housing and urban development, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2011: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support A “Congressional Review Act Motion Of Disapproval Of EPA’s Cross-State Air Rule.”** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote #201, S. J. Res. 27, a “Congressional Review Act motion of disapproval of EPA’s cross-state air rule.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2011: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support A “Congressional Review Act Motion Of Disapproval Of FCC’s Net Neutrality Regulations.”** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote #200, S. J. Res. 6, a “Congressional Review Act motion of disapproval of FCC’s net neutrality regulations.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2011: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Oppose “FY2012 Appropriations Bill For Ag, Science Commerce Justice And Transportation Housing.”** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting no on Senate Vote #187, S. Amdt. 738 to H.R. 2112, “FY2012 Appropriations Bill for Ag, Science Commerce Justice and Transportation Housing.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]

- **2011: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Oppose Extending “Loan Limits For Programs Of The Government-Sponsored Enterprises, The Federal Housing Administration, And The Veterans Affairs Administration, And For Other Purposes.”** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting no on Senate Vote #180, S. Amdt. 857 to S. Amdt. 738 to H.R. 2112, extending “loan limits for programs of the government-sponsored enterprises, the Federal Housing Administration, and the Veterans Affairs Administration, and for other purposes.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2011: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Oppose The “Cut, Cap, And Balance Act Of 2011,” A Republican Debt Ceiling Crisis Bill.** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting no on Senate Vote #116, H.R. 2560, the “Cut, Cap, and Balance Act of 2011.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2011: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support Repealing Ethanol Tax Credits And Import Tariffs.** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote #90, S. Amdt. 476 to S. 782, repealing “the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit and the Import Tariffs.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2011: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support Improving “The Regulatory Structure For Electronic Debit Card Transactions, And For Other Purposes.”** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote #86, S. Amdt. 392 to S. 782, improving “the regulatory structure for electronic debit card transactions, and for other purposes.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2011: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support A “Vote To Proceed To Debate Over Chairman Ryan’s Budget.”** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote #77, Con. Res. 34, a “vote to proceed to debate over Chairman Ryan’s budget.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2011: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Oppose A Bill To That Would “Reduce The Federal Budget Deficit By Closing Big Oil Tax Loopholes.”** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting no on Senate Vote #72, S. 940, “a bill to reduce the Federal budget deficit by closing big oil tax loopholes, and for other purposes.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2011: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support Prohibiting The Administrator Of The EPA “From Promulgating Any Regulation Concerning, Taking Action Relating To, Or Taking Into Consideration The Emission Of A Greenhouse Gas To Address Climate Change.”** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote #54, S. Amdt. 183 to S. 493, prohibiting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating any regulation concerning, taking action relating to, or taking into consideration the emission of a greenhouse gas to address climate change. [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2011: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Suspend Any EPA Action Under The Clean Air Act “With Respect To Carbon Dioxide Or Methane Pursuant To Certain Proceedings, Other Than With Respect To Motor Vehicle Emissions” For Two Years.** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting no on Senate Vote #53, S. Amdt. 215 to S. 493, “to suspend, until the end of the 2-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, any Environmental Protection Agency action under the Clean Air Act with respect to carbon dioxide or methane pursuant to certain proceedings, other than with respect to motor vehicle emissions.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2011: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Prohibit Regulating Green House Gas Emissions Under The Clean Air Act.** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting no on Senate Vote #51, S. Amdt. 236 to S. 493, to “prohibit the regulation of greenhouse gases from certain sources.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]



- **2011: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support “A Bill Making Appropriations For The Department Of Defense And The Other Departments And Agencies Of The Government” That Would Cut Spending “\$57 Billion Below Current Funding Levels.”** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote #36, H.R. 1, “A bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government” that would cut spending “\$57 billion below current funding levels.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2011: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Oppose Requiring “That The Government Prioritize All Obligations On The Debt Held By The Public And Social Security Payments In The Event That The Debt Limit Is Reached.”** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting no on Senate Vote #28, S. Amdt. 112 to S. 23, requiring “that the Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public and Social Security payments in the event that the debt limit is reached.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2011: Sen. Johnson Voted With The AFP Position To Support Repealing Federal Health Care Reform.** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote #9, S. Amdt. 13 to S. 223, repealing “the job-killing health care law and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]
- **2011: Sen. Johnson Voted Against The AFP Position To Support The “Fiscal Cliff Deal.”** According to AFP’s 2011-2012 Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson voted against the AFP position by voting yes to support the “Fiscal Cliff Deal.” [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/16](#)]

### **Johnson Signed AFP’s “No Climate Tax Pledge” And Has Rejected The Premise Of Climate Change**

**Sen. Johnson Signed Americans For Prosperity’s “No Climate Tax Pledge.”** According to the Capital Times, “You’ve no doubt heard about Grover Norquist’s ‘Taxpayer Protection Pledge.’ Well, there’s a new pledge in town, and several Wisconsin conservatives have signed on. This pledge is called the ‘No Climate Tax Pledge,’ but it might as well be called the ‘Koch Brothers Protection Pledge,’ since it was devised by a group co-founded and backed by the billionaire brothers whose companies, according to the EPA, emitted over 24 million tons of carbon dioxide in 2011. [...] In addition to Walker and Kleefisch, Wisconsin signers of the pledge, all Republicans, are U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson, U.S. Reps. Jim Sensenbrenner, Sean Duffy and Reid Ribble, state Sens. Leah Vukmir, Alberta Darling, Glenn Grothman and Mary Lazich, and state Reps. Dale Kooyenga, Don Pridemore, Jim Ott and Bill Kramer.” [Capital Times, [7/3/13](#)]

- **Ron Johnson: “I Absolutely Do Not Believe In The Science Of Man-Caused Climate Change. It’s Not Proven By Any Stretch Of The Imagination.”** According to a statement by Ron Johnson in a video from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Johnson said, “I absolutely do not believe in the science of man-caused climate change. It’s not proven by any stretch of the imagination. It’s far more likely that it’s sunspot activity or just something in the geologic eons of time.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [8/19/10](#)]

### **Johnson Stood With AFP To Reject Increasing The Federal Minimum Wage**

**Sen. Johnson Voted With Americans For Prosperity Against Increasing The Federal Minimum Wage To \$10.10.** According to the AFP Scorecard, In April 2014, Johnson voted with Americans for Prosperity, who supported a “no” vote on a: “Motion to invoke cloture (thus limiting debate) on the Reid, D-Nev., motion to proceed to the bill that would increase the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10.10 by 2016. It would gradually increase the minimum cash wage for workers who receive tips until it equals 70 percent of the federal minimum wage for other workers. It also would amend the tax code to extend through 2016 the \$500,000 cap for small business expensing of investments eligible for deductions, including allowances for computer software and qualified real property.” [AFP Scorecard, [4/29/14](#); CQ, [4/30/14](#), S. 2223, Vote 117, [4/30/14](#)]

- **Increasing The Federal Minimum Wage To \$10.10 Would Mean A Raise For Nearly 600k People In Wisconsin.** According to the Economic Policy Institute, 587,000 workers in Wisconsin would be affected by increasing the federal minimum wage to \$10.10. [Economic Policy Institute, [12/19/13](#)]

## **Ron Johnson Has Had A Record Of Legislating In Lockstep With Koch-Backed Concerned Women For America, Against The Interests Of Women**

**Washington Post: Concerned Women For America Has Been Part Of “A Political Network Spearheaded By Conservative Billionaires Charles And David Koch.”** According to the Washington Post, “The political network spearheaded by conservative billionaires Charles and David Koch has expanded into a far-reaching operation of unrivaled complexity, built around a maze of groups that cloaks its donors, according to an analysis of new tax returns and other documents. The filings show that the network of politically active nonprofit groups backed by the Kochs and fellow donors in the 2012 elections financially outpaced other independent groups on the right and, on its own, matched the long-established national coalition of labor unions that serves as one of the biggest sources of support for Democrats. [...] Other groups in the network included [...] Concerned Women for America, a conservative Christian women’s activist group that ran a get-out-the-vote effort aimed at young women; [...]” [Washington Post, [1/5/14](#)]

*Concerned Women For America Awarded Ron Johnson An “A” Rating For His Legislative Record*

**2011 - 2012: Sen. Johnson Had A 94% Score From Concerned Women For America For The 112 Congress.** [CWA Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/15](#)]

- **Sen. Johnson Voted With Concerned Women For America Against The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act.** According to Concerned Women for America’s Senate Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson voted with Concerned Women for America to oppose the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act in 2012. [CWA Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/15](#)]
- **Sen. Johnson Voted With Concerned Women For America To “Defund” And “Repeal ObamaCare.”** According to Concerned Women for America’s Senate Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson voted with Concerned Women for America to “defund” and “repeal ObamaCare” in 2011. [CWA Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/15](#)]
- **Sen. Johnson Voted With Concerned Women For The “Respect For Rights Of Conscience Amendment” To the Affordable Care Act.** According to Concerned Women for America’s Senate Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson voted with Concerned Women for America for the “Respect for Rights of Conscience Amendment” to the Affordable Care Act. [CWA Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/15](#)]
- **Sen. Johnson Voted With Concerned Women For America To Defund Planned Parenthood.** According to Concerned Women for America’s Senate Scorecard, Senator Ron Johnson voted with Concerned Women for America to “defund Planned Parenthood” in 2011. [CWA Scorecard, Accessed [1/26/15](#)]

*Johnson Also Voted With The CWA Against The Paycheck Fairness Act*

**Johnson Voted With Concerned Women For America Against The Paycheck Fairness Act.** According to Concerned Women for America, In April 2014, Johnson voted with CWA, who opposed a: “Motion to invoke cloture (thus limiting debate) on the Reid, D-Nev., motion to proceed to the bill that would require employers to demonstrate that wage gaps between men and women with similar qualifications and in similar jobs have a business justification. It would prohibit employers from retaliating against employees who share salary information and authorize the Labor secretary to seek additional compensatory or punitive damages in a sex discrimination action. The bill also would require the Labor Department to provide training and collect wage information.” [Concerned Women for America, 4/9/14; CQ, 4/9/14; S. 2199, Vote 103, 4/9/14]

[To Learn More About Concerned Women For America, Read Bridge Project And NARAL's Report “Kochcerned Women For America”](#)

**2012 Senate Race**

## BALDWIN WAS A TOP TARGET FOR KOCH GROUPS WHO SPENT AT LEAST \$6,125,000 ATTEMPTING TO DEFEAT HER

### Independent Expenditures

Contributor Organization	Koch Connection	Target	For/Against?	Source	Amount
Americans For Prosperity	<a href="#">Koch Created</a>	Tammy Baldwin	Against	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$1,473,349
60 Plus Association	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	Tammy Baldwin	Against	<a href="#">60 Plus Association</a>	\$535,000
60 Plus Association	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	Tommy Thompson	For	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$12,037
American Future Fund	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	Tammy Baldwin	Against	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$261,135
National Rifle Association	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	Tammy Baldwin	Against	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$326,223
National Rifle Association	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	Tommy Thompson	For	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$265,150
US Chamber of Commerce	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	Tammy Baldwin	Against	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$2,846,000
US Chamber of Commerce	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	Tommy Thompson	For	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$65,906
Americans For Responsible Leadership	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	Tommy Thompson	For	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$60,801
National Organization For Marriage	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	Tommy Thompson	For	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$18,317.65
Americans For Tax Reform	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	Tammy Baldwin	Against	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$203,843
American Majority	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	Tommy Thompson	For	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$7,055
American Majority	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	Tammy Baldwin	Against	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$18,390
<b>Total:</b>					<b>\$6,093,206.65</b>

**U.S. Senate Candidate Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) Was One Of AFP's Top Targets In 2012 And They Spent Nearly \$1.5 Million In Their Efforts To Defeat Her.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, in the 2012 cycle Americans for Prosperity spent \$1,473,349 to defeat Rep. Tammy Baldwin, candidate for U.S. Senate from Wisconsin. [Center for Responsive Politics, Viewed [3/10/14](#)]

### Direct Contributions

Contributor Organization	Koch Connection	Target	Source	Amount
Koch Industries	N/A	Tommy Thompson	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$5,000
National Rifle Association	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	Tommy Thompson	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$11,950
Susan B Anthony List	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	Tommy Thompson	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$5,000
NFIB	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	Tommy Thompson	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$10,000

<b>Total: \$31,950</b>
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## Congressional Races

### SEAN DUFFY

#### Sean Duffy Has Tight Koch Connections

**Rep. Sean Duffy Is Married To LIBRE's Rachel Campos-Duffy.** According to the LIBRE Initiative, "Rachel is an author and television personality specializing in political punditry, culture and parenting. She is the national spokesperson for The LIBRE Initiative, a non-profit that educates and advocates for the economic empowerment of Hispanics. She is also part of the Today Show Parenting Team. [...] She lives in Wisconsin with her husband, Congressman Sean Duffy and her seven awesome kids." [LIBRE Initiative, [1/26/16](#)]

**Rep. Sean Duffy Attended The Koch Donor Network Conference.** According to the Washington Post, "Seven sitting governors, six incumbent senators and two House members — all Republicans — have flown here this weekend for the Koch donor network conference. [...] The congressmen — Ohio's Jim Jordan, who chairs the House Freedom Caucus[,] Wisconsin's Sean Duffy[,] Michigan's Justin Amash[.]" [Washington Post, [8/1/15](#)]

AFP

**Sean Duffy Signed Americans For Prosperity's "No Climate Tax Pledge."** According to Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin, "The Wisconsin chapter of the free-market grassroots group Americans for Prosperity (AFP-WI) today applauded U.S. Congressional candidate Sean Duffy (7th District) for signing the group's 'No Climate Tax Pledge.'" [Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin, [10/20/09](#)]

**Rep. Sean Duffy Has A Lifetime Score Of 82% From Americans For Prosperity.** [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [2/8/16](#)]

- **2015 - 2016: Rep. Sean Duffy Had A 94% Score From Americans For Prosperity For The 114th Congress.** [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [2/8/16](#)]
- **2013 - 2014: Rep. Sean Duffy Had A 69% Score From Americans For Prosperity For The 113th Congress.** [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [2/8/16](#)]
- **2011 – 2012: Rep. Sean Duffy Had A 82% Score From Americans For Prosperity For The 112th Congress.** [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [2/8/16](#)]

*Koch-Backed Groups Have Devoted At Least \$121,537 To Support Sean Duffy*

#### Independent Expenditures

Contributor Organization	Koch Connection	Year	Target	For/Against?	Source	Amount
National Rifle Association	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2012	Sean Duffy	For	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$40,564
Revere America	<a href="#">Koch Created</a>	2010	Sean Duffy	For	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$1,107
American Majority	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2010	Sean Duffy	For	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$4,118
						<b>Total: \$45,789</b>

#### Direct Contributions



Contributor Organization	Koch Connection	Year	Target	Source	Amount
Koch Industries	N/A	Career	Sean Duffy	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$37,000
Koch Industries PAC	N/A	Career	Ax PAC (Duffy Affiliated)	FEC	\$10,000
60 Plus Association	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2012	Sean Duffy	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$1,746
NFIB	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2014	Sean Duffy	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$2,052
NFIB	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2012	Sean Duffy	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$5,000
NFIB	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2010	Sean Duffy	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$2,500
Susan B Anthony List	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2014	Sean Duffy	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$500
Susan B Anthony List	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2010	Sean Duffy	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$5,000
National Rifle Association	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2014	Sean Duffy	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$3,500
National Rifle Association	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2012	Sean Duffy	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$8,450
<b>Total:</b>					<b>\$75,748</b>

## JIM SENSENBRENNER

### Koch-Backed Groups Have Devoted At Least \$21,500 To Support Jim Sensenbrenner

#### Direct Contributions

Contributor Organization	Koch Connection	Year	Target	Source	Amount
Koch Industries	N/A	2016	Jim Sensenbrenner	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$4,000
Koch Industries	N/A	2014	Jim Sensenbrenner	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$5,000
Koch Industries	N/A	2012	Jim Sensenbrenner	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$2,500
Koch Industries	N/A	2010	Jim Sensenbrenner	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$1,000
Koch Industries	N/A	2008	Jim Sensenbrenner	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$2,500
Koch Industries	N/A	2006	Jim Sensenbrenner	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$1,500
Koch Industries	N/A	1998	Jim Sensenbrenner	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$1,000
NFIB	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2008	Jim Sensenbrenner	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$1,000
National Rifle Association	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2014	Jim Sensenbrenner	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$1,000
National Rifle Association	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2012	Jim Sensenbrenner	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$2,000
<b>Total:</b>					<b>\$21,500</b>

#### Highly Regarded By AFP

**Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner Signed Americans For Prosperity's "No Climate Tax Pledge."** According to the Capital Times, "You've no doubt heard about Grover Norquist's 'Taxpayer Protection Pledge.' Well, there's a new pledge in town, and several Wisconsin conservatives have signed on. This pledge is called the 'No Climate Tax Pledge,' but it might as well be called the 'Koch Brothers Protection Pledge,' since it was devised by a group co-founded and backed by the billionaire brothers whose companies, according to the EPA, emitted over 24 million tons of carbon dioxide in 2011. [...] In addition to

Walker and Kleefisch, Wisconsin signers of the pledge, all Republicans, are U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson, U.S. Reps. Jim Sensenbrenner, Sean Duffy and Reid Ribble, state Sens. Leah Vukmir, Alberta Darling, Glenn Grothman and Mary Lazich, and state Reps. Dale Kooyenga, Don Pridemore, Jim Ott and Bill Kramer.” [Capital Times, [7/3/13](#)]

**Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner Has A Lifetime Score Of 95% From Americans For Prosperity.** [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [2/8/16](#)]

- **2015 - 2016: Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner Had A 100% Score From Americans For Prosperity For The 114th Congress.** [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [2/8/16](#)]
- **2013 - 2014: Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner Had A 85% Score From Americans For Prosperity For The 113th Congress.** [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [2/8/16](#)]
- **2011 – 2012: Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner Had A 91% Score From Americans For Prosperity For The 112th Congress.** [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [2/8/16](#)]
- **2009 – 2010: Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner Had A 95% Score From Americans For Prosperity For The 111th Congress.** [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [2/8/16](#)]
- **2007 – 2008: Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner Had A 95% Score From Americans For Prosperity For The 110th Congress.** [AFP Scorecard, Accessed [2/8/16](#)]

## REID RIBBLE

### Koch-Backed Groups Have Devoted At Least \$85,065 To Support Reid Ribble

#### Direct Contributions

Contributor Organization	Koch Connection	Year	Target	Source	Amount
Koch Industries PAC	N/A	Career	Reid Ribble	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$31,000
Koch Industries PAC	N/A	Career	Titelown PAC (Ribble Affiliated)	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$10,000
NFIB	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2010	Reid Ribble	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$3,500
60 Plus Association	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2012	Reid Ribble	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$1,473
American Future Fund	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2010	Reid Ribble	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$1,000
<b>Total:</b>					<b>\$46,973</b>

#### Independent Expenditures

Contributor Organization	Koch Connection	Year	Target	For/Against?	Source	Amount
National Rifle Association	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2012	Reid Ribble	For	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$37,092
American Majority	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2010	Reid Ribble	For	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$1,000
<b>Total:</b>						<b>\$38,092</b>

## AFP

**Rep. Reid Ribble Signed Americans For Prosperity’s “No Climate Tax Pledge.”** According to the Capital Times, “You’ve no doubt heard about Grover Norquist’s ‘Taxpayer Protection Pledge.’ Well, there’s a new pledge in town, and

several Wisconsin conservatives have signed on. This pledge is called the ‘No Climate Tax Pledge,’ but it might as well be called the ‘Koch Brothers Protection Pledge,’ since it was devised by a group co-founded and backed by the billionaire brothers whose companies, according to the EPA, emitted over 24 million tons of carbon dioxide in 2011. [...] In addition to Walker and Kleefisch, Wisconsin signers of the pledge, all Republicans, are U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson, U.S. Reps. Jim Sensenbrenner, Sean Duffy and Reid Ribble, state Sens. Leah Vukmir, Alberta Darling, Glenn Grothman and Mary Lazich, and state Reps. Dale Kooyenga, Don Pridemore, Jim Ott and Bill Kramer.” [Capital Times, [7/3/13](#)]

## GLENN GROTHMAN

### Koch-Backed Groups Have Devoted At Least \$20,500 To Support Glenn Grothman

Contributor Organization	Koch Connection	Year	Target	Source	Amount
Koch Industries	N/A	Career	Glenn Grothman	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$17,500
NFIB	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2012	Glenn Grothman	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$3,000
					<b>Total: \$20,500</b>

## AFP

**Rep. Glenn Grothman Signed Americans For Prosperity’s “No Climate Tax Pledge.”** According to the Capital Times, “You’ve no doubt heard about Grover Norquist’s ‘Taxpayer Protection Pledge.’ Well, there’s a new pledge in town, and several Wisconsin conservatives have signed on. This pledge is called the ‘No Climate Tax Pledge,’ but it might as well be called the ‘Koch Brothers Protection Pledge,’ since it was devised by a group co-founded and backed by the billionaire brothers whose companies, according to the EPA, emitted over 24 million tons of carbon dioxide in 2011. [...] In addition to Walker and Kleefisch, Wisconsin signers of the pledge, all Republicans, are U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson, U.S. Reps. Jim Sensenbrenner, Sean Duffy and Reid Ribble, state Sens. Leah Vukmir, Alberta Darling, Glenn Grothman and Mary Lazich, and state Reps. Dale Kooyenga, Don Pridemore, Jim Ott and Bill Kramer.” [Capital Times, [7/3/13](#)]

**Congressman Grothman Hosted An AFP Town Hall In Sheboygan In January.** According to Americans for Prosperity, “Americans for Prosperity – Wisconsin is hosting a town hall event with Congressman Grothman at 6:00 PM on January 21st at their Sheboygan field office located at 528 South Pier Drive. The event continues the dialogue on free market policy between AFP activists, citizens, and elected officials.” [Americans for Prosperity, [1/19/16](#)]

## ATTACKING DEMOCRATS

### Ron Kind

**60 Plus Spent Nearly \$540,000 In Attack Ads Against Wisconsin Rep. Ron Kind Due To His Stance On Healthcare.** According to 60 Plus, “The 60 Plus Association, nationally recognized as the conservative alternative to the liberal AARP, today launched new television and web ads that highlight Rep. Ron Kind's record while serving in the U.S. House of Representatives. The organization will spend more than \$540,000 on issue ads in Wisconsin's 3rd Congressional District. Washington liberals like Rep. Ron Kind aren't listening to Wisconsin seniors, said Jim Martin, Chairman of 60 Plus. The Obama/Pelosi health care disaster cut a half trillion dollars from Medicare, threatened senior's ability to keep their own doctors, and raised taxes on the inheritance we were hoping to pass to our children. When we needed him to vote against ObamaCare, he voted for it.” [60 Plus, [9/15/10](#)]

### Steve Kagen

**60 Plus Released An Attack Ad Against Wisconsin Rep. Steve Kagen Due To His Stance On Healthcare.** According to 60 Plus, “The 60 Plus Association, nationally recognized as the conservative alternative to the liberal AARP, today launched a new television ad that puts a spotlight on Rep. Steve Kagen's record. Seniors don't understand why Rep. Kagen would vote for a health care bill that hurts Wisconsin seniors, said Jim Martin, Chairman of 60 Plus. ObamaCare cut \$500 billion from Medicare, forced many seniors to shift into a one-size-fits-all system they don't want, and diminished the quality of care for

America's Greatest Generation. Seniors are already feeling the burden of health care reform, as one Medicare Advantage program has already been canceled, leaving 22,000 seniors citizens to seek a new coverage option. Rep. Kagen voted against seniors; now, they are voting against him.” [60 Plus, [9/29/10](#)]

- **The 60 Plus Association Spent \$161,760 To Oppose Reid Ribble’s Opponent Steve Kagen In 2012.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the 60 Plus Association spent \$161,760 to oppose Reid Ribble’s opponent Steve Kagen in 2012. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [2/8/16](#)]

**Revere America Spent Nearly \$1,300 To Oppose Steve Kagen In 2010.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Revere America spent \$1,273 to oppose Steve Kagen in 2010. [OpenSecrets.org, [2010](#)]

### **Julie Lassa**

**The 60 Plus Association Spent \$18,487 For Julie Lassa In 2012.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the 60 Plus Association spent \$18,487 for Julie Lassa in 2012. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [1/12/16](#)]

## **Wisconsin 2016 Primary Spending**

### **KOCH-BACKED CLUB FOR GROWTH SPENT OVER \$1 MILLION ON PRESIDENTIAL AD BUYS FOR THE WISCONSIN PRIMARIES**

**Club For Growth Spent \$253,000 On TV Ad Buys To Support Republican Presidential Candidate Ted Cruz In Wisconsin.** According to FEC filings, Club For Growth spent \$253,453.53 on TV ad buys to support Republican Presidential Candidate Ted Cruz in Wisconsin in the 2016 cycle. [FEC, [3/26/16](#)]

**Club For Growth Spent Over \$473,000 On TV Ad Buys To Oppose Republican Presidential Candidate Donald Trump In Wisconsin.** According to FEC filings, Club For Growth spent \$473,064.84 to oppose Republican Presidential Candidate Donald Trump in Wisconsin TV ad buys in the 2016 cycle. [FEC, [3/26/16](#)]

**Club For Growth Spent \$287,000 On TV Ad Buys Opposing Republican Presidential Candidate John Kasich In Wisconsin.** According to FEC filings, Club For Growth spent \$287,184.03 on TV ad buys to oppose Republican Presidential Candidate John Kasich in Wisconsin in the 2016 cycle. [FEC, [3/26/16](#)]

### **KOCH-FUNDED AMERICAN MAJORITY WISCONSIN ANNOUNCED THEY INTENDED TO FINANCE AN ANTI-TRUMP BLITZ**

**United Press International: The Koch-Funded Super PAC American Majority Wisconsin Was “Set To Buy Up A Significant Amount Of Airtime For What Is Expected To Be An Anti-Trump Blitz.”** According to United Press International, “A super PAC, American Majority Wisconsin, which is funded by the billionaire Koch brothers, is set to buy up a significant amount of airtime for what is expected to be an anti-Trump blitz.” [United Press International, [3/29/16](#)]

## **Scott Walker**

### **SCOTT WALKER OWES HIS CAREER TO THE KOCHS**

**The Koch Brothers Were Major Supporters Of Walker’s 2010 Campaign.** According to Mother Jones, “Wisconsin Republican Governor Scott Walker, whose bill to kill collective bargaining rights for public-sector unions has caused an uproar among state employees, might not be where he is today without the Koch brothers. [...] According to Wisconsin campaign finance filings, Walker’s gubernatorial campaign received \$43,000 from the Koch Industries PAC during the 2010 election. That donation was his campaign’s second-highest, behind \$43,125 in contributions from housing and realtor groups in Wisconsin. The Koch’s PAC also helped Walker via a familiar and much-used political [*sic*] maneuver designed to allow donors to skirt campaign finance limits. The PAC gave \$1 million to the Republican Governors Association, which in turn



spent \$65,000 on independent expenditures to support Walker. The RGA also spent a whopping \$3.4 million on TV ads and mailers attacking Walker's opponent, Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett." [Mother Jones, [2/18/11](#)]

**Wisconsin AFL-CIO President Phil Neuenfeldt: "Scott Walker Didn't Have The Stature, Influence Or Money To Become Governor On His Own" It Came From Influential Conservatives Such As The Kochs.** According to the New York Times, "Scott Walker didn't have the stature, influence or money to become governor on his own or to end collective bargaining on his own," said Phil Neuenfeldt, president of the Wisconsin A.F.L.-C.I.O. 'All of that flowed from Mike Grebe, the Bradley Foundation and a network of influential conservatives, including the Kochs.'" [New York Times, [6/8/15](#)]

**Nation Columnist Dave Zirin: The Koch Brothers "Currently Hold The Receipt On" Gov. Scott Walker's "Soul."** According to an opinion by columnist Dave Zirin for The Nation, "There is also just something about their sports teams that for some reason compels the state's governor Scott Walker to truly reveal just how ignorant he believes the electorate of the United States to be. In December, it was Walker during the NFL playoffs proclaiming his undying loyalty to the Green Bay Packers, even though that is a team whose fan-owned ownership model is anathema to everything that the governor, not to mention the billionaire Koch Brothers who currently hold the receipt on Walker's soul, stand for. For Scott Walker, the fact that members of the Packers team have actually lobbied against his efforts to crush the public unions of his state, is just a detail, as he affixes a foam cheese to his skull." [Dave Zirin - Nation, [4/7/15](#)]

**Scott Walker Told An Individual Posing As David Koch, "Thanks, Thanks For All The Support And Helping Us Move The Cause Forward, And We Appreciate It."** According to NBC News, "Walker also received criticism during the union protests for taking a phone call from David Koch. The call was leaked to the press because the caller ended up being a prank. In his book 'Unintimidated,' Walker said his conversation with the prankster was proof that he had never spoken to Koch before because he didn't know that it was not his voice. But Walker told the caller, whom he thought was Koch, 'Thanks, thanks for all the support and helping us move the cause forward, and we appreciate it.'" [NBC News, [4/7/15](#)]

**Gov. Scott Walker "Thanked The Freedom Partners Donors For Their Past Support."** According to the Washington Post, "The network's influence was underlined by the number of prospective 2016 contenders who flocked to Rancho Mirage to mingle with the deep-pocketed crowd. [Scott] Walker arrived Saturday from Iowa, after addressing conservative activists at a forum in Des Moines. That night, over an al fresco dinner of filet mignon, the Wisconsin governor thanked the Freedom Partners donors for their past support and touted his efforts to curb state spending." [Washington Post, [1/26/15](#)]

## THE KOCHS SIGNALLED THAT WALKER WAS THEIR 2016 PRESIDENTIAL FAVORITE

**Yahoo News: "The Kochs And Walker...Are So Ideologically In Synch That The Industrialist Brothers Have Had A Hard Time Suppressing Their Glee At The Prospect" Of A Walker Presidency.** According to Yahoo News, "But it did highlight the coziness between the Kochs and [Scott] Walker, who are so ideologically in synch that the industrialist brothers have had a hard time suppressing their glee at the prospect that the Wisconsin governor could become the next president of the United States." [Yahoo News, [7/13/15](#)]

**New York Times Headline: "David Koch Signals A Favorite: Scott Walker"** [New York Times, [4/20/15](#)]

**Koch Told A Guest At A Republican Governors Association Fundraiser He Hosted That He Was Supporting Scott Walker Because "I Like How He Took On The Unions And Won, And Reduced The State's Debt."** According to the New York Post's Page Six, "[David] Koch — who has been attacked by Democrats for his generous support of conservative causes — hosted a fund-raiser for the Republican Governors Association at his Palm Beach mansion last month, where 10 governors met with 90 deep-pocketed Republicans. 'I am supporting Scott Walker,' Koch told one guest in the ballroom of his 30,000-square-foot mansion. 'I like how he took on the unions and won, and reduced the state's debt.'" [Page Six — New York Post, [4/29/15](#)]

- **Koch Also Said "I Told Scott Walker That Marco Rubio Would Be A Good Vice President. Gov. Walker Agreed And Said, 'That's A Great Idea. He's A Perfect Choice.'"** According to the New York Post's Page Six, "[David] Koch, whose Koch Industries donated \$5.275 million to the RGA last year, also said, 'I told Scott Walker

that Marco Rubio would be a good vice president. Gov. Walker agreed and said, “That’s a great idea. He’s a perfect choice.” [Page Six – New York Post, [4/29/15](#)]

## THE KOCHS USED SCOTT WALKER AS AN INSTRUMENT TO PURSUE SELFISH GOALS

**The Koch Brothers Used AFP To Harness The Tea Party’s Energy In Service Of Their Own Goals And Found In Scott Walker A “Perfect Instrument” To Help Carry Them Out.** According to Bloomberg, “With Americans for Prosperity, the brothers had harnessed the Tea Party’s energy in service of their own policy goals, including deregulation and lower taxes. And in Walker, they’d found the perfect instrument to help carry them out. The rally was one of the first times they’d joined forces.” [Bloomberg, [2/17/15](#)]

**The Koch Brothers’ Tea Party Troops “Provided The Main Counterforce To The Tens Of Thousands Of Union Activists Protesting The Governor, In A Battle Walker Eventually Won.”** According to Bloomberg, “The relationship between the Kochs and Walker was cemented during Walker’s bitter war against public unions that led to a recall election in 2012. During the tense weeks of standoff at the capitol in Madison, it was the Kochs’ Tea Party troops who provided the main counterforce to the tens of thousands of union activists protesting the governor, in a battle Walker eventually won.” [Bloomberg, [2/17/15](#)]

**Americans For Prosperity Along With Club For Growth “Helped To Bus In Tea Party Protesters To Support Walker And His Union-Busting Campaign.”** According to Think Progress, “After Walker was elected governor and took office in 2011, he almost immediately set out his plan to cut pay and eliminate collective bargaining rights for public employees in Wisconsin — he claimed the cuts were necessary to close a budget gap he created by enacting tax cuts for businesses. As protests against Walker escalated, groups associated with Koch Industries including Club for Growth and Americans for Prosperity helped to bus in Tea Party protesters to support Walker and his union-busting campaign.” [Think Progress, [4/21/15](#)]

## THE KOCH NETWORK HAS SHELLED OUT TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO SUPPORT WALKER

### Koch Industries Was The Second Largest Contributor To Scott Walker’s Campaign In 2010

**Koch Industries Was The Second Largest Contributor To Scott Walker’s Campaign In 2010 With A Donation Of \$43,000.** According to Wisconsin campaign finance filings, Walker’s gubernatorial campaign received \$43,000 from the Koch Industries PAC during the 2010 election. That donation was his campaign’s second-highest, behind \$43,125 in contributions from housing and realtor groups in Wisconsin. [Follow the Money, [2010](#)]

### Independent Expenditures

Contributor Organization	Koch Connection	Year	Target	For/Against?	Source	Amount
Americans For Prosperity	<a href="#">Koch Created</a>	2011 - 2012	Scott Walker	For	<a href="#">The Capital Times</a>	\$10,000,000
Republican Governors Association	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2011	Tom Barrett	For	<a href="#">Center for Media and Democracy</a>	\$8,600,000
Wisconsin Club For Growth	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2012	Scott Walker	For	<a href="#">Associated Press</a>	\$100,000
MacIver Institute & AFP	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a> <a href="#">Koch Created</a>	2012	Scott Walker	For	<a href="#">Capital Times</a>	\$3,700,00
National Rifle Association	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2012	Tom Barrett	Against	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$800,000

Republican Governors Association	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	2011	Scott Walker	For	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$65,000
						<b>Total: \$19,565,000</b>

## **WALKER CONSISTENTLY PANDERED TO THE KOCHS & CARRIED OUT THEIR POLICY DEMANDS...**

### **Walker Consistently Forwent Sound Environmental Policy To Benefit The Kochs Bottom Line**

**Scientific American: “In 2008 Before He Was Governor,” Walker “Signed The Koch-Backed ‘No Climate Tax Pledge,’ Vowing To Oppose Any Climate Legislation That Increased Government Revenue.”** According to Scientific American, “In 2008 before he was governor, he signed the Koch-backed ‘No Climate Tax Pledge,’ vowing to oppose any climate legislation that increased government revenue. In 2014 he appointed a utility commissioner who said in a confirmation hearing that ‘the elimination of essentially every automobile would be offset by one volcano exploding,’ a remark he later recanted.” [Scientific American, [6/17/15](#)]

**Think Progress: Walker “Began Cutting Environmental Regulations When He Took Office, To The Benefit Of Koch Businesses Which Are Known To Emit Thousands Of Pounds Of Toxic Pollutants In The State.”** According to Think Progress, “The governor [Scott Walker] also embodied the Kochs’ profit-driven goals when he began cutting environmental regulations when he took office, to the benefit of Koch businesses which are known to emit thousands of pounds of toxic pollutants in the state.” [Think Progress, [4/2/15](#)]

**Scientific American: Walker Not Only Rolled Back Environmental Protection In Iron Mining, Building On Wetlands And Phosphorus Pollution, He Also Proposed Ending Funding For A Renewable Energy Research Program At The University Of Wisconsin And Silenced Discussion About Climate Change By State Employees.** According to the Scientific American, “Since taking office in 2011 Walker has moved to reduce the role of science in environmental policymaking and to silence discussion of controversial subjects, including climate change, by state employees. And he has presided over a series of controversial rollbacks in environmental protection, including relaxing laws governing iron mining and building on wetlands, in both cases to help specific companies avoid regulatory roadblocks. Among other policy changes, he has also loosened restrictions on phosphorus pollution in state waterways, tried to restrict wind energy development and proposed ending funding for a major renewable energy research program housed at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.” [Scientific American, [6/17/15](#)]

### **Walker Crushed Labor Making Him “The Darling Of The Koch Brothers”**

**Time: “Koch...Said He Admired The Way [Walker] Has Negotiated The Unions In Wisconsin.”** According to Time, “[David] Koch praised [Scott] Walker’s approach to public school education, and said he admired the way he has negotiated the unions in Wisconsin.” [Time, [4/21/15](#)]

**AFP Gave Scott Walker An Award For “His Work To Curb Union Power,” And Complimented Him As Being “The Most Valuable Player In The Nation For The Advancement Of Freedom And Prosperity.”** According to Bloomberg Politics, “Walker prevailed in the rematch with Barrett in June 2012, actually beating him by a wider margin than he had the first time. Two months later, Walker strode onto stage at a hotel in Washington, where several thousand AFP national donors and activists rose to their feet to greet him and give him an award for his work to curb union power. ‘Maybe consider this being the most valuable player in the nation for the advancement of freedom and prosperity,’ said then-AFP Foundation Vice Chairman Art Pope, as he gave Walker a bust of George Washington.” [Bloomberg Politics, [2/17/15](#)]

**New York Magazine’s Jonathan Chait: Walker “Singularly Embodied The Conservative View That Prosperity Requires Crushing Labor’s Bargaining Power” Which “Made Him The Darling Of The Koch Brothers.”** According to an opinion by Jonathan Chait for New York Magazine, “The Republican Party stands totally opposed to this entire line of thought, and nobody symbolizes that opposition more than Scott Walker, the governor of Wisconsin. Walker has singularly embodied the conservative view that prosperity requires crushing labor’s bargaining power, a conviction he has followed with

a determination and success that has made him the darling of the Koch brothers and other elements of the Republican fund-raising base.” [Jonathan Chait – New York Magazine, [7/2/15](#)]

**Cato Institute Budget Analyst Nicole Kaeding: Walker’s “First Big Legislative Achievement Was Act 10,” Which Removed “The Ability To Negotiate On Overtime, Pension, And Health Benefits” For State Employees.** According to a blog post by Cato Institute budget analyst Nicole Kaeding for Cato’s Cato At Liberty blog, “When Walker took office Wisconsin had a \$3.6 billion budget deficit and needed urgent reform. His first big legislative achievement was Act 10 which overhauled the state’s collective bargaining rules and benefit programs for state employees. Under Act 10, state employees must contribute 12 percent of premium costs to their state-provided health insurance plan. In addition, pension contributions are now split evenly between the employee and the employer. In 2015 that contribution was 6.8 percent of income. Act 10 also limited collective bargaining subjects to base wages, removing the ability to negotiate on overtime, pension, and health benefits. It has saved taxpayers in Wisconsin \$3 billion since its passage in 2011.” [Cato.org/blog, [7/10/15](#)]

### **Koch Groups Backed Walker’s 2016 Budget Which Included Deep Budget Cuts To The University Of Wisconsin**

*Americans For Prosperity*

**Former AFP State Director David Fladeboe Described Walker’s 2016 Budget As “Very Good” For Fiscal Conservatives.** According to PBS, “Even so, Walker’s budget this year largely is a win for conservatives and a continuation of the progress he made during his first term, Fladeboe said. ‘It’s a very good budget for a fiscal conservative,’ Healy said. ‘We’ve come to expect that from Governor Walker.’” [PBS, [4/16/15](#)]

*MacIver Institute*

**MacIver Institute: Walker’s Cuts To The UW System Not Only Made Sense But Were “Necessary” If Taxpayers Wanted “To Be Convinced That Their Money Is Being Spent Wisely.”** According to the MacIver Institute, “The UW System has a more than \$6 billion annual budget, and Walker’s cuts amount to 2.5 percent of that. Taxpayers deserve the best university system they can afford, and we believe there are many more efficiencies to be found by UW. The cuts not only make sense but are necessary if taxpayers are to be convinced that their money is being spent wisely.” [MacIver Institute, [4/8/15](#)]

*Wisconsin Club For Growth*

**Wisconsin Club For Growth Criticized The University Of Wisconsin’s Response To Walker’s Budget Cuts By Arguing That Their “Self-Serving Bureaucracy” Was “Still Impervious To The Idea Of Being Held Accountable.”** According to Wisconsin Club for Growth, “The state funding cuts in the Walker proposal amount to 2.5 percent of the UW system’s \$6 billion budget and come with fewer, not more strings attached; that is, greater independence for the system, whose reaction suggests less money and more oversight might be an even better idea. School Board Game Alert: Madison Chancellor Rebecca Blank, obviously in need of remedial arithmetic, has concluded the 2.5 percent cut means a six percent cut reaching throughout the sacred university system and layoff notices will go out in April. Meanwhile, the self-serving bureaucracy, still impervious to the idea of being held accountable, uses taxpayer-funded university resources to orchestrate political push-back against the Walker budget and continues sitting on a giant slush fund discovered by legislators two years ago. School Board Game Alert No. 2: The UW couldn’t possibly use that slush fund to cushion budget cuts.” [Wisconsin Club for Growth, [2/26/15](#)]

*Nearly 2/3 Of Wisconsinites Were Vehemently Opposed To These Deep And Harmful Cuts*

**Nearly Two-Thirds Of Wisconsin Residents Were Opposed To “A Proposed \$300 Million Cut In The State Budget For The University Of Wisconsin System.”** According to Wisconsin Public Radio, “Nearly two-thirds of respondents in the new Wisconsin Survey are against a proposed \$300 million cut in the state budget for the University of Wisconsin System. Support or opposition to the idea appears to break down along party lines. [...] When asked specifically about the proposed \$300 million cut, 64 percent of respondents said they’re against it. [...] The Wisconsin Survey is a random telephone sample of



600 adult Wisconsin residents that asks their opinions on national and state government, economic and policy issues. The survey's margin of error is plus or minus 4 percentage points." [Wisconsin Public Radio, [4/23/15](#)]

**Walker's Claim That Budget Changes Were "Only 2.5% Of The Total UW System Operating Budget," Was Incorrect And Did Not Accurately Represent The Full Extent Of The Budget Cuts Which Were Closer To 6.25%.**

According to PolitiFact, "Gov. Scott Walker took to social media to downplay the scope of his cuts in funding to the University of Wisconsin system in his 2015-'17 budget proposal. 'Our budget changes are only 2.5% of the total UW System operating budget,' Walker posted Feb. 7, 2015 on Facebook. [...] Using that \$2.4 billion as the benchmark, the \$150 million cut would be 6.25 percent. [...] The number that tells Wisconsinites the least about the impact of the cuts is Walker's. If you take the overall \$6.1 billion system budget, the \$150 million per year cut does represent 2.5 percent." [PolitiFact, [2/17/15](#)]

- **The New York Times Reported That Walker's Budget Cuts Were As High As 13%.** According to the New York Times, "Mr. Walker's budget, which must be approved by the Republican-controlled Legislature, calls for a 13 percent cut in state aid across the university system, with its 13 four-year universities and 180,000 students, for a total decrease of \$300 million over the next two years." [New York Times, [2/16/15](#)]

**Gov. Scott Walker's Proposed Cut Of \$300 Million To The University Of Wisconsin System Came As "Other States, Nationally And In The Midwest, Have Inched Up Funding For Higher Education."** According to the Wisconsin State Journal, "Gov. Scott Walker's proposed budget cut of \$300 million to the University of Wisconsin System comes as other states, nationally and in the Midwest, have inched up funding for higher education, restoring support lost during the economic recession. More increases are expected in coming years." [Wisconsin State Journal, [2/1/15](#)]

**UW-Madison Chancellor Rebecca Blank Described The Budget Cuts As "Painful" And Said They Would Hurt The Campus' Bottom Line.** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, "UW-Madison Chancellor Rebecca Blank told the Board of Regents that some items in the budget are not reflected as cuts but will hurt the campus' bottom line, such as \$3.5 million the state pledged annually as matching funds for a federal bioenergy grant in the Wisconsin Bioenergy Initiative. The budget passed Thursday will mean, as previously announced, a combination of 400 layoffs and unfilled positions on the state's largest campus. 'We've done everything we can to be responsible, from raising out-of-state tuition to cuts of just under \$40 million. That's very painful, and we're still sitting at a budget deficit,' Blank said." [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [7/9/15](#)]

- **Chancellor Blank Said Walker's "Proposed Cuts Were So Large That If She Eliminated Five Schools — Nursing, Law, Business, Pharmacy And Veterinary Medicine — She Would Still Have To Find Other Ways To Trim Costs."** According to the New York Times, "In an interview in her office here, Rebecca M. Blank, the chancellor of the Madison campus, said that if the governor's budget was approved, she would have to raise out-of-state tuition and institute layoffs. She added that the proposed cuts were so large that if she eliminated five schools — nursing, law, business, pharmacy and veterinary medicine — she would still have to find other ways to trim costs. 'This is really big, in terms of its size on my education program,' Ms. Blank said." [New York Times, [2/16/15](#)]

**Even Scott Walker's Supporters Opposed The Cuts, Going So Far As To Say That He Was Compromising Wisconsin's Education System To Serve His Presidential Ambitions.** According to the New York Times, "Even some of Mr. Walker's supporters, who cheered his initial run for the governorship and helped him survive a recall election in 2012, said they were questioning the governor's budget proposal and its potential consequences for higher education. 'We are now facing a cut that will absolutely savage the infrastructure and quality of teaching and research to this university,' said John Sharpless, a Republican who is a history professor at the Madison campus. 'What would be a shame for us in Wisconsin is if Scott leaves a wake of damage here on his way to the presidency.'" [New York Times, [2/16/15](#)]

**State Senator Vinehout Raised Concerns That Walker's Budget Cut Could Cause The University Of Wisconsin System To Lose The "Best And The Brightest Professors."** According to Wisconsin Public Radio, "State Sen. Kathleen Vinehout, D-Alma, raised similar concerns, adding that Walker's budget cut was huge. 'This is going to translate into losing the best and the brightest professors, and it's going to mean that those professors are going to take their grant money that they're getting from the federal government and move to another state,' Vinehout said." [Wisconsin Public Radio, [1/27/15](#)]

**University Of Wisconsin Doctoral Candidate Michael Mirer: The University Of Wisconsin Budget Cuts Limited "Who Has Access To A UW Education As The School Admits A Higher Percentage Of Out-Of-State Students,**

**Currently Limited To 27.5 Percent.”** According to an op-ed by University of Wisconsin doctoral candidate Michael Mirer from the New York Times, “The UW system already has promised layoffs. This means a loss of jobs in communities around the state. These cuts are going to limit who has access to a UW education as the school admits a higher percentage of out-of-state students, currently limited to 27.5 percent.” [Michael Mirer - New York Times, [2/4/15](#)]

### **Scott Walker Followed The Kochs In Opposing The Ex-Im Bank**

**Gov. Scott Walker Agreed With Koch Network In Calling The Ex-Im Bank “Crony Capitalism.”** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “On one side is a political network led by billionaires Charles and David Koch, who have argued most of the bank’s loan dollars go to a few, politically connected corporations, making it a prime example of ‘crony capitalism.’ Most of the GOP presidential field agrees, including Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, as well as House Ways and Means Chairman Paul Ryan, the Republican from Janesville.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [4/4/15](#)]

## **State-Level Activity**

### **KOCH GROUPS SPENT NEARLY \$4 MILLION ON WISCONSIN JUDICIAL RACES SINCE 2007**

**Conservative Control Of The Wisconsin Supreme Court Enabled The Rejection Of Challenges To Signature Conservative Policies Championed By Gov. Scott Walker.** According to Open Secrets, “Conservative control of the Wisconsin court, enabled in no small part by the big pots of dark money dumped into the state, has proved vital to the rejection of challenges to two signature conservative policies championed by GOP Gov. Scott Walker: his initiatives to curb public sector unions and to require voter IDs. (The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday turned away a challenge to the voter ID law, so it will stand.)” [OpenSecrets.org, [3/23/15](#)]

### **David Prosser**

*Koch Groups Spent Over \$1.5 Million To Elect David Prosser*

**Citizens For A Strong America Spent An Estimated \$985,000 To Help Elect Prosser In 2011.** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “The club’s spending helped the four, but the group was by no means the only one spending on the races. Some of those contests cost nearly \$6 million when accounting for spending by all candidates and outside groups. In addition, the club was the sole funder of Citizens for a Strong America in 2011, and that group spent an estimated \$985,000 that year to help Prosser. Both the club and Citizens for a Strong America were subpoenaed as part of the investigation, according to The Wall Street Journal.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 4/28/14]

**Wisconsin Club For Growth Spent Estimated \$520,000 On Electing Prosser in 2011.** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “The Wisconsin Club for Growth is estimated to have spent \$400,000 for Ziegler in 2007; \$507,000 for Gableman in 2008; \$520,000 for Prosser in 2011; and \$350,000 for Roggensack in 2013.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [7/16/15](#)]

*Walker And Prosser Attended The Same Tea Party Event*

**Walker And Prosser Attended An Americans For Prosperity Meeting In 2010.** According to the Associated Press State & Local Wire, “Republicans and conservative tea party members railed against health care reform, global warming legislation and government spending at a convention Saturday that attracted about 2,000 people. The meeting, organized by the conservative group Americans for Prosperity and dubbed an unofficial tea party convention, brought together numerous Republican officeholders, party leaders and candidates in addition to national speakers like ‘Joe the Plumber’ and Michael Reagan, the son of former President Ronald Reagan. [...] A number of Republican candidates also were there, including candidate for governor Scott Walker, in addition to officially nonpartisan state Supreme Court justices Michael Gableman and David Prosser. Prosser, a former Republican state lawmaker, spoke out against changing the state’s system for electing Supreme Court justices to having them appointed.” [Associated Press State & Local Wire, 3/13/10]

*Prosser Said He Would Be A “Complement” To Walker And The Republican Legislature*

**Prosser Said He Would Be A “Common-Sense Complement” To Walker’s Administration.** According to PolitiFact, “‘Now Prosser has promised to act as a complement to Walker.’ The ad cites a news release issued by Prosser’s campaign on Dec. 8, 2010, that called Prosser a ‘common-sense complement to both the new administration and Legislature.’ The statement was attributed to Nemoir, but at PolitiFact we attribute a statement from a spokesman as coming from the candidate, who is responsible for it. The reference was to Walker, who had been elected governor in November 2010 but had not yet taken office, and Republicans who would take control of the Senate and Assembly in January 2011.” [PolitiFact, 3/31/11]

**Walker Said “I Won” When Asked For His Reaction To The Re-Election Of David Prosser.** According to the Chippewa Herald, “Reporters dutifully asked Gov. Scott Walker for his reaction after David Prosser was narrowly re-elected to the State Supreme Court in the spring of 2011. ‘I won,’ Walker replied. Prosser’s victory assured a conservative majority on the seven-member high court. Last month that majority changed state policy when it ruled that a change in the law requiring voters to show a photo ID to vote in Wisconsin elections is constitutional.” [Chippewa Herald, 8/11/14]

*Law Professors Said That Prosser Could Not Be Seen As Impartial*

**New York University Law Professor Stephen Gillers: Club For Growth’s Spending “Is Sufficient To Warrant Recusal In A Case In Which The Club Has Publicly Expressed A Strong Interest, On The Ground That The Judge’s Impartiality Might Reasonably Be Questioned.”** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “Stephen Gillers, a New York University law professor who specializes in legal ethics, said under Wisconsin’s rules Prosser should step aside. The others may need to do so as well, depending on the particulars of their races and the help the Wisconsin Club for Growth provided them, he said. The club’s level of spending in Prosser’s 2011 race ‘is sufficient to warrant recusal in a case in which the club has publicly expressed a strong interest, on the ground that the judge’s impartiality might reasonably be questioned,’ Gillers wrote in an email to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. ‘It doesn’t mean the judge will be partial. The rule means to ensure public confidence. Its focus is the need for the appearance of impartiality.’” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 4/28/14]

**Indiana University Law Professor Charles Geyh: “A Reasonable Person Would Doubt (Prosser’s) Capacity To Be Fair.”** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “Charles Geyh, an Indiana University law professor with expertise on judicial ethics, wrote in an email to the Journal Sentinel that he believed ‘a reasonable person would doubt (Prosser’s) capacity to be fair’ because of the amount of money the club spent to help him and because his election was so recent.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 4/28/14]

*Prosser’s Election Determined “The Fate Of The State’s Collective-Bargaining Law”*

**Washington Times: Prosser’s Election Was “Likely To Determine The Fate Of The State’s Collective-Bargaining Law.”** According to the Washington Times, “At stake is the balance of the power on the court. With Justice Prosser on the bench, conservatives enjoy a 4-3 advantage, but a Kloppenburg victory would swing the balance in favor of the liberal wing. How the court goes is likely to determine the fate of the state’s collective-bargaining law. State District Court Judge Maryann Sumi already has placed a hold on the law until a legal challenge can be decided, but the state’s high court is expected to have the final say.” [Washington Times, 4/4/11]

- **In 2011, The State Supreme Court’s Conservative Majority Ruled That The Collective-Bargaining Law Was Legal And Overturned A Lower Court Ruling That Found Republican Legislators Had Broken Procedural Rules With It.** According to The New York Times, “The Supreme Court’s ruling, issued at the close of the business day, spared lawmakers in the Republican-dominated Capitol from having to do what some of them strongly hoped to avoid: calling for a new vote on the polarizing collective bargaining measure, which had drawn tens of thousands of protesters to Madison this year and led Democratic lawmakers to flee the city in an effort to block the bill. [...] The ruling was 4 to 3, split along what many viewed as the court’s predictable conservative-liberal line. The majority of the justices concluded that a lower court was wrong when it found that the Legislature had forced through the cuts in collective bargaining without giving sufficient notice — 24 hours — under the state’s open-meetings requirements.” [New York Times, 6/14/11]

**Conservative Justice Prosser Cast The Deciding Vote With The Court’s Conservative Majority.** According to The New York Times, “The ruling was 4 to 3, split along what many viewed as the court’s predictable conservative-liberal line. [...] Justice David T. Prosser, whose re-election bid was threatened this year because he was seen as a conservative who would cast

the deciding vote on the collective bargaining measure if it came before the court, voted to overturn the lower court ruling. He issued his own opinion concurring with the majority.” [New York Times, [6/14/11](#)]

### **Michael Gableman**

*Koch Groups Spent At Least \$513,860 To Elect Michael Gableman In 2008*

**Wisconsin Club For Growth Spent \$507,000 Supporting Michael Gableman In 2008.** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “In recent years, the club has spent about \$1.8 million to help the four justices who make up the conservative bloc controlling the court – \$400,000 for Annette Ziegler in 2007; \$507,000 for Michael Gableman in 2008; \$520,000 for Prosser in 2011; and \$350,000 for Patience Roggensack in 2013. Those figures are estimates tabulated by the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, which opposes undisclosed spending by groups such as the Club for Growth.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 4/28/14]

**KochPAC Spent \$6,860 Supporting Michael Gableman In 2008.** According to Follow the Money, KochPAC contributed \$6,860 in support of Michael Gableman’s successful campaign for Wisconsin Supreme Court on March 11, 2008. [Follow the Money, [2008](#)]

### **Patience Roggensack**

*Wisconsin Club For Growth And WMC Spent \$350,000 To Elect Roggensack*

**Wisconsin Club For Growth Spent \$350,000 For Patience Roggensack In 2013.** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “In recent years, the club has spent about \$1.8 million to help the four justices who make up the conservative bloc controlling the court – \$400,000 for Annette Ziegler in 2007; \$507,000 for Michael Gableman in 2008; \$520,000 for Prosser in 2011; and \$350,000 for Patience Roggensack in 2013. Those figures are estimates tabulated by the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, which opposes undisclosed spending by groups such as the Club for Growth.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 4/28/14]

### **Annette Ziegler**

*Koch Groups Spent At Least \$408,325 To Elect Annette Ziegler*

**Wisconsin Club For Growth Spent \$400,000 For Annette Ziegler In 2013.** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “In recent years, the club has spent about \$1.8 million to help the four justices who make up the conservative bloc controlling the court – \$400,000 for Annette Ziegler in 2007; \$507,000 for Michael Gableman in 2008; \$520,000 for Prosser in 2011; and \$350,000 for Patience Roggensack in 2013. Those figures are estimates tabulated by the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, which opposes undisclosed spending by groups such as the Club for Growth.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 4/28/14]

**KochPAC Contributed \$8,325 To Judge Annette Ziegler For Supreme Court LLC In 2007.** According to FEC filings, KochPAC contributed \$8,325 to Annette Ziegler’s successful campaign for Wisconsin Supreme Court on March 28, 2007. [KochPAC April Monthly FEC report, [4/19/07](#)]

### **Rebecca Bradley**

*Koch Groups Spent Nearly \$1.2 Million To Elect Rebecca Bradley*

**The Koch-Backed Wisconsin Club For Growth Spent \$167,000 On TV Ads Supporting Rebecca Bradley For The Milwaukee County Circuit Court, Which She Had Been Appointed To On An Interim Basis In 2012.** According to the Wisconsin Gazette, “The April 5 election to fill a Wisconsin Supreme Court vacancy is no competition at all when it comes to experience, knowledge and integrity. Challenger JoAnne Kloppenburg towers in all three respects above opponent Rebecca Bradley, an interim incumbent. [...] Before 2012, Bradley had never even served on the bench. That’s the year Walker appointed her to a position on the Milwaukee County Circuit Court. Armed with the advantage of incumbency and right-wing money, including \$167,000 for a television blitz from the Koch-brothers-backed group Wisconsin Club for Growth, Bradley held on to the position in an election. It was the first and last judicial election she’s ever won.” [Wisconsin Gazette, [3/8/16](#)]



**The Koch-Tied Wisconsin Alliance For Reform Ran \$1 Million In Ads Supporting Bradley During The Primary For The Wisconsin Supreme Court, According To The Campaign Manager Of Opponent JoAnne**

**Kloppenburg.** According to Fox 6 Now, “A conservative group is firing back at Appeals Court Judge JoAnne Kloppenburg with a TV ad calling her soft on crime. [...] Below is a statement from Kloppenburg’s campaign manager on the ad: “The Kloppenburg for Justice Campaign has sent a letter to stations carrying a deceitful ad produced by an unregulated special interest group, Wisconsin Alliance for Reform. The group has ties to the Koch Brothers and ran \$1 million in ads supporting Judge Kloppenburg’s opponent, Rebecca Bradley during the recent primary.” [Fox 6 Now, [3/8/16](#)]

**KOCH GROUPS SPENT \$25,000 ON WI ATTORNEY GENERAL RACES**

**Attorney General Van Hollen Received \$12,500 In Campaign Contributions From KochPAC From 2006 – 2009**

**August 2009: KochPAC Contributed \$2,500 To Van Hollen For Attorney General.** According to FEC filings, KochPAC contributed \$2,500 in support of Van Hollen’s successful campaign for Wisconsin Attorney General on August 10, 2009. [KochPAC September Monthly Report, [9/18/09](#)]

**November 2006: KochPAC Contributed \$10,000 To Van Hollen For Attorney General.** According to FEC filings, KochPAC contributed \$10,000 in support of Van Hollen’s successful campaign for Wisconsin Attorney General on November 3, 2006. [KochPAC Post-General FEC Report, [12/7/06](#)]

*Attended Americans For Prosperity Conventions*

**Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen Attended Americans For Prosperity Conventions.** According to PR Watch, “David Koch-funded Americans for Prosperity conventions in Wisconsin over the past two years may have helped lay the groundwork for the state’s controversial battle over labor rights and budget cuts. The conventions featured leading figures in the right-wing’s attack on workers, and may also have skirted disclosure rules in the process. Governor Scott Walker and Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen appeared when they were running for office, and both conventions featured Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice David T. Prosser, Jr., whose race with challenger JoAnne Kloppenburg will come to an end with Tuesday’s state-wide election.” [PR Watch, [4/4/11](#)]

**Attorney General Candidate Peg Lautenschlager Received \$2,500 In Campaign Contributions From KochPAC In 2006**

**September 2006: KochPAC Contributed \$2,500 To Friends Of Peg Lautenschlager.** According to FEC filings, KochPAC contributed \$2,500 in support of Peg Lautenschlager’s unsuccessful campaign for Wisconsin Attorney General on September 8, 2006. [KochPAC October Monthly FEC Report, [10/20/06](#)]

**Attorney General Brad Schimel Received \$10,000 In Campaign Contributions From KochPAC In 2014**

**October 2014: KochPAC Contributed \$5,000 To Schimel For Attorney General.** According to FEC filings, KochPAC contributed \$5,000 in support of Brad Schimel’s successful campaign for Wisconsin Attorney General on October 7, 2014. [KochPAC Pre-General report, [10/23/14](#)]

**July 2014: KochPAC Contributed \$5,000 To Schimel For Attorney General.** According to FEC filings, KochPAC contributed \$5,000 in support of Brad Schimel’s successful campaign for Wisconsin Attorney General on July 29, 2014. [KochPAC July Monthly FEC report, [7/18/14](#)]

**KOCH GROUPS SPENT NEARLY \$11 MILLION ON WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE RACES**

**Citizens For A Strong America Spent \$1,700,000 During The 2011 And 2012 Recall Elections.** According to the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, Citizens for a Strong America spent \$1,700,000 during the 2011 and 2012 recall elections. [Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, [7/25/12](#)]

**“Wisconsin Club For Growth Dropped At Least \$9.1 Million Supporting Governor Walker And Legislative Republicans In The 2011 And 2012 Recall Elections.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “The Wisconsin Club for Growth dropped at least \$9.1 million supporting Governor Walker and legislative Republicans in the 2011 and 2012 recall elections, making it one of the top spenders in the state.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [11/18/13](#)]

- **Wisconsin Club For Growth Spent Around \$100,000 On Walker’s Recall Election.** According to the Associated Press, “Walker became a national conservative hero, and possible 2016 presidential candidate, after he became the first governor in U.S. history to win a recall election in 2012. He was targeted for recall because of the law he championed, in the face of massive protests, that effectively ended collective bargaining for most public workers. Nearly \$81 million was spent by the candidates, special interest groups and political committees in that race, more than doubling the previous record set by Walker in the 2010 election. Wisconsin Club for Growth spent an estimated \$100,000 on the recall, according to the nonpartisan Wisconsin Democracy Campaign.” [Associated Press, [2/10/14](#)]

Candidate	Office	Party	Contributor	Year	Amount
Pam Galloway	Wisconsin Senate	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2010</a>	\$500
Randy Hopper	Wisconsin Senate	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2012</a>	\$750
Michael Huebsch	Wisconsin Senate	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2006-2010</a>	\$1,000
Frank Lasee	Wisconsin Senate	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2010</a>	\$500
Luther Olsen	Wisconsin Senate	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2010</a>	\$900
Roger Roth	Wisconsin Senate	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2008</a>	\$500
Cathy Stepp	Wisconsin Senate	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2004</a>	\$250
Gary Tauchen	Wisconsin Senate	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2010</a>	\$250
Tony Theisen	Wisconsin Senate	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2008</a>	\$500
Russ Decker	Wisconsin Senate	Democrat	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2010</a>	\$1,000
Jim Sullivan	Wisconsin Senate	Democrat	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2010</a>	\$500
Tyler August	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2012</a>	\$500
Garey Bies	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2008-2012</a>	\$1,000
Jeff Fitzgerald	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2006-2010</a>	\$1,250
Donald Friske	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2008</a>	\$500
Scott Gunderson	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2006-2010</a>	\$1,500
Mark Gundrum	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2008</a>	\$500
Chris Hanson	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2010</a>	\$500
J. A. "Doc" Hines	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2008</a>	\$250
Mark Honadel	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2012</a>	\$500
Jean Hundertmark	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2004-2006</a>	\$500
Andre Jacque	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2010-2012</a>	\$2,000
Scott Jensen	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2004</a>	\$300
Dean Kaufert	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2004-2010</a>	\$1,250
Neal Kedzie	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2004-2010</a>	\$1,300
Joel Kleefisch	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2006-2008</a>	\$750
John Klenke	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2012</a>	\$500
Dean Knudson	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2012</a>	\$500
Bill Kramer	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2012</a>	\$500
Judy Krawczyk	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2006</a>	\$250
Phil Montgomery	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2006-2008</a>	\$1,000
Jeffrey Mursau	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2008</a>	\$500
Stephen Nass	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2006</a>	\$250
Scott Newcomer	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2008</a>	\$500
John Nygren	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2008-2012</a>	\$1,250

Alvin Ott	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2010</a>	\$250
Kevin David Petersen	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2008</a>	\$250
Don Pridemore	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2008</a>	\$250
Kitty Rhoades	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2006-2008</a>	\$1,000
Jeff Stone	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2006</a>	\$500
Scott Suder	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2012</a>	\$500
Karl Van Roy	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2006-2010</a>	\$750
Robin Vos	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2010-2012</a>	\$1,000
Chad Weininger	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2010-2012</a>	\$1,000
Mary Williams	Wisconsin State Assembly	Republican	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2008-2010</a>	\$750
Cory Mason	Wisconsin State Assembly	Democrat	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2010</a>	\$250
Tom Nelson	Wisconsin State Assembly	Democrat	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2006-2010</a>	\$500
Penny Bernard Schaber	Wisconsin State Assembly	Democrat	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2010</a>	\$500
Michael J. Sheridan	Wisconsin State Assembly	Democrat	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2010</a>	\$500
James Soletski	Wisconsin State Assembly	Democrat	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2010</a>	\$500
John Steinbrink	Wisconsin State Assembly	Democrat	Koch Industries	<a href="#">2006</a>	\$250
					<b>Total: \$33,250</b>

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## LOCAL LEVEL ELECTIONS

### School Board

**Wisconsin Democracy Campaign Executive Director Matt Rothschild: “The Koch Brothers Have Spent More Than \$5,000,000 In This State, Not Only To Help (Gov.) Scott Walker Along, But Also To Get Rid Of A Couple School Board Members All The Way Down At The Kenosha School Board.”** According to WUWM Milwaukee Public Radio, “‘The floodgates have opened, and democracy is drowning all across the country, and here in Wisconsin, too,’ says Matt Rothschild, executive director of the liberal group Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, which tracks campaign spending in the state. ‘For instance, the Koch brothers have spent more than \$5,000,000 in this state, not only to help (Gov.) Scott Walker along, but also to get rid of a couple school board members all the way down at the Kenosha school board. That’s how far down ticket the money is going these days,’ Rothschild says.” [WUWM, [1/21/15](#)]

**AFP Got Involved In A Local School Board Election In Kenosha, Wisconsin To Oppose A Collective Bargaining Agreement With Kenosha Teachers.** According to the Center for American Progress, “In April 2014, the city of Kenosha, Wisconsin, was facing an important school board election with two pivotal seats open. Going into that election, the Kenosha school board had approved a new union contract with its teachers, despite Act 10, a newly enacted state law limiting public-sector collective bargaining. Opposed to the new teacher contract, AFP decided to get involved in the school board election. The Koch-backed outside group did not endorse particular candidates, and declined to say how much it was spending on the race, but it did organize a field team to conduct phone banks and door-to-door canvasses. Although the race was technically nonpartisan, the local newspaper editorialized that among the four candidates running, there became a ‘red team and a blue team’: one alliance of candidates appearing on Tea Party radio stations, and another set of candidates who were endorsed by the local teachers union. Powered in part by AFP’s support, the more conservative candidates narrowly won the election. Just two months later, in June, the new school board voted to nullify the collective bargaining agreement it had approved just months earlier, weakening the ability of teachers to advocate for the resources and materials they need. (In August, the Wisconsin State Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of Act 10. Studies show that when teachers and administrators form collaborative and constructive partnerships student performance improves. The Koch brothers are fostering school climates that prevent these partnerships from developing.” [Center for American Progress, [August 2014](#)]

- **AFP Claimed It Was Not Supporting Certain Candidates But Became Involved After The School Board “Approved New Union Contracts Despite The Collective Bargaining Limits.”** According to Wisconsin Public

Radio, “They're getting out, they're having phone banks, they're going door to door about what's going on in Kenosha,” said David Fladeboe, state director of AFP. He says AFP is not supporting any particular school board candidates. The group decided to become involved in this nonpartisan race after the Kenosha school board approved new union contracts despite the collective bargaining limits for public workers known as Act 10.” [WPR.org, [3/27/14](#)]

**Americans For Prosperity Had A Field Team Doing Phone Banks And Canvassing In The Kenosha Wisconsin School Board Race.** According to the Kenosha News, “Americans for Prosperity — the conservative group funded by billionaire brothers Charles and David Koch — is getting involved with the Kenosha Unified School Board race. David Fladeboe, state director of Americans for Prosperity, said the organization has a field team working on the race, doing phone banks and canvassing in the district.” [Kenosha News, [3/24/14](#)]

## **Board Of Supervisors**

**No Issue Is Too Small For The Kochs' Activists As AFP “Jumped Into An Iron County Board Of Supervisors Election In Northern Wisconsin To Attack Candidates Opposed To An Iron Ore Mine.”** According to the Huffington Post, “Almost no issue appears to be too small for the Kochs' activists. Americans for Prosperity jumped into an Iron County board of supervisors election in northern Wisconsin to attack candidates opposed to an iron ore mine.” [Huffington Post, [8/14/14](#)]

- **Americans For Prosperity Mailed Fliers To Iron County Residents Decrying “The Influence Of Wealthy Radical Environmentalists Who Oppose A Mine In Iron County” And Holding Seven Candidates Responsible.** According to WXPB, “A conservative political advocacy group funded by the billionaire Koch Brothers is dipping its hand into Iron County board elections. Americans For Prosperity has been mailing fliers to Iron County residents. The fliers decry the influence of wealthy radical environmentalists who oppose a mine in Iron County, and point the finger at seven candidates who are challenging county board seats in next week’s election.” [WXPB, [3/27/14](#)]
- **Challengers Won Three Seats In The Iron County Board Elections “Despite Campaign Advertising By A Billionaire-Backed Political Advocacy Group” That Labeled These Candidates As “Anti-Mine Activists.”** According to WXPB, “Challengers won three seats in this week’s Iron County board elections. The wins come despite campaign advertising by a billionaire-backed political advocacy group. Americans for Prosperity labeled Victor Ouimette, Brad Matson, and Karl Krall as anti-mine activists on a recent mailing. All three won seats on the county board in this week’s election, beating out incumbents.” [WXPB, [4/3/14](#)]