

## Big Oil-Backed, Far-Right Extremists Set To Push Anti-Public Lands Agenda In New Congress's House Natural Resources Committee.

**SUMMARY:** Backed by campaign contributions totalling over \$3.8 million, Republicans on the House Natural Resources Committee are poised to use their slim majority to fight for the interests of extractive industries and far-right extremists. The Congressmembers represented below highlight the extreme, anti-public lands agenda poised to dominate in the new Congress.

### Bruce Westerman

- Oil & Gas Industry federal campaign contributions: [\\$416,575](#)
- Supports handing [federal lands to the states](#) and opening them to extractive industries.
- Defended violent anti-government extremists including the [Bundys](#), deflecting blame onto the federal government.
- Prior to the January 6th insurrection, Westerman signed onto an amicus brief supporting a lawsuit to throw out the [2020 presidential election](#) results in four states.

### Paul Gosar

- Oil & Gas Industry federal campaign contributions: [\\$87,053](#)
- [Leader](#) of the extreme movement in the House opposing Kevin McCarthy as speaker.
- Bragged that he "[started the revolution](#)" on January 6th and voted to overturn the 2020 election.
- Wants to take steps to [dispose of public lands](#) in favor of "private property rights."

### Lauren Boebert

- Oil & Gas Industry federal campaign contributions: [\\$121,150](#)
- Terra Energy Partners, a [highly polluting](#) gas company with major operations in Lauren Boebert's congressional district, paid her husband around [\\$1 million](#) for consulting work from 2020 to 2021. [Lauren Boebert herself](#) filed administrative paperwork for the consulting business.
- [Spearheads the opposition](#) to the 30x30 conservation initiative, introducing legislation to [prohibit federal land designations](#) in all western states.
- In a since-deleted Youtube video, Boebert said [QAnon](#) was "motivating and encouraging," "could be really great for this country," and a sign that "America is getting stronger and better."
- Leader of the extreme group [refusing to confirm](#) Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House.

### Matt Rosendale

- Oil & Gas Industry federal campaign contributions: [\\$403,656](#)
- Voiced repeated support for [transferring federal lands to the states](#), saying he believed

federal land-owning agencies including the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service are not supported by the constitution.

- Attempted to force Biden to issue more [oil and gas leases](#).
- In 2018, Rosendale served as a moderator for a [“Tea Party” Facebook group](#) with 95 thousand members that pushed racist conspiracy theories.
- Leader of the extreme group [refusing to confirm](#) Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House.

### **Harriet Hageman**

- Oil & Gas Industry federal campaign contributions: [\\$58,468](#)
- Opened up millions of acres of national forests to extractive industries as an [anti-conservation attorney](#).
- John Sundahl, Harriet Hageman’s husband, represented Sinclair, Merit Energy, and Union Oil as an [oil and gas attorney](#) in cases spanning at least 19 years.
- Promised to be a [champion for the fossil fuel industry](#) in Congress.
- In August 2022, Hageman likened conservation initiatives to [dictators starving and killing](#) their people, claiming “it’s about controlling people through controlling the food supply.”

### **Garret Graves**

- Oil & Gas Industry federal campaign contributions: [\\$850,945](#)
- Pushed for handouts to the oil and gas industry through [royalty rate](#) cuts in March of 2020
- Described President Biden’s [climate plan](#) as “ushering in a soviet-style state.”
- Voted to overturn the [2020 presidential election](#) results in Pennsylvania.

### **Russ Fulcher**

- Oil & Gas Industry federal campaign contributions: [\\$32,100](#)
- Claimed public lands are [“not to be preserved”](#) and should instead be handed over to extractive industries.
- [Opposes endangered species](#) protections, claiming the act “made humans the endangered species.”
- Called for increased drilling on public lands, claiming oil and gas drilling are [“reliable, clean, and environmentally sound.”](#)
- Objected to the certification of the [2020 presidential election](#).

### **Cliff Bentz**

- Oil & Gas Industry federal campaign contributions: [\\$63,270](#)
- Made \$15,800-\$54,000 in capital gains and dividends from his stock [holdings in oil, gas, and energy](#) since 2019
- Tried to force the Biden Administration to [increase oil and gas leasing](#).
- Fought to limit the scope of the [Endangered Species Act](#) by restricting the definition of “critical habitat.”
- Supported pardoning the [anti-government extremists](#) and arsonists who instigated the

- occupation of Malheur Wildlife Refuge.
- Voted against certifying the [2020 presidential election](#) results.

### **Doug Lamborn**

- Oil & Gas Industry federal campaign contributions: [\\$342,630](#)
- Sponsored a bill to make [oil and gas extraction](#) the primary purpose of federal land management.
- Said he would “probably vote” to [eliminate the EPA](#).
- Uses his status in congress to [promote his self-interests](#), allowing his son to live in the Capitol basement, requiring staffers to run errands for his wife, and ordering his staff to help his son get federal jobs.

### **Tom McClintock**

- Oil & Gas Industry federal campaign contributions: [\\$276,059](#)
- Called for limits on the president’s ability to [protect public lands](#) despite widespread support from constituents.
- In July 2020, Tom McClintock [opposed bipartisan legislation](#) to enshrine permanent conservation funding and maintain national parks.

## **Backed By Over \$3.8 Million From Big Oil, House Natural Resources Committee Republicans Are Poised To Represent The Interests Of Extractive Industries Against Conservation Efforts In The 118th Congress.**

### **Republican Congressmembers On House Natural Resources Committee Took Over \$3.8 Million In Campaign Contributions From The Oil & Gas Industry**

Republicans On The House Natural Resources Committee Accepted \$3,802,632 In Campaign Contributions From The Oil & Gas Industry During Their Federal Political Careers.

<b>Oil &amp; Gas Industry Contributions To HNRC Republicans</b>	
<b>Congressmember</b>	<b>Oil &amp; Gas Campaign Contributions</b>
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Bruce Westerman	\$416,575
Matt Rosendale	\$403,656
Doug Lamborn	\$342,630
Tom McClintock	\$276,059
Lauren Boebert	\$121,150
Paul Gosar	\$87,053
Cliff Bentz	\$63,270

Harriet Hageman	\$58,468
Russ Fulcher	\$32,100
John Curtis	\$164,400
Doug LaMalfa	\$151,039
Jerry Carl	\$35,450
Mike Collins	\$18,800
Wesley Hunt	\$335,070
Jennifer Kiggans	\$23,330
Anna Luna	\$20,065
Rob Wittman	\$163,391
Pete Stauber	\$201,641
Tom Tiffany	\$37,540
John Duarte	n/a
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,802,632</b>

[Open Secrets, accessed [01/17/23](#)]

## **Bruce Westerman**

*Bruce Westerman Took \$416K In Campaign Contributions From The Oil & Gas Industry.*

**Westerman Has Accepted \$416,575 From The Oil & Gas Industry Since 2013, Making It His Second Highest Contributing Industry.** [Open Secrets, accessed [01/06/23](#)]

*Bruce Westerman Supports Handing Lands Over To States And Extractive Industries.*

**Bruce Westerman Supports Handing Federal Lands To States And Opening Them To Extractive Industries.** “Both Westerman and Gosar are members of the Congressional Western Caucus, a group of lawmakers who support handing federal lands back to states or counties to manage and opening more federal land, including protected parks and monuments, to mining, oil and gas wells and ranching.” [St Paul Pioneer Press, [06/20/17](#)]

*Bruce Westerman Defended Violent Anti-Government Extremists Like The Bundys, Blaming The Federal Government Instead.*

**Following The Bundys’ Armed Standoff With The Bureau Of Land Management, Bruce Westerman Called For Information On “Misconduct By BLM” Over Claims Of “Bias” And “Religious Discrimination.** “While green groups have zeroed in on the Bundys, Republican lawmakers are taking a hard look at the BLM in the aftermath of the trial, which revealed allegations of misconduct and bias, including religious discrimination, by agents against the

Mormon ranching family. Two House Republicans House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Rob Bishop and Oversight and Investigations subcommittee Chairman Bruce Westerman have asked BLM interim Director Brian Steed for information on the agency's "apparent culture of impunity for law enforcement misconduct." "The failures in the Bundy case and previous cases display serious misconduct by BLM law enforcement officials, and strongly suggest there are systemic issues within BLM's law-enforcement operations," they said in their letter Wednesday." [*The Washington Times*, [01/12/18](#)]

*Westerman Signed A Brief Seeking To Throw Out The Results Of The 2020 Election In Four States.*

**Bruce Westerman Signed Onto An Amicus Brief Supporting A Lawsuit Seeking To Throw Out The Results Of The 2020 Presidential Election In Four States.** "Bruce Westerman, Arkansas' congressman from the 4th District, was one of 106 Republican House members to sign on to an amicus, or "friend of the court" brief, supporting a lawsuit filed in the U.S. Supreme Court by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton seeking to throw out the results of the presidential election in four states." [*Pine Bluff Commercial*, [12/12/20](#)]

## **Paul Gosar**

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**Paul Gosar Has Received \$87,053 From Oil And Gas Interests During His Congressional Career.** [Open Secrets, accessed [01/06/23](#)]

*Paul Gosar Is A Leader Of The Extreme Never-McCarthy Movement In The House.*

**Paul Gosar Is A Leader Of The Never-McCarthy Movement And Was The First Person To Nominate A Republican Alternative.** "Gosar is one of the most controversial members of Congress. He's defended white nationalists and spoken to them and was censured after posting an anime video depicting the killing of Democratic Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and President Biden. He's also one of the leaders of this insurrection against McCarthy and was the first to rise to nominate an alternative. Gosar went viral Tuesday when he was spotted having a conversation with Ocasio-Cortez on the House floor about whether Democrats would help McCarthy get elected. Ocasio-Cortez said she told the faction: 'Absolutely not.'" [NPR, [01/05/23](#)]

*Paul Gosar Bragged That He "Started The Revolution" On January 6th And Voted To Overturn The 2020 Election.*

**Representative Paul Gosar (AZ-04) Voted To Overturn The Results Of The 2020 Presidential Election.** [NY Times, published [1/7/2021](#)]

**Rep. Gosar Claimed He “Started The Revolution” On January 6th.** “On January 6th, 2021, I was the one who started the revolution in regards to accountability of elections,” the Arizona Republican said to some applause.” [AZCentral, published [6/17/2022](#)]

*Gosar Wants To Take Steps To Dispose Public Lands In Favor Of “Private Property Rights.”*

**Paul Gosar Has Called For Inventorying Public Lands “For Disposal.”** “Rep. Gosar, who has a propensity for inflammatory proposals and rhetoric, recently called for the BLM to create an inventory of public lands that would be ‘eligible for disposal’ and criticized the recent review of the federal coal leasing program, calling it ‘shameful.’” [Adventure Journal, [04/11/16](#)]

**Rep. Gosar’s Priorities For Land Use? Private Property Rights And Local Control.** “Gosar, chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus, said House Republicans are largely united on land-use issues. He noted many Freedom Caucus members and GOP leaders like Ryan and House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) belong to the Western Caucus, which has long pushed a libertarian approach to federal land management. ‘We all are committed to protecting private property rights, strengthening local control, fostering economic growth, preserving multiple use of public land and increasing energy independence,’ said Gosar.” [E&E, [05/17/21](#)]

## **Lauren Boebert**

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**Boebert Took Over \$121,150 In Campaign Contributions From The Oil And Gas Industry Since 2019.** According to Open Secrets, Boebert accepted \$121,150 in campaign contributions from the oil and gas industry since 2019. [Open Secrets, accessed [01/06/23](#)]

*Terra Energy Partners, A Highly Polluting Gas Company With Major Operations In Boebert’s Congressional District, Paid Her Husband Around \$1 Million For Consulting Work From 2020 To 2021.*

**Jayson Boebert Received Nearly \$1 Million From 2020 To 2021 From Terra Energy Partners, A Drilling Company With A Large Presence In Boebert’s District.** “Boebert faced intense criticism last year after she filed a disclosure statement showing Jayson Boebert, through Boebert Consulting LLC, made nearly \$1 million from Terra Energy Partners over a two-year span, information that wasn’t released when she first ran for Congress in 2020. Terra Energy Partners has a large Western Slope presence and Boebert, whose district spans across the Western Slope into Pueblo, has been a fierce supporter of the oil and gas industry.” [Colorado Sun, [08/16/22](#)]

- **Terra Energy Partners Was The Fourth Highest Methane Polluter Of All Oil And Gas Companies In 2019, Ranking Higher Than BP And ConocoPhillips.** [Clean Air Task Force, [June 2021](#)]

**2018-2020: Lauren Boebert Filed Documents On Behalf Of Boebert Consulting LLC And Its Registered Agent, JLB903LLC.** [Colorado Secretary of State: JLB903LLC, [01/29/18](#); Boebert Consulting LLC, [01/29/18](#); Boebert Consulting LLC, [04/03/20](#)]

*Boebert Is The Self-Proclaimed Leader Of The Anti-Public-Lands Conservation Movement, Introducing An Act To Prevent Federal Land Designations In All Western States.*

**Boebert Is The Self-Proclaimed Leader Of The Anti-30x30 Movement, Calling It A "Land Grab" By The "Biden Regime."** "Today, Congresswoman Lauren Boebert led 18 Members of Congress in an effort opposing the illegal tactics the Biden regime is using to implement the 30x30 land grab. Congresswoman Lauren Boebert said, "The Biden regime is going around the law by implementing its 30x30 land grab to lock up 30% of public and private property and water by 2030 without providing for public comment or following other required legal procedures." [Rep. Lauren Boebert, [05/26/22](#)]

**Boebert Introduced The 30x30 Termination Act To Prohibit Federal Land Acquisition Or National Monument Declaration In States Where 15% Of Land Is Federally-Managed.** "This bill prohibits federal acquisition of land or declaration of a national monument in certain areas and nullifies a provision of an executive order related to conservation. In a state or county where 15% or more of the land is managed by a federal agency (1) federal funds may not be used to acquire nonfederal land unless the agency proposing the acquisition disposes of an equal amount of federal land within the state or county, and (2) a declaration of a national monument shall not apply." [Congress.gov, [05/07/21](#)]

*Boebert Voiced Approval Of QAnon, Stating That "Q" Being Real Would Mean "America Is Getting Stronger And Better" And That The Fringe Movement "Could Be Really Great For Our Country."*

**Boebert Said QAnon Was "Motivating And Encouraging" And "Could Be Really Great For Our Country."** "Honestly, everything that I've heard of Q - I hope that this is real because it only means America is getting stronger and better and people are returning to conservative values, and that's what I'm for. And so everything that I have heard of this movement is only motivating and encouraging in bringing people together stronger. And if this is real it could be really great for our country." [Youtube, 33:08-33:40, [05/16/20](#)]

*Lauren Boebert Refuses To Vote For Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House.*



**Boebert Refuses To Confirm Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House.** “One GOP leadership source told us they believe there are still five “hard nos” against him – Reps. MATT GAETZ (R-Fla.), LAUREN BOEBERT (R-Colo.), ANDY BIGGS (R-Ariz.), BOB GOOD (R-Va.) and MATT ROSENDALE (R-Mont.). Reminder: He can only lose four. . . .” [*National Review*, [01/05/23](#)]

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*Rosendale Voiced Repeated Support For Transferring Federal Lands To The States, Saying He Believed Federal Land-Ownning Agencies Like BLM And USFS Land Are Not Supported By The Constitution.*

**Rosendale Said The Federal Government Should Transfer Land To The States Because Federal Land-Ownning Agencies Including USFS And BLM Are Not Backed By The Constitution.** “Republican U.S. House candidate Matt Rosendale is proposing that the federal government transfer Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands in Montana to the state to manage and control. Federal lands make up 35 percent of Montana. “The U.S. Constitution clearly defines the purpose for the federal government to retain land for post offices, batteries and things like that,” Rosendale said. “There is no call in the Constitution for the federal government to own national forests or BLM land and just to manage those additional lands.” [*Billings Gazette*, [04/18/14](#)]

*Rosendale Attempted To Force The Biden Administration To Issue More Oil And Gas Leases.*

**Rep. Rosendale Introduced The Restore Onshore Energy Production Act To Force The Biden Administration To Resume Onshore Oil And Gas Lease Sales.** “Today, Representative Rosendale introduced the Restore Onshore Energy Production Act. This bill would require the Biden administration to immediately resume onshore oil and gas lease sales in compliance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920.” [*Rep. Rosendale*, [03/30/22](#)]

*Rosendale Was A Moderator For A “Tea Party” Facebook Group With 95K Members That Pushed Racist Conspiracy Theories.*

**Rosendale Served As An Administrator For A Racist “Tea Party” Facebook Group Pushing Conspiracy Theories.** “Five GOP-backed Republicans running for office in 2018 are listed as



administrators and moderators for a racist, conspiracy theory-pushing Facebook group called “Tea Party.” Some of the group’s administrators have spread hate speech against Muslims and Black activists, and have pushed the Pizzagate conspiracy theory and other false stories about Seth Rich’s murder, the Clintons, and the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, to the group’s almost 95,000 members. [...] Administrators and moderators of the group have been campaigning for all the candidates since as early as September 2017. The candidates are: [...] Matt Rosendale, running to represent Montana in the Senate;” [*Media Matters*, [08/30/18](#)]

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## **Harriet Hageman**

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**In 2022, Representative-Elect Hageman Received \$58,468 In Campaign Contributions From The Oil & Gas Industry.** [OpenSecrets, accessed [01/05/23](#)]

*Hageman Opened Up Millions Of Acres Of National Forests To Extractive Industries As An Anti-Conservation Attorney.*

**Hageman Successfully Challenged A Clinton-Era Federal Regulation Protecting Millions Of Acres Of National Forests From Road-Building And Extractive Industries.** “Her most far-reaching case was a successful challenge of Clinton-era federal regulations to protect millions of acres of National Forests from road-building, mining and other development. A federal judge placed an injunction on the regulations in 2003.” [New York Times, [08/16/22](#)]

*Harriet Hageman’s Husband Is An Oil & Gas Attorney Who Represented Sinclair, Merit Energy, And Union Oil In Cases Spanning At Least 19 Years.*

**John Sundahl, Hageman’s Husband, Is An Oil & Gas Attorney.** “[John Sundahl] is also actively involved in the fields of insurance disputes, bad faith, environmental litigation, public utilities, oil and gas, railroads, land disputes, condemnation, industrial and wind permitting, employment, and banking. [...] John is married to Harriet Hageman.” [Sundahl Powers Kapp & Martin LLC, accessed [12/06/22](#)]

*Hageman Promised To Be A Champion For The Fossil Fuel Industry In Congress.*

**Hageman Promised To Be A Champion For The Fossil Fuel Industry In Congress.** “At a luncheon last week for the Chamber of Commerce of Rock Springs, a community built on fossil-fuel extraction, Ms. Hageman promised to be a champion in Washington for those industries if elected.” [New York Times, [08/16/22](#)]

*Hageman Likened 30x30 And The Green New Deal To Dictators Starving And Killing Their People, Saying "It's About Controlling People Through Controlling The Food Supply."*

**Hageman Likened 30x30 And The Green New Deal To African Dictators Starving People To Stay In Power, Alleging "It's About Controlling People Through Controlling The Food Supply".** “In Sudan, because of the Civil War starting in the 80s and 90s they urbanized all their people and they took them off the land and they put them in refugee camps. And over 90 percent of the food that is consumed in Sudan is imported. So anytime their dictator needed to control the masses and needed to make sure that there would be no uprising, he just starves his people. You can look at Somalia, you can look at the Congo, you can look at country after country after country after country, and what they've done is they control their people with food. They control their people by limiting the food supply. That's what 30 by 30 is about. That's what the Green New Deal is about. That's what all of this is about. From the Netherlands trying to reduce their ag production by 30 percent. It's about controlling people through controlling the food supply. ” [Youtube, R-CALF, 22:17 - 23:02, [09/01/22](#)]

## **Garret Graves**

*Garret Graves Accepted \$850,945 From The Oil And Gas Industry, His Top Contributors.*

**Graves Accepted \$850,945 From The Oil And Gas Industry Since 2013, Making It His Top Contributing Industry During His Political Career.** [*Open Secrets*, accessed [01/06/23](#)]

*Graves Pushed For Handouts To The Oil & Gas Industry Through Royalty Rate Cuts.*

**Representative Graves Suggested A Drop In Royalty Rates Would Help US Oil & Gas Corporation Compete With Russia And Saudi Arabia.** “While we can generally pull oil out of the ground cheaper than Russia in many instances, Saudi Arabia can pull it out of the ground at a much lower barrel cost than us, and part of that is because of our royalty rates... We should be taking a fresh look to see if short-term reductions are necessary based on the low price of energy.” [*Washington Examiner*, [3/17/2020](#)]

*Representative Graves Described President Biden's Climate Plan As "Ushering In A Soviet-Style Socialist State."*

**Representative Graves Said President Biden's Energy Policy Signaled That He Had "Fallen Into A Trap" And Was "Ushering In A Soviet-Style Socialist State."** "Joe Biden has fallen into the trap set by the left to use 'climate change' as the justification for completely restructuring the American economy in hope of ushering in a Soviet-style socialist state. "

[*Republicans-ClimateCrisis.House.Gov*, published [8/14/2020](#)]

*Graves Voted To Overturn The 2020 Presidential Election Results In Pennsylvania.*

**Representative Graves Justified His Vote Stating It "Would Not Have Changed The Outcome Of The Election" And "Democrats Made Similar Votes On The 2016 Election."** "Pennsylvania being overturned, as you know, would not have changed the outcome of the election, but I still think that there were enough issues there that came to a level of concern that justified my vote... And I know that you're probably going to hate me for my vote and whatever else in your story, but I want to remind you that the Democrats made similar votes on the 2016 election." [*E&E*, [11/10/2022](#)]

## **Russ Fulcher**

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*Russ Fulcher Claims Public Lands Are "Not To Be Preserved," Arguing Instead For Handing Land Over To Extractive Industries.*

**Russ Fulcher Argued Public Lands Are "Not To Be Preserved" And Should Be Used For Their Resources When Attacking President Biden's Pause On Oil And Gas Leasing.** "The Biden Administration's attack on U.S. energy independence continues. The purpose of public lands should not be misunderstood by the President. Public lands are intended to provide a resource to our country, not to be preserved and untouched like our parks." [*Rep Russ Fulcher*, Press Release, [01/27/21](#)]

*Russ Fulcher Called For Increased Drilling On Public Lands, Falsely Claiming It Is "Clean And Environmentally Sound."*

**Fulcher Called For More Drilling On Public Land, Calling Oil And Gas "Reliable, Clean, And Environmentally Sound."** "As gas prices continue to surge, it is puzzling why the Biden Administration continues to delay establishing a new schedule for oil and gas sales, which would provide reliable, clean, and environmentally sound drilling operations. Read our letter to DOI." [*Twitter*, @RepRussFulcher, [03/18/22](#)]

*Russ Fulcher Opposes Endangered Species Protections, Baselessly Claiming The Act "Made Humans The Endangered Species."*

**Fulcher: "The Endangered Species Act Has Made Humans The Endangered Species."** "Rep. Russ Fulcher: The Endangered Species Act has made humans the endangered species in a lot of our states because of the negative impact it has had on access and economics." [Facebook, Congressional Western Caucus, [09/28/19](#)]

*Russ Fulcher Objected To The Certification Of The 2020 Presidential Election*

**Russ Fulcher Planned To Object To The Results Of The 2020 Election, Baselessly Claiming States "Broke Their Own Laws."** "[Host:] Congressman, why did you make the decision to challenge [the results of the 2020 presidential election]? [Fulcher:] Because the fact that there were multiple states, the ones that get cued up and challenged today, that simply broke their own laws. They bypassed their state legislatures when they changed the election rules and that in and of itself pulls into question the results of those elections." [Fox News, [01/06/21](#)]

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**Since 2019, Representative Bentz Made Between \$15,800 And \$54,000 In Capital Gains And Dividends From His Stock Holdings In Oil, Gas, And Energy Companies.** According To Representative Cliff Bentz' Personal Financial Disclosures, Bentz held tens of thousands of dollars worth of stock in Duke Energy, Enbridge, Occidental Petroleum Corporation, Southern Company, American Electric Power Company and Chevron Corporation. He made \$15,800 to \$54,000 in capital gains and dividends from his holdings in these companies, which he owned as recently as 2021. [Legistorm, Cliff Bentz Personal Financial Disclosures, accessed [01/06/23](#)]

*Bentz Tried To Force The Biden Administration To Increase Oil & Gas Leasing And Drilling*

**Bentz Co-Sponsored A Bill To Force The Department Of Interior To Push Forward All Oil & Gas Lease Sales Planned In 2016, By The End Of 2022.** "To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct all oil and gas lease sales described in the 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program, and for other purposes." [Congress.gov, [03/30/22](#)]

## *Bentz Fought To Limit The Scope Of The Endangered Species Act And Restrict Protected Habitats*

**Bentz Introduced A Bill To Reduce The Scope Of The Endangered Species Act And Restrict The Definition Of 'Critical Habitat.'** In October of 2021, Bentz introduced H.R. 5708 to reinstate Trump-era restrictions placing a limited scope on the definition of "critical habitat" under the Endangered Species Act. [Congress.gov, [10/26/21](#)]

## *Bentz Supported Pardoning The Anti-Government Extremists And Arsonists Who Instigated Occupation Of Malheur Wildlife Refuge*

**Bentz Commended The Pardons Of Oregon Ranchers And Arsonists Who Instigated The Bundy Land Takeover.** "U.S. Rep. Greg Walden (R-Ore.) encouraged Trump to grant the Hammonds clemency and state Sen. Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario), in whose district the Hammonds lived, celebrated the president's decision in a statement today. "I also want to thank Congressman Greg Walden for his tireless efforts in support of these pardons," Bentz said. "Based upon my conversations with several of those involved I am relatively certain that without the Congressman's meaningful involvement this would not have happened."" [Willamette Week, [07/10/18](#)]

## *Bentz Voted Against Certifying 2020 Election Results*

**Bentz Voted Against Certifying Pennsylvania's Votes In The 2020 Election.** "Although Congress ultimately voted to certify the vote, Bentz was among a group of lawmakers who voted against the certification of votes in Pennsylvania. Bentz said his vote for the Jan. 6 commission and against the certification were consistent because both followed the Constitution. Bentz said Pennsylvania didn't follow the Constitution when it bypassed its state legislature to extend absentee deadlines." [East Oregonian, [06/10/21](#)]

## **Doug Lamborn**

### *Doug Lamborn Took \$342K In Campaign Contributions From The Oil & Gas Industry.*

**2005-2022: Lamborn Received \$342,630 In Campaign Contributions From The Oil & Gas Industry During His Federal Political Career, His 3rd Highest Contributing Industry.** [*Open Secrets*, accessed [01/06/23](#)]

### *Doug Lamborn Wants Public Lands To Primarily Be Used For Oil And Gas Extraction.*

**Doug Lamborn Sponsored A Bill To Make Energy Development The Primary Purpose Of Federal Land Management.** ""This would direct that federal lands be managed for the primary

purpose of energy development, rather than for stewardship balancing multiple uses including recreation,” according to the Natural Resources Defense Council.” [Grist, [11/21/13](#)]

*Doug Lamborn Said He Would “Probably Vote” To Eliminate The Environmental Protection Agency.*

**Doug Lamborn Said He Would “Probably Vote” To Get Rid Of The Environmental Protection Agency.** ““But right now, it’s not in the cards to get rid of EPA completely. And I would probably vote for that, because I trust states like Colorado to step in and do it anyway,” Lamborn told KVOR radio host Doug Lamborn April 10.” [Colorado Times Recorder, [04/13/17](#)]

*Doug Lamborn Showed A “Recklessly Self-Serving Approach To His Position,” Ordering Staffers To Run Errands For His Wife, Help His Son Get Federal Jobs, And Buy Gifts For His Family.*

**Doug Lamborn Allegedly Ignored COVID Safety, Allowed His Son To Live In The US Capitol Basement, Required Staffers To Run Personal Errands For His Family, And Ordered Staff Members To Help His Son Get Federal Jobs In A “Recklessly Self-Serving Approach To His Position.”** “U.S. Rep. Doug Lamborn showed a “disregard for the rules” of Congress and a “recklessly self-serving approach to his position” when the eight-term Colorado Republican ignored COVID-19 safety protocols, let his son live in the basement of the U.S. Capitol and required government employees to run personal errands for the family, a former staffer alleged in federal court Thursday.[...] That son applied to federal jobs, and Lamborn’s office “required Mr. Pope and another staffer to show (the son) how the USA Jobs site worked and to give him tips on completing applications for federal employment,” the lawsuit alleges. Staffers were also required to prepare Lamborn’s son for job interviews.”” [Denver Post, [05/13/21](#)]

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*Tom McClintock Took \$276K In Campaign Contributions From The Oil & Gas Industry.*

**The Oil & Gas Industry Contributed \$276,059 Tom McClintock’s Political Campaigns Since 1991.** [Open Secrets, Tom McClintock, accessed [01/06/23](#)]

*Representative McClintock Called For Limits On The Use Of The Antiquities Act To Establish National Monuments.*

**In 2017, Representative McClintock Proposed Amending The Antiquities Act To Limit Acreage And Increase Review Of Monument Designations.** “Rep. Tom McClintock (R-Calif.), the chair of the committee’s federal lands panel, said ‘ongoing abuses of the Antiquities Act are antithetical’ to the committee’s goals of expanding public access to federal lands and managing them along with local governments. He proposed amending the law – which allows the president to unilaterally protect land or water owned by the federal government – to set acreage limits on monuments or require more input from local and state governments before allowing for such designations. ‘As is often the case with small grants of power to the executive,

those grants can often expand to absurd overreaches,' McClintock said." [[The Hill](#), posted [5/2/2017](#)]

*Representative McClintock Opposed The Bipartisan Great American Outdoors Act, A Law To Enshrine Permanent Conservation Funding And Maintain National Parks.*

**Representative McClintock Complained The Great American Outdoors Act Created A "Slush Fund" For "Unelected Bureaucrats" To Take Private Property.** "...we're left with a measure that locks in nearly a billion dollars a year in mandatory spending in perpetuity for new land acquisitions and places it outside of Congress' control, while removing the requirement that future acquisitions be focused where the Federal government owns very little land. It means that unelected bureaucrats will have a billion-dollar-a-year slush fund to take private property off the tax rolls with no accountability to our local communities, no provisions for long-term maintenance, and no reforms to protect our people from the scourge of wildfire produced by the continuing neglect of our federal forests." [[McClintock.House.gov](#), [7/22/2020](#)]