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How Politicians Mobilized After Receiving Campaign Cash From Oil, Gas Industries

Introduction

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is on deadline to issue its highly anticipated climate disclosure requirements by April 2024. When the decision is announced, we will learn whether the years-long, coordinated efforts by corporate polluters paid off.

In March 2022, the SEC issued a proposed rule that would require publicly traded companies to disclose information about direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions.

Oil, gas, and other polluting industries promptly mobilized their network of 200+ federal elected officials and 30+ statewide elected officials – to whom these industries had given more than \$155 million in combined campaign donations over their political careers.

What ensued in the comment period was a series of letters spearheaded by Republican members of congress raising dubious concerns. In parallel, dozens of Republican governors and state attorney generals sent similarly coded letters disparaging the SEC's proposed rule.

But these actions were not isolated. Since the letters were sent in 2022, the same elected officials have yielded their political power to sow misinformation, scrutiny, and doubt around responsible investing broadly. In 2023 several bills were introduced to preemptively limit or prevent the SEC's ruling. Other scare tactics have ranged from antagonistic [probes](#), new depths of [manipulation](#) of the law, and even statewide [bans](#).

According to a [new poll](#) from Public Citizen, more than half of voters, including 52% of Republicans and 63% of Independents, oppose Congress putting limits on these kinds of disclosures. In fact, a [majority](#) of voters agree that financial managers should be allowed to consider environmental factors when making investing decisions.

Beyond ignoring what Americans want, these efforts by elected officials on behalf of the oil and gas industries are damaging to the U.S. economy. Projections show that anti-ESG policies could result in the [loss of billions](#) of dollars in returns for public pensions across the nation.

On the global stage, any further delays to the SEC's climate disclosure rule will cause the U.S. to cede ground to China and other hostile nations – and could rollback progress in states that are ahead of the game like California.

Nearly two years after the SEC released its proposed climate disclosure ruling, the oil and gas industries have demonstrated their power in Washington and state capitols across the country, at the detriment of American businesses, consumers, and the environment. The SEC's final ruling will reveal whether the efforts of federal and state elected officials who have acted at the behest of corporate polluters have been successful.

Key Findings

U.S. Senators Acting on Behalf of Oil & Gas Industry

40 Republican Senators, who have publicly opposed the SEC's Scope 3 climate rule, have taken over \$37 million from the oil & gas industry during their careers.



Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), who has received more than \$4.8 million in lifetime campaign donations from corporate polluters, signed two letters to the SEC and cosponsored the introduction of the Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolution in February 2023, which aims to prevent a Department of Labor rule that would encourage fiduciaries to support ESG priorities.



Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR), who has received at least \$949,342 in campaign contributions from the oil and gas industries, signed two letters in June 2022 claiming the SEC's proposed ruling will have negative impacts on the agriculture sector. In July 2023, Sen. Cotton also introduced the Ensuring Sound Guidance (ESG) Act, which would prevent large asset managers from considering ESG metrics when making investment decisions.



Senator J.D. Vance (R-OH), who entered the U.S. Senate in January 2023, well after the release of the SEC's proposed rule, promptly returned the favor of \$291,714 in campaign donations from these groups by cosponsoring the Protect Farmers from the SEC Act (S.391) one month later.

Fast Fact: Senators from Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana are some of the top recipients of oil and gas contributions. Texas Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz take the top two spots with a combined \$9.5 million in donations. Oklahoma Sens. James Lankford and Markwayne Mullin take the third and eighth spots with more than \$3 million in combined donations. Louisiana Sens. Bill Cassidy and John Kennedy take the fourth and seventh spots with more than \$3.1 million in contributions.

Key Findings

U.S. House Representatives Acting on Behalf of Oil & Gas Industry

171 Republican Members of Congress working to kill the SEC's climate rule have taken over \$45 million from the oil & gas industry to fund their political careers.



Representative Steve Scalise (R SC-01), who has received the most House funding from the oil and gas industries with more than \$2.3 million in career donations, signed a letter in June 2022 accusing the SEC of overstepping its authority with the proposed ruling. A few months later, in response to Bank of America Chief Executive Brian Moynihan's remarks at the World Economic Forum reinforcing the need for global ESG standards to fortify capitalism, Rep. Scalise publicly [accused](#) people like Moynihan of harming American families.



House Judiciary Chairman Jim Jordan (R OH-04), who has received \$253,240 in donations from corporate polluters, launched a probe in December 2023 on financial firms, including the world's largest asset manager, BlackRock, for their efforts to combat climate change and finance the energy transition.



Representative Wesley Hunt (R TX-38), who entered the U.S. House of Representatives in January 2023, well after the release of the SEC's proposed rule, promptly returned the favor of \$118,427 in campaign donations from the oil and gas industries by cosponsoring the Scope 3 Act (H.R.3057) a few months later

Fast Fact: Of the House of Representatives with the top 10 highest campaign contributions from the oil and gas industries, five are from Texas, including Reps. August Pfluger (TX-11) with \$1.5 million and Pete Sessions (TX-17) with \$1.5 million, and two are from Oklahoma, including Rep. Tom Cole (OK-04) with \$1.2 million.

Key Findings

Statewide Elected Officials Acting on Behalf of Oil & Gas Industry

31 Republican statewide elected officials who have publicly pushed back against the SEC's climate disclosure rule have taken over \$69 million from the oil and gas industries during their careers.



In Texas, Governor Greg Abbott and Attorney General Ken Paxton, who have received at least \$57 million in combined career contributions from the oil and gas industries, have repeatedly attacked companies engaging in responsible investing, most recently banning public contracts with companies maintaining ESG policies. Ken Paxton led both letters from dozens of States Attorney Generals in June 2022 to the SEC attacking the proposed ruling and specifically Scope 3.



Louisiana Governor-Elect Jeff Landry, who has received at least \$1.3 million in campaign donations from corporate polluters, signed letters as then-State Attorney General to the SEC in June and July 2022 that accused the Commission of “destroying industries central to the American economy.”



Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds, who has received at least \$978,076 from oil and gas companies, signed a letter in May 2022 alongside several other governors criticizing the SEC's proposed ruling.

Fast Fact: Both governors and state attorney generals from the following states signed public letters to the SEC and received campaign contributions from corporate polluters: Alabama, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, Texas, and Utah.

The Republicans Working To Eliminate Scope 3 Emissions Disclosures Or Outright Kill The SEC's Climate Rule Are Dripping With Over \$152 Million From The Oil & Gas Industry

The Republican federal and state officials working to kill or water down the SEC's climate disclosure rule – and in many cases specifically the Scope 3 provisions – have taken over \$152 million in campaign cash from the oil, gas and other polluting industries during their careers.

- The 40 Republican Senators who have publicly opposed the SEC's climate rule – and in many cases the Scope 3 provisions specifically – have taken over \$37 million from the oil & gas industry during their careers.
- The 171 Republican Members of Congress working to kill the SEC's climate rule have taken over \$45.9 million from the oil & gas industry to fund their political careers.
- At least 30 Republican statewide elected officials are also working to kill the SEC's climate disclosure rule after taking at least \$69 million from the oil & gas industry.

The Republican Federal And State Officials Working To Kill Or Water Down The SEC's Climate Disclosure Rule – And Specifically The Scope 3 Provisions – Have Taken Over \$152 Million In Campaign Cash From The Oil, Gas And Other Polluting Industries During Their Careers.

The 40 Republican Senators Who Have Publicly Opposed The SEC’s Climate Rule – And In Many Cases The Scope 3 Provisions Specifically – Have Taken Over \$37.3 Million From The Oil & Gas Industry During Their Careers

Senator	Opposition To SEC Rule	Concerns On Scope 3 Specifically	Career Money From Oil & Gas Industry
Barrasso, John (R-WY)	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	\$1,543,328
Boozman, John (R-AR)	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter; Co-Sponsored Mandatory Materiality Requirement Act of 2023	April 2022 Senate Letter; June 10, 2022 Senate Letter; Sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$543,938
Braun, Mike (R-IN)	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$230,767
Britt, Katie (R-AL)	Co-Sponsored Mandatory Materiality Requirement Act of 2023	-	\$145,693
Budd, Ted (R-NC)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC; August 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$290,957
Capito, Shelley Moore (R-WV)	April 2022 Senate Letter	April 2022 Senate Letter	\$1,119,360
Cassidy, Bill (R-LA)	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	\$1,767,243

Cotton, Tom (R-AR)	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	\$949,342
Cornyn, John (R-TX)	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	\$4,860,730
Cramer, Kevin (R-ND)	June 15, 2022 Senate Letter; Co-Sponsored Mandatory Materiality Requirement Act of 2023	April 2022 Senate Letter; June 15, 2022 Senate Letter; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$1,559,880
Crapo, Mike (R-ID)	June 15, 2022 Senate Letter	April 2022 Senate Letter; June 10, 2022 Senate Letter; June 15, 2022 Senate Letter	\$705,057
Cruz, Ted (R-TX)	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	\$4,654,518
Daines, Steve (R-MT)	June 15, 2022 Senate Letter; Co-Sponsored Mandatory Materiality Requirement Act of 2023;	April 2022 Senate Letter; June 10, 2022 Senate Letter; June 15, 2022 Senate Letter; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$1,233,810
Ernst, Joni (R-IA)	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	April 2022 Senate Letter; June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	\$519,748
Fischer, Deb (R-NE)	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter;	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$398,678
Graham, Lindsey (R-SC)	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	April 2022 Senate Letter; June 10,	\$852,745

		2022 Senate Letter	
Grassley, Chuck (R-IA)	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter; Co-Sponsored Mandatory Materiality Requirement Act of 2023	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$559,914
Hagerty, Bill (R-TN)	June 15, 2022 Senate Letter; November 2023 Letter To SEC; Co-Sponsored Mandatory Materiality Requirement Act of 2023	April 2022 Senate Letter; June 10, 2022 Senate Letter; June 15, 2022 Senate Letter; November 2023 Letter To SEC	\$203,793
Hawley, Josh (R-MO)	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	\$367,855
Hoeven, John (R-ND)	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	\$954,513
Hyde-Smith, Cindy (R-MS)	-	Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$381,087
Kennedy, John (R-LA)	June 15, 2022 Senate Letter	April 2022 Senate Letter; June 10, 2022 Senate Letter; June 15, 2022 Senate Letter; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$1,422,243
Lankford, James (R-OK)	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	\$1,783,419
Lummis, Cynthia (R-WY)	June 15, 2022 Senate Letter; Co-Sponsored Mandatory Materiality Requirement Act of 2023	April 2022 Senate Letter; June 10, 2022 Senate Letter; June 15, 2022 Senate Letter;	\$646,781

		Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	
Marshall, Roger (R-KS)	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	\$276,333
Moran, Jerry (R-KS)	June 15, 2022 Senate Letter	April 2022 Senate Letter; June 10, 2022 Senate Letter; June 15, 2022 Senate Letter	\$847,972
Mullin, Markwayne (R-OK)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$1,246,255
Ricketts, Pete (R-NE)	May 2022 Governors' Letter To SEC	-	\$128,166
Risch, James (R-ID)	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	\$362,767
Rounds, Mike (R-SD)	June 15, 2022 Senate Letter; Sponsored Mandatory Materiality Requirement Act of 2023	April 2022 Senate Letter; June 10, 2022 Senate Letter; June 15, 2022 Senate Letter	\$324,621
Schmitt, Eric (R-MO)	July 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	June 15, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC; June 17, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	\$98,443
Scott, Rick (R-FL)	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	\$351,207
Scott, Tim (R-SC)	June 15, 2022 Senate Letter; February 2023 Oversight Letter	April 2022 Senate Letter; June 10, 2022 Senate Letter; June 15, 2022 Senate Letter	\$986,946
Sullivan, Dan (R-AK)	April 2022 Senate Letter; Co-Sponsored Mandatory Materiality Requirement Act of 2023	April 2022 Senate Letter	\$873,648

Thune, John (R-SD)	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	\$1,110,888
Tillis, Thom (R-NC)	June 15, 2022 Senate Letter; Co-Sponsored Mandatory Materiality Requirement Act of 2023	April 2022 Senate Letter; June 10, 2022 Senate Letter; June 15, 2022 Senate Letter	\$740,472
Tuberville, Tommy (R-AL)	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$131,929
Vance, J.D. (R-OH)	-	Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$291,714
Wicker, Roger (R-MS)	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	April 2022 Senate Letter; June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	\$1,132,293
Young, Todd (R-IN)	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	June 10, 2022 Senate Letter	\$789,639
Total			\$37,388,692

Campaign finance data sourced from OpenSecrets.org.

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Congressperson	Opposition To SEC Rule	Concerns On Scope 3 Specifically	Career \$\$ From Oil & Gas
Aderholt, Robert (R-AL)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$303,503
Allen, Rick (R-GA)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The	\$118,850

		“Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	
Amodei, Mark (R-NV)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$98,500
Armstrong, Kelly (R-ND)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$696,601
Arrington, Jody (R-TX)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Scope 3 Act”	\$629,895
Babin, Brian (R-OH)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$374,543
Bacon, Don (R-NE)	-	Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$193,101
Baird, Jim (R-IN)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$10,400
Balderson, Troy (R-OH)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$341,614
Banks, Jim (R-IN)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$131,384
Barr, Andy (R-KY)	June 2022 Letter to SEC; August 2022 Letter to SEC; Sponsored Mandatory Materiality Requirement Act of 2023	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$371,921
Bentz, Cliff (R-OR)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	-	\$75,270

Bergman, Jack (R-MI)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$144,047
Bice, Stephanie (R-OK)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; December 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"	\$418,511
Biggs, Andy (R-AZ)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 4, 2022 Letter to SEC; May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$49,233
Bilirakis, Gus (R-FL)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	-	\$290,050
Bishop, Dan (R-NC)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"	\$63,810
Boebert, Lauren (R-CO)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC	Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"	\$193,056
Bost, Mike (R-IL)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$203,121
Buchanan, Vern (R-FL)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	-	\$195,188
Buck, Ken (R-CO)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$520,715
Bucshon, Larry (R-IN)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"	\$174,705
Burchett, Tim (R-TN)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$43,130
Burgess, Michael (R-TX)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC	-	\$610,978
Calvert, Ken (R-CA)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	-	\$457,339

Cammack, Kat (R-FL)	April 2022 Letter to SEC ; June 2022 Letter to SEC ; December 2022 Letter to SEC	Co-sponsored The "Scope 3 Act"	\$91,937
Carey, Mike (R-OH)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC ; Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"	\$51,800
Carl, Jerry (R-AL)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC ; Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act" ; Co-sponsored The "Scope 3 Act"	\$46,296
Carter, Buddy (R-GA)	December 2022 Letter to SEC ; June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC ; Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"	\$246,868
Chavez-DeRemer, Lori (R-OR)	-	Co-sponsored The "Scope 3 Act"	\$38,960
Cline, Ben (R-VA)	April 2022 Letter to SEC ; June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC ; Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"	\$52,357
Cloud, Michael (R-TX)	April 2022 Letter to SEC ; June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 4, 2022 Letter to SEC ; May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$132,603
Clyde, Andrew (R-GA)	April 2022 Letter to SEC ; June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 4, 2022 Letter to SEC ; May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$6,900
Cole, Tom (R-OK)	-	Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"	\$1,281,670

Comer, James (R-KY)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 4, 2022 Letter to SEC; May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$98,830
Crawford, Rick (R-AR)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”; Co-sponsored The “Scope 3 Act”	\$183,872
Crenshaw, Dan (R-TX)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Scope 3 Act”	\$1,028,760
Curtis, John (R-UT)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	-	\$235,400
Davidson, Warren (R-OH)	June 2022 Letter to SEC; August 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$43,332
De La Cruz, Monica (R-TX)	Member of House GOP Anti-ESG Working Group; Criticized Climate Disclosure Rule at April 18, 2023 HFSC Hearing	Co-sponsored The “Scope 3 Act”	\$78,977
DesJarlais, Scott (R-TN)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$54,100
Donalds, Byron (R-FL)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; December 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC; Member of House GOP Anti-ESG Working Group	May 4, 2022 Letter to SEC; July 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Scope 3 Act”	\$90,903
Duncan, Jeff (R-SC)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter	-	\$458,863

	to SEC; Co-sponsored H.Res. 32 On Materiality In Securities Laws		
Dunn, Neal (R-FL)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$21,905
Edwards, Chuck (R-NC)	-	Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$23,769
Ellzey, Jake (R-TX)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$131,593
Emmer, Tom (R-MN)	June 2022 Letter to SEC; August 2022 Letter to SEC	Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$267,009
Estes, Ron (R-KS)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$418,699
Fallon, Pat (R-TX)	April 2022 Letter to SEC	May 4, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Scope 3 Act”	\$32,900
Feenstra, Randy (R-IA)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”; Co-sponsored The “Scope 3 Act”	\$123,325

Ferguson, Drew (R-GA)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$177,640
Finstad, Brad (R-MN)	-	Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$29,750
Fischbach, Michelle (R-MN)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Offered anti-Scope 3 Disclosure Amendment to 2023 House Financial Services Appropriations Bill	\$63,561
Fitzgerald, Scott (R-WI)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	July 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$30,500
Fitzpatrick, Brian (R-PA)	June 15, 2022 Letter From B. Fitzpatrick To SEC	-	\$262,734
Fleischmann, Chuck (R-TN)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$106,850
Flood, Mike (R-NE)	December 2022 Letter to SEC	July 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$16,400
Foxx, Virginia (R-NC)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 4, 2022 Letter to SEC; May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$183,356
Franklin, C. Scott (R-FL)	April 2022 Letter to SEC	May 4, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$22,650
Fulcher, Russ (R-ID)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers	\$38,100

		<u>From The SEC Act</u>	
Garbarino, Andrew (R-NY)	<u>June 2022 Letter to SEC; Member of House GOP Anti-ESG Working Group</u>	<u>July 2022 Letter to SEC</u>	<u>\$88,746</u>
Good, Bob (R-VA)	<u>June 2022 Letter to SEC</u>	-	<u>\$36,383</u>
Gooden, Lance (R-TX)	<u>June 2022 Letter to SEC; August 2022 Letter to SEC</u>	<u>May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC</u>	<u>\$258,950</u>
Gosar, Paul (R-AZ)	<u>April 2022 Letter to SEC; May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC</u>	<u>May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC</u>	<u>\$91,053</u>
Graves, Garret (R-LA)	<u>June 2022 Letter to SEC</u>	-	<u>\$973,695</u>
Graves, Sam (R-MO)	<u>June 2022 Letter to SEC</u>	<u>May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"</u>	<u>\$529,933</u>
Green, Mark (R-TN)	<u>May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC</u>	<u>May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC</u>	<u>\$113,367</u>
Griffith, H. Morgan (R-VA)	<u>June 2022 Letter to SEC</u>	-	<u>\$336,471</u>
Grothman, Glenn (R-WI)	<u>June 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored H.Res. 32 On Materiality In Securities Laws</u>	<u>May 4, 2022 Letter to SEC</u>	<u>\$113,343</u>
Guest, Michael (R-MS)	<u>April 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC</u>	<u>May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"</u>	<u>\$156,019</u>
Guthrie, Brett (R-KY)	<u>June 2022 Letter to SEC</u>	<u>May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC</u>	<u>\$386,505</u>
Hageman, Harriet (R-WY)	-	<u>Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers</u>	<u>\$22,705</u>

		From The SEC Act	
Harshbarger, Diana (R-TN)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$27,092
Hern, Kevin (R-OK)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	-	\$480,895
Higgins, Clay (R-LA)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 4, 2022 Letter to SEC; May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"	\$177,776
Hill, French (R-AR)	June 2022 Letter to SEC; August 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$281,626
Hinson, Ashley (R-IA)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC; Questioned Authority of SEC To Require Emissions Disclosures in April 2023 House Appropriations Hearing	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"	\$203,726
Houchin, Erin (R-IN)	Member of House GOP Anti-ESG Working Group	-	\$27,850
Hudson, Richard (R-NC)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; December 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"	\$573,862
Huizenga, Bill (R-MI)	June 2022 Letter to SEC; August 2022 Letter to SEC; February 2023 Oversight Letter; Sponsored GUARDRAIL Act of 2023; Sponsored	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$188,451

	Mandatory Materiality Requirement Act of 2023; Leader of House GOP Anti-ESG Working Group		
Hunt, Wesley (R-TX)	-	Co-sponsored The "Scope 3 Act"	\$118,427
Jacobs, Chris (R-NY)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$49,614
Johnson, Bill (R-OH)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"	\$865,812
Johnson, Dusty (R-SD)	December 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored H.Res. 32 On Materiality In Securities Laws	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"	\$164,286
Speaker of the House Mike Johnson (R-OH)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"	\$337,225
Jackson, Ronny (R-TX)	-	Sponsored The "Scope 3 Act"	\$266,595
Jordan, Jim (R-OH)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 4, 2022 Letter to SEC; May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$253,240
Joyce, David (R-OH)	June 2022 Letter to SEC; Sponsored H.Res. 32 On Materiality In Securities Laws	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$270,254
Joyce, John (R-PA)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC	-	\$135,500
Kelly, Mike (R-PA)	-	Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers	\$482,438

		From The SEC Act	
Kelly, Trent (R-MS)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$107,852
Kim, Young (R-CA)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	July 2022 Letter to SEC	\$177,565
Kustoff, David (R-TN)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"	\$96,250
LaHood, Darin (R-IL)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$291,950
LaMalfa, Doug (R-CA)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"	\$154,039
Lamborn, Doug (R-CO)	December 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC	Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"	\$343,880
Latta, Bob (R-OH)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	-	\$606,441
LaTurner, Jake (R-KS)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 4, 2022 Letter to SEC; May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"	\$266,152
Lesko, Debbie (R-AZ)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$132,242
Letlow, Julia (R-LA)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"	\$72,550

Loudermilk, Barry (R-GA)	June 2022 Letter to SEC; August 2022 Letter to SEC; Member of House GOP Anti-ESG Working Group	-	\$88,655
Lucas, Frank (R-OK)	June 2022 Letter to SEC; August 2022 Letter to SEC; Sponsored GUARDRAIL Act of 2023	Sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$938,870
Luetkemeyer, Blaine (R-MO)	June 2022 Letter to SEC; August 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; July 2022 Letter to SEC	\$59,001
Mace, Nancy (R-SC)	April 2022 Letter to SEC	May 4, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$152,980
Mann, Tracey (R-KS)	December 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$99,850
Massie, Thomas (R-KY)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$102,851
McCaul, Michael (R-TX)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	Co-sponsored The “Scope 3 Act”	\$984,712
McClain, Lisa (R-MI)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$27,550
McClintock, Tom (R-CA)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$285,859
McHenry, Patrick (R-NC)	June 2022 Letter to SEC; August 2022 Letter to SEC;	-	\$396,508

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McMorris Rodgers, Cathy (R-WA)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	-	\$1,252,483
Meuser, Dan (R-PA)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; July 2022 Letter to SEC; Sponsored GUARDRAIL Act of 2023	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; July 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$87,250
Miller, Carol (R-WV)	December 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC	-	\$108,656
Miller, Mary (R-IL)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”; Co-sponsored The “Scope 3 Act”	\$25,800
Miller-Meeks, Mariannette (R-IA)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$132,181
Moolenaar, John (R-MI)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$110,550
Mooney, Alexander (R-WV)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC; August 2022 Letter to SEC; Sponsored GUARDRAIL Act of 2023	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$183,163

Moore, Barry (R-AL)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”; Co-sponsored The “Scope 3 Act”	\$6,754
Moore, Blake (R-UT)	March 2023 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC	-	\$69,450
Murphy, Greg (R-NC)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$17,913
Nehls, Troy (R-TX)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Scope 3 Act”	\$192,599
Newhouse, Dan (R-WA)	December 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC	Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$134,710
Norman, Ralph (R-SC)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC; August 2022 Letter to SEC	May 4, 2022 Letter to SEC; May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Scope 3 Act”	\$64,178
Nunn, Zach (R-IA)	-	Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$36,540
Obernolte, Jay (R-CA)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$56,790
Ogles, Andy (R-TN)	Member of House GOP Anti-ESG Working Group	Co-sponsored The “Scope 3 Act”	\$111
Owens, Burgess (R-UT)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	-	\$72,605
Palmer, Gary (R-AL)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$169,700
Pence, Greg (R-IN)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC;	\$243,750

		Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	
Perry, Scott (R-PA)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC	-	\$205,040
Pfluger, August (R-TX)	December 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC	October 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”; Co-sponsored The “Scope 3 Act”	\$1,586,702
Posey, Bill (R-FL)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC; August 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$130,400
Reschenthaler, Guy (R-PA)	December 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$221,940
Rogers, Hal (R-KY)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$394,095
Rogers, Mike (R-AL)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$191,400
Rose, John (R-TN)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC; August 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$47,010
Rosendale, Matt (R-MT)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$414,984
Rouzer, David (R-NC)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Scope 3 Act”	\$197,306

Roy, Chip (R-TX)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$584,837
Salazar, Maria (R-FL)	July 2022 Letter to SEC	July 2022 Letter to SEC	\$94,587
Scalise, Steve (R-SC)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	-	\$2,393,963
Schweikert, David (R-AZ)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	-	\$184,646
Scott, Austin (R-GA)	December 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"	\$55,987
Self, Keith (R-TX)	-	Co-sponsored The "Scope 3 Act"	\$1,075
Sessions, Pete (R-TX)	June 2022 Letter to SEC; August 2022 Letter to SEC	May 4, 2022 Letter to SEC; May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The "Scope 3 Act"	\$1,534,255
Simpson, Mike (R-ID)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	-	\$457,300
Smith, Adrian (R-NE)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The "Protect Farmers From The SEC Act"	\$167,850
Smith, Jason (R-MO)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	-	\$382,450
Smucker, Lloyd (R-PA)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	-	\$183,006
Stauber, Pete (R-MN)	December 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; July 2022 Letter to SEC	\$294,191
Stefanik, Elise (R-NY)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	-	\$347,575
Steil, Bryan (R-WI)	June 2022 Letter to SEC; August 2022 Letter to SEC;	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$205,471

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Steube, Greg (R-FL)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$45,430
Strong, Dale (R-AL)	-	Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$5,000
Taylor, Van (R-TX)	June 2022 Letter to SEC; August 2022 Letter to SEC	-	\$494,091
Tenney, Claudia (R-NY)	July 2022 Letter to SEC	July 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$329,241
Thompson, Glenn “GT” (R-PA)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$654,590
Timmons, William (R-SC)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC; August 2022 Letter to SEC; December 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$51,405
Valadao, David (R-CA)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$521,476
Van Duyne, Beth (R-TX)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; July 2022 Letter to SEC	\$469,176
Wagner, Ann (R-MO)	June 2022 Letter to SEC; August 2022 Letter to SEC; December 2022 Letter to SEC;	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$242,864

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Walberg, Tim (R-MI)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$410,596
Waltz, Michael (R-FL)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$82,496
Weber, Randy (R-TX)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”; Co-sponsored The “Scope 3 Act”	\$523,953
Webster, Dan (R-FL)	April 2022 Letter to SEC;	-	\$85,975
Wenstrup, Brad (R-OH)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$106,275
Westerman, Bruce (R-AR)	April 2022 Letter to SEC; June 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”	\$629,111
Williams, Roger (R-TX)	June 2022 Letter to SEC; August 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; July 2022 Letter to SEC; Co-sponsored The “Protect Farmers From The SEC Act”; Co-sponsored The “Scope 3 Act”	\$1,262,180

Wilson, Joe (R-SC)	June 2022 Letter to SEC	-	\$139,878
Wittman, Rob (R-VA)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	\$183,208
Womack, Steve (R-AR)	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC	May 25, 2022 Letter to SEC; Praised anti-Scope 3 Disclosure Amendment to 2023 House Financial Services Appropriations Bill	\$180,819
Total			\$45,939,247

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At Least 30 Republican Statewide Elected Officials Are Also Working To Kill The SEC's Climate Disclosure Rule After Taking At Least \$69.1 Million From The Oil & Gas Industry

Official	State	Opposition To SEC Rule	Concerns On Scope 3 Specifically	Career Money From Energy & Natural Resources Sectors*
Governor Kay Ivey	AL	May 2022 Governors' Letter To SEC	-	\$814,500
Attorney General Steve Marshall	AL	July 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	June 15, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	\$296,250
Governor Mike Dunleavy	AK	May 2022 Governors' Letter To SEC	-	\$149,636
Attorney General Treg Taylor	AK	July 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	June 15, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC; June 17, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	Appointed by Governor
Lieutenant Governor Leslie Rutledge	AR	July 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	June 15, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC; June 17, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	\$116,850
Attorney General Ashley Moody	FL	July 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	June 15, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	\$78,903
Attorney General Chris Carr	GA	July 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	June 15, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	\$162,067
Governor Kim Reynolds	IA	May 2022 Governors' Letter To SEC	-	\$978,076
Governor Brad Little	ID	May 2022 Governors' Letter To SEC	-	\$363,346

Attorney General Todd Rokita	IN	July 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	June 15, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC; June 17, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	\$385,176
Governor Jeff Landry	LA	July 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	June 15, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC; June 17, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	\$1,337,673
Governor Mike Parson	MO	May 2022 Governors' Letter To SEC	-	\$462,983
Governor Tate Reeves	MS	May 2022 Governors' Letter To SEC	-	\$792,406
Attorney General Lynn Fitch	MS	July 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	June 15, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC; June 17, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	\$809,650
Governor Greg Gianforte	MT	May 2022 Governors' Letter To SEC	-	\$598,580
Attorney General Austin Knudsen	MT	July 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	June 15, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC; June 17, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	\$17,441
Governor Doug Burgum	ND	May 2022 Governors' Letter To SEC	-	\$312,030
Attorney General Drew Wrigley	ND	July 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	June 15, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	\$13,750
Attorney General Dave Yost	OH	July 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	June 15, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	\$483,595
Governor Kevin Stitt	OK	May 2022 Governors' Letter To SEC	-	\$721,966

Attorney General Alan Wilson	SC	July 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	June 15, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC; June 17, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	\$136,575
Governor Kristi Noem	SD	May 2022 Governors' Letter To SEC	-	\$908,876
Governor Greg Abbott	TX	May 2022 Governors' Letter To SEC	-	\$52,660,979
Attorney General Ken Paxton	TX	June 17, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC (led letter)	June 17, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC (led letter)	\$5,034,012
Governor Spencer Cox	UT	May 2022 Governors' Letter To SEC	April 2022 Letter From Governor Cox To SEC	\$299,995
Attorney General Sean Reyes	UT	July 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	June 15, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC; June 17, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	\$122,985
Attorney General Jason Miyares	VA	July 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	June 15, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	\$502,584
Attorney General Patrick Morrissey	WV	July 2022 AGs Letter to SEC (Led Letter)	June 15, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC (Led Letter)	\$479,242
Governor Mark Gordon	WY	May 2022 Governors' Letter To SEC	-	\$135,250
Attorney General Bridget Hill	WY	July 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	June 15, 2022 AGs Letter to SEC	Appointed by Governor
Total				\$69,175,376

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