

TRUMP TRANSITION TEAM'S KOCH TIES

Mike McKenna

DONALD TRUMP'S TRANSITION OPERATION APPOINTED FORMER KOCH COMPANIES PUBLIC SECTOR LOBBYIST MIKE MCKENNA TO RUN TEAMS RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Donald Trump's Transition Operation Appointed Former Koch Companies Public Sector Lobbyist Mike McKenna To Run Teams Related To The Department Of Energy. According to Politico, "Donald Trump's presidential transition operation has recruited GOP energy lobbyist Mike McKenna and vocal climate skeptic Myron Ebell to run teams focused on the Energy Department and EPA respectively, according to people familiar with the hires. [...] McKenna has lobbied for the Dow Chemical Company, Southern Company and Koch Companies Public Sector, which terminated his contract in May, according to public records." [Politico, [9/26/16](#)]

- **McKenna's Contract With Koch Companies Public Sector Was Terminated In May 2016.** According to Politico, "McKenna has lobbied for the Dow Chemical Company, Southern Company and Koch Companies Public Sector, which terminated his contract in May, according to public records." [Politico, [9/26/16](#)]
- **McKenna Previously Served As An "External Relations Specialist" At The Energy Department.** According to Politico, "McKenna has lobbied for the Dow Chemical Company, Southern Company and Koch Companies Public Sector, which terminated his contract in May, according to public records. According to his website, McKenna previously served as an 'external relations specialist' at the Energy Department." [Politico, [9/26/16](#)]

MCKENNA HAD TIES WITH THE AMERICAN ENERGY ALLIANCE AND THE INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH

According To Politico, Trump Transition Team Energy Department Head Mike McKenna Had Ties With The American Energy Alliance And The Institute For Energy Research. According to Politico, "Donald Trump's presidential transition operation has recruited GOP energy lobbyist Mike McKenna and vocal climate skeptic Myron Ebell to run teams focused on the Energy Department and EPA respectively, according to people familiar with the hires. [...] McKenna, is a well-connected energy lobbyist with ties to the industry-backed American Energy Alliance and Institute for Energy Research." [Politico, [9/26/16](#)]

- **As Of August 2011, McKenna Worked For The American Energy Alliance.** According to The Daily Caller, "If local governments refuse to comply with these mandates, Mike McKenna of the American Energy Alliance said they will put their federal highway funds in jeopardy. The EPA could also take over the local government and develop a plan for them." [Daily Caller, [8/17/11](#)]

Koch Connected Groups Gave Nearly \$5 Million To The American Energy Alliance

Between 2010 And 2014 The American Energy Alliance Received At Least \$4,997,460 From Koch Connected Groups. According to Conservative Transparency, between 2010 and 2014 the American Energy Alliance received at least \$4,997,460 from Koch connected groups. This information is further detailed in the following table:

Year	Donor	Recipient	Contribution
2014	Freedom Partners	American Energy Alliance	\$2,367,500

2013	Freedom Partners	American Energy Alliance	\$40,000
2012	Center to Protect Patient Rights	American Energy Alliance	\$864,960
2012	Freedom Partners	American Energy Alliance	\$1,460,000
2012	Americans for Prosperity	American Energy Alliance	\$15,000
2010	Center to Protect Patient Rights	American Energy Alliance	\$250,000
Total			\$4,997,460

[Conservative Transparency, accessed [9/28/16](#)]

Koch Connected Groups Gave Over \$1 Million To The Institute For Energy Research

Between 1991 And 2014, The Institute For Energy Research Received At Least \$1,074,628 From Koch Connected Groups. According to Conservative Transparency, between 1991 and 2014 the Institute for Energy Research received at least \$1,074,628 from Koch connected groups. This information is further detailed in the following table:

Year	Donor	Recipient	Contribution
2014	Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation	Institute for Energy Research	\$23,628
2012	DonorsTrust	Institute for Energy Research	\$64,000
2012	DonorsTrust	Institute for Energy Research	\$30,000
2012	Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation	Institute for Energy Research	\$5,000
2010	DonorsTrust	Institute for Energy Research	\$350,000
2008	DonorsTrust	Institute for Energy Research	\$300,000
2007	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Institute for Energy Research	\$125,000
2007	DonorsTrust	Institute for Energy Research	\$65,000
2006	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Institute for Energy Research	\$25,000
2005	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Institute for Energy Research	\$25,000
2004	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Institute for Energy Research	\$15,000
2003	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Institute for Energy Research	\$10,000
2002	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Institute for Energy Research	\$25,000
2001	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Institute for Energy Research	\$2,500

1999	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Institute for Energy Research	\$2,500
1998	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Institute for Energy Research	\$2,500
1997	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Institute for Energy Research	\$2,500
1991	Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation	Institute for Energy Research	\$2,000
Total			\$1,074,628

[Conservative Transparency, accessed [9/28/16](#)]

McKENNA DEFENDED A NOVEMBER 2014 LETTER SENT BY THE AMERICAN ENERGY ALLIANCE AND OTHER KOCH GROUPS AGAINST EXTENDING THE RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT

McKenna Defended A November 2014 Letter Sent By The American Energy Alliance And Other Koch Groups Against Extending The Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit. According to E&E Publishing, “The American Energy Alliance and 66 other groups sent a letter today to House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) arguing that allowing the PTC to be extended this year would sacrifice leverage in upcoming tax reform negotiations and hand Democrats a win. [...] The letter is, in part, an expression of concern among groups that are usually aligned with Koch (and the conservative movement) that House leadership is starting to stray pretty far off the reservation with respect to tax extenders,” said Mike McKenna, a Republican lobbyist whose clients include a Koch Industries affiliate.” [E&E Publishing, [11/6/14](#)]

- **McKenna Said That The Letter Was An “Expression Of Concern Among Groups That Are Usually Aligned With Koch...That House Leadership Is Starting To Stray Pretty Far Off The Reservation With Respect To Tax Extenders.”** According to E&E Publishing, “The letter is, in part, an expression of concern among groups that are usually aligned with Koch (and the conservative movement) that House leadership is starting to stray pretty far off the reservation with respect to tax extenders,” said Mike McKenna, a Republican lobbyist whose clients include a Koch Industries affiliate.” [E&E Publishing, [11/6/14](#)]

McKenna Called Energy A “Second Tier Issue” And Climate Change A “Fifth Tier” Issue. According to The American Spectator, “There, Mike McKenna, who has consulted a wide variety of political and corporate clients with respect to government relations, opinion research, marketing, message development, and communications strategies, and who has served as an external relations specialist at the U.S. Department of Energy, declared: ‘Energy is a second tier issue. Climate change is fifth tier. Nobody cares about it. It is always at the bottom.’” [American Spectator, [2/17/16](#)]

Myron Ebell

COMPETITIVE ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE CENTER FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT DIRECTOR MYRON EBELL WAS APPOINTED BY DONALD TRUMP TO OVERSEE HIS ADMINISTRATION’S HANDLING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Competitive Enterprise Institute Center For Energy And Environment Director Myron Ebell Was Appointed By Donald Trump To Oversee His Administration’s Handling Of The Environmental Protection Agency. According to Mother Jones, “If Donald Trump should win the White House in November, the man who would oversee his administration's leadership of the Environmental Protection Agency has made a career as a climate change denier. [...] Trump has tapped Myron Ebell, a leading climate change denier, to lead his EPA transition, according to the Climate Wire

and other outlets. Ebell is the director of the Center for Energy and Environment at the Competitive Enterprise Institute, a libertarian think tank funded by the Koch brothers and oil and gas companies.” [Mother Jones, [9/26/16](#)]

Koch Connected Groups Gave At Least \$7.1 Million To The Competitive Enterprise Institute

Between 1986 And 2014, Koch Connected Groups Gave At Least \$7,127,352 To The Competitive Enterprise Institute. According to Conservative Transparency, between 1986 and 2014 Koch connected groups gave at least \$7,127,352 to the Competitive Enterprise Institute. This information is further detailed in the following table:

Year	Donor	Recipient	Contribution
2014	Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$35,000
2014	Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$18,924
2014	Donors Capital Fund	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$100,000
2014	Donors Capital Fund	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$100,000
2014	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$500
2014	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$250,000
2014	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$250,000
2014	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$300,000
2014	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$15,000
2014	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$25,000
2014	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$305,000
2014	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$10,000
2014	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$10,000
2014	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$1,000
2014	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$25,000
2014	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$350
2014	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$2,000
2013	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$15,000
2013	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$1,000

2013	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$560,000
2013	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$250
2013	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$25,000
2013	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$25,000
2013	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$25,000
2013	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$1,000
2013	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$20,000
2013	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$190,000
2013	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$100,000
2013	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$45,000
2013	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$20,000
2013	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$20,000
2013	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$2,000
2013	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$190,000
2013	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$1,500
2013	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$200,000
2013	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$1,000
2013	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$540,000
2013	Donors Capital Fund	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$100,000
2013	Donors Capital Fund	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$120,000
2013	Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$10,000
2012	Donors Capital Fund	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$100,000
2012	Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$6,700
2012	Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$10,000
2012	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$60,000

201 2	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$500
201 2	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$200
201 2	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$380,000
201 2	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$60,000
201 2	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$1,000
201 2	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$200,000
201 2	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$500
201 2	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$2,500
201 2	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$240,000
201 2	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$2,500
201 2	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$300,000
201 2	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$150,000
201 2	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$10,000
201 2	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$25,000
201 2	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$5,000
201 1	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$9,200
201 1	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$25,000
201 1	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$500
201 1	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$500
201 1	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$1,000
201 1	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$200
201 1	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$10,000
201 1	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$60,000
201 1	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$36,000
201 1	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$10,000

201 1	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$2,500
201 1	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$1,500
201 1	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$75,000
201 1	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$55,000
201 1	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$55,000
201 1	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$5,000
201 1	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$10,000
201 1	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$20,000
201 1	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$10,000
201 1	Donors Capital Fund	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$200,000
201 0	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$9,200
201 0	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$50,000
201 0	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$5,000
201 0	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$2,500
201 0	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$500
201 0	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$200
200 9	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$10,000
200 9	Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$24,079
200 9	Donors Capital Fund	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$235,527
200 9	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$3,000
200 9	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$2,000
200 9	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$500
200 9	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$200
200 9	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$100
200 8	Donors Capital Fund	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$36,308

2008	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$16,200
2007	Donors Capital Fund	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$135,444
2007	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$105,250
2006	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$7,250
2005	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$6,750
2004	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$50,000
2004	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$4,640
2004	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$5,750
2003	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$25,000
2003	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$2,320
2002	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$25,000
2002	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$4,460
2002	DonorsTrust	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$5,350
2000	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$25,000
2000	David H. Koch Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$100,000
1999	David H. Koch Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$50,000
1998	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$95,000
1997	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$40,000
1997	David H. Koch Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$50,000
1996	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$20,000
1996	David H. Koch Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$50,000
1995	David H. Koch Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$25,000
1993	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$35,000
1992	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$10,000
1991	Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$10,000

1989	David H. Koch Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$10,000
1988	David H. Koch Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$10,000
1988	Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$5,000
1987	David H. Koch Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$10,000
1986	David H. Koch Charitable Foundation	Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$10,000
Total			\$7,127,352

[Conservative Transparency, accessed [9/28/16](#)]

EBELL OPPOSED THE EPA AND EFFORTS TO PREVENT CLIMATE CHANGE

Ebell Called The Clean Power Plan “Illegal,” Said That The Paris Climate Accord Was A “Usurpation Of The Senate’s Authority,” And Claimed That Rising Global Temperatures Were “Nothing To Worry About.” According to Mother Jones, “Ebell has called President Barack Obama's Clean Power Plan ‘illegal’ and the Paris Climate Accord a ‘usurpation of the Senate's authority.’ Any small increase in global temperatures, he has said, is ‘nothing to worry about.’”

[Mother Jones, [9/26/16](#)]

DeSmog Reported That The EPA Transition Team Led By Ebell Would “Strip” The EPA Of “Key Powers.”

According to DeSmog, “As the U.S. media picks through the entrails from the first presidential debate, a few hours earlier it was revealed that should Trump win, Ebell would lead the Republican’s ‘EPA transition team’ that would strip the agency of key powers.” [DeSmog, [9/27/16](#)]

In 1998, Ebell And Staff From The American Petroleum Institute, Exxon, Chevron, And Southern Company Implemented A Multi-Million Dollar Plan To Reshape The Public Perception On The Risks Of Climate Change.

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[DeSmog, [9/27/16](#)]

- The Plan Described A “Victory” As The Public Doubting Links Between Global Warming And The Burning Of Fossil Fuels.** According to DeSmog, “In 1998, Ebell joined with the American Petroleum Institute and staff from fossil fuel companies Exxon, Chevron, and Southern Company to try to reshape how the U.S. people understood the risks of climate change. In a multi-million dollar plan that was leaked, Ebell and others concluded that a ‘victory’ would be theirs only when the public doubted the links between dangerous global warming and fossil fuel burning.” [DeSmog, [9/27/16](#)]

Previous RKF's

[Koch Groups Defend Climate Change-Denial Propaganda, Get Subpoenaed](#)

JUNE 23, 2016

In 2014, Koch Industries was “the top spender for oil and gas lobbying,” mounting a \$13.7 million-effort to protect Charles and David Koch’s business interests.

Now, several Koch groups are being subpoenaed

[Koch-Linked Groups Wage Astroturf War On The Science Of Climate Change](#)

JUNE 2, 2016

Yesterday, Koch front group Americans for Prosperity announced that it has signed on to a letter and “joined a coalition of 47 other groups in supporting the Competitive Enterprise Institute’s fight for free speech.”

[Kochs Could Be Charged With Civil Rights Violation In New EPA Petition](#)

MAY 10, 2016

For years, an Arkansas branch of the Koch Industries subsidiary Georgia-Pacific has literally been poisoning the community of Crossett, AR. Now, two environmental advocacy groups are taking action.