SCOUTING THE 114th CONGRESS

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Scouting the 114th Congress: Polluters Are Out of Their League

The long winter is over, and spring is finally here! For many of us, that means the return of our national pastime: baseball! The crack of the bat, the call of the beer vendor, the hot dogs — it’s a special time of year. In 2015, however, the start of the competition on the diamond matches up with another noteworthy beginning: the first few months of the new, 114th Congress.

While baseball fans perched in the bleachers are scouting out their team’s strongest players and looking to see who will be a real contender, the Sierra Club is doing the same with the folks in the U.S. Capitol. Spring training is over, and the games count now, both in the big leagues and in the House and the Senate. The one big difference is that in Congress the stakes couldn’t be higher.

The season in Washington is young, but we’ve already seen way too many attacks on our clean air and clean water, as big polluter-backed politicians are throwing beanballs at critically important public health safeguards meant to protect our families and our communities. That shouldn’t be surprising — the polluter payroll in Congress is so large that it would make the Yankees blush.
Just like in the big leagues, there’s no cap on how much big polluters can spend on their players. That’s why fossil fuel interests were able to spend $721 million1 in the last election to get their team on the field — and they are getting what they paid for.

When it comes to giving the fans — their constituents — what they want, many in Congress are striking out. After all, poll2 after poll3 shows that Americans didn’t vote for dirty air, dirty water, or dirty energy.

So we’re digging into the numbers to see who is performing and who is striking out this year. Who’s an MVP (Most Valuable Protector)? Who needs to step up their game?

Ready to find out? Check out our special scouting report for the 114th Congress, see how your senators are playing, who has been sponsoring their work in the big leagues, and what YOU can do to help win the game.

**WHAT’S AT STAKE?**

Half the fun of baseball is getting to spend time outdoors (you can guess that we’re not big fans of domed stadiums), but what’s the point when the air is too dangerous to breathe or the water in the dugout is contaminated? Fossil fuel companies and their political allies aren’t good sports, and they’re pushing an agenda that lets them pollute with impunity. If they had their way, asthma inhalers might end up being part of the uniform for Little Leaguers across the country.

Here’s what a win for American families would be: communities that are safe, healthy places where we can live and raise our children, with clean air and clean water, and free from the dangers of toxic pollution — but the pro-polluter agenda of the new Republican-led Congress is blocking the plate.

This year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is teeing up critically important, broadly popular safeguards that will clean up our air and water, curb pollution, and save lives. However, the new Republican congressional leadership has made it clear from day one that they are playing for the fossil fuel industry’s team. Put it this way — if this were an actual ballgame, they would have started trying to block or weaken these life-saving standards before the national anthem even began. But their attacks on the EPA’s ability to do its job and protect our families isn’t in line with what our nation needs and isn’t what the public is demanding. In red states and blue states, Americans nationwide have made it clear that we want our air and our water protected, meaning the politicians launching these attacks on public health safeguards are often doing the exact opposite of what their constituents elected them to do. It’s the equivalent of a big league team selling tickets to a game to and then locking their fans out of the stadium.

**OUR CLEAN AIR AND WATER**

It’s not a game. When Congress swings away at EPA safeguards, it is taking cuts at the laws that are designed to keep dangerous pollution away from our homes and out of our communities. Already, children face the greatest health risk from air pollution, given that they are more likely to be active outdoors, and that their lungs are still developing. Asthma strikes nearly one out of every 10 school children4 in the United States and is the number one health issue that causes kids to miss school. On “bad-air days” or “air alert days,” particularly during the warmer months, kids with asthma are forced to stay indoors and away from their neighborhood ballparks to avoid aggravating their condition. The EPA’s newly proposed, stronger standards to cut asthma-inducing smog pollution would clean up our air and reduce pollution-related illness, meaning millions of Americans with asthma and other respiratory ailments could take the field breathing easier.

What’s more, each year, coal-fired power plants in the United States produce 140 million tons of hazardous solid waste that can leak into nearby lakes and rivers.5 This could mean that your family’s drinking water source or favorite swimming hole is at risk. Of course, much of the pollution that causes smog and threatens our...
waterways comes from coal-fired power plants — which means the safeguards curbing that pollution are coming under attack from the polluter-led Congress.

**OUR CLIMATE, OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR JOBS**

Our communities have a right to go to bat against dangerous and toxic pollution — and all the numbers show that is what they expect their elected representatives to do in Congress. Public opinion research makes it clear that those who went to the polls didn’t do so to support dirty air or dirty fuels. An overwhelming majority (91%) of American voters support strengthening protections against pollution of drinking water and air. Specifically, the public welcomes strong limits on carbon pollution from power plants. Large majorities of Democrats (79%), Republicans (57%), and independents (76%) nationwide support state-level plans to cut carbon pollution. Post-election polling in states with big elections in 2014 shows more than 60% of voters in every state favor clean energy over fossil fuels, want their leaders to address climate disruption, and back the Clean Power Plan.

Right now, coal-fired power plants belch out more than 2.3 billion metric tons of carbon pollution per year — the largest source of carbon pollution in the U.S., accounting for 40% of our national total. Carbon pollution is the main cause of climate disruption, making extreme weather worse, from more severe floods to widespread wildfires to record drought. Unpredictable, extreme weather patterns mean danger and damage for the beloved places we call home. Carbon pollution and climate disruption are also linked to life-threatening air pollution — such as soot and smog that can trigger asthma and heart attacks. Each year, carbon pollution is responsible for 13,200 premature deaths, more than $100 billion in annual health costs, and more than 217,000 asthma attacks annually.

But there is a heavy hitter coming through to change all that. The EPA is stepping up to the plate to finalize the **Clean Power Plan**, which would deliver the first-ever cuts in carbon pollution from coal-fired power plants while hitting a home run for the American clean energy economy.

Growing our American **clean energy economy** is a win-win. When wind and solar power team up with **energy efficiency**, we’ve got a lineup that can score big for the American economy — all while keeping our air and water free from the dangerous, toxic pollution too many families and communities have come to expect from dirty coal-fired power.

Clean energy growth means jobs — investments in wind and solar create three times as many jobs as investments in fossil fuels. In 2014, the solar industry brought in jobs for nearly 174,000 solar workers in all 50 states, creating jobs at a rate nearly 20 times higher than employment growth in the overall economy. The solar industry is running up the score on coal, with more Americans employed in the solar sector alone than in coal mining. And, the Sierra Club is helping to make sure the playing field is level. We know the market alone won’t assure a fair and just transition so, together with our allies in the labor movement, we are fighting for clean energy jobs to be good jobs and demanding investments in working people and communities that have depended on fossil fuels. We are committed to transforming our economy as we transform our energy system, so the benefits of clean energy are shared by all — especially those in communities traditionally left behind.

And the better news is, that these clean energy climate solutions are on a hitting streak that would make Joe DiMaggio jealous. Since 2008, wind and solar capacity in the U.S. has **tripled**, cementing our place atop the standings in the global clean energy division. Clean energy is scoring for consumers, too, as the cost of wind and solar energy has already dropped almost 60% in the past five years, making these healthy sources of energy affordable and making sense for communities nationwide. That’s while leaders like Iowa and South Dakota are bringing home a full third of their energy in wind — and growing.

With clean energy batting in a lineup alongside energy efficiency measures that save money and create hundreds of thousands more jobs, its supporters in Washington are on a team that’s going to compete for the championship every year in this congressional clash: **The Clean Air Aces**.

Meanwhile, the folks in the oil, gas, and coal industries that strung together titles back when Babe Ruth was in Little League know they can’t compete with a team this
well-rounded. All they can do is try and block the plate and get in the way. So, they’re throwing their money into fielding the dirtiest team possible and putting their players to work in Congress to take swings at every clean energy and climate action measure. This team is so old-school that they play by rules no one in their right mind uses anymore, with many of them going so far as to reject widely accepted climate science. It’s no wonder they’ve earned the name The Fossil Fools.

SCOUTING CRITERIA
So, who do your Senators play for? The Fossil Fools, sponsored big by big polluters and going to bat for dirty fuels, dirty air, and dirty water every game? Or the Clean Air Aces, who are lining up with the American public to score the clean energy, clean air, and climate action that our families and communities deserve? Or are they among those players that are on the radar, but who aren’t in either team’s dugout just yet?

This season, the competition in Congress has given fans and scouts alike ample opportunities to see how our senators are performing. Are they striking out for clean air, clean water, clean energy, and the climate? Or are they going deep to protect American families and create clean energy jobs? We’ve done the scouting this season so you don’t have to.

Here we’ve compiled a list of the most vocal players and leaders on both teams when it comes to these important issues, and of those who look like they are still choosing sides. Below, take a look at these 12 major votes and actions this Congress that fall into 4 important categories, and see how your Senators performed on them on their very own baseball cards. On those cards, the champs who’ve voted or taken action in support of each issue earn a thumbs up, the chumps who’ve voted or taken action against each issue earn a thumbs down, those with a mixed bag, who’ve split their votes/support on key issues, are marked with a question mark, and “n/a” symbolizes that no vote/action was taken. You can also check out who their sponsors in the fossil fuel industry are — based on lifetime campaign contributions — and any choice comments they’ve made about their stance on climate action, clean energy, and clean air.

Check out the votes, the facts, and the quotes that show who’s playing for you and who’s playing for the polluters this year. These votes on critical issues offer a snapshot of how Senators have and have not been performing. People who care about clean air and clean energy deserve to know how their senators have been playing in 2015. And our hope is that Americans get in the game and urge their senators to all get on the same team before the season is over.
SCIENTIFIC DISRUPTION

Schatz Amendment (#58), Reaffirming climate change science and that humans contribute significantly: This amendment affirmed that climate change is real and that humans are significantly contributing to climate change.

Bennet Amendment (#1014), Stating human-caused climate change is real, threatens national security and we must act now: This amendment recognized the economic and national security threats posed by human-induced climate change, proposing to address climate change through increased use of clean energy, energy efficiency, and reductions in carbon pollution.

Letter from Bicameral Task Force Supporting International Climate Talks: Co-signers supported the administration’s Clean Power Plan and asked the president to be a leader in the international community’s climate commitments.

CLEAN ENERGY

Heitkamp Amendment (#133), Tax credits for the clean energy industry: This amendment expressed the sense of the Senate that the Production Tax Credit should be extended by five years, giving the wind industry incentives to grow just like the ones that the coal and oil industries received for centuries.

Udall Amendment (#77), Renewable electricity standard: This amendment would create a National Renewable Energy Standard requiring 25% clean energy by 2025.

Sanders Amendment (#23), 10 million solar rooftops: This amendment would provide support for the installation of solar panels on ten million roofs by 2025. It would create jobs, reduce carbon pollution, and significantly expand the U.S.’s capacity to generate solar power.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Motion to table Reed (#74), energy efficiency retrofits for low income households: This amendment would table, or end discussion, on an important amendment that would increase the budget for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). Over the past 33 years, WAP has provided weatherization services to more than 6.4 million low-income households. Families who are assisted by WAP save an average of $437 on their energy bills, resulting in real savings that can be spent on necessities like food and medicine.

Portman (#3), Energy Efficiency Across the Economy: Although a previous version of this bill called for robust energy efficiency standards across the economy, the modest version that passed the Senate as an amendment was significantly narrowed in scope. As a result, it passed overwhelmingly.

CLEAN AIR

McConnell Amendment (#836) to the Budget: This curve ball amendment sought to block the EPA’s authority to withhold federal transportation funds if a state fails to comply with the Clean Power Plan. However, this amendment was misleading because the EPA does not have this authority under the relevant section 111d of the Clean Air Act. This amendment was a thinly veiled scare tactic with no legal basis.

GOP EPW Smog Attack Letter: Co-signers of this letter supported Senator Inhofe and Environment and Public Works (EPW) committee Republicans attacking the EPA’s work to update the smog standard and slash asthma-inducing smog pollution.

Thune Smog Attack Bill (CASE Act - S.751): This bill would effectively block or delay the EPA’s efforts to move forward with a stronger smog standard, resulting in thousands of premature deaths and hundreds of thousands of heart and asthma attacks every year.

Thune Smog Attack Budget Amendment (#743): Senator Thune filed this amendment to the Senate Budget that would have delayed updating the smog standard by creating arbitrary regulatory hurdles and would have instructed the EPA to, rather than working on strong, science-based protections, instead focus on helping communities achieve the old, outdated standard.

Flake Bill (ORDEAL Act - S.640), Blocking smog protections: This bill would permanently gut the Clean Air Act and make it even harder to secure science-based smog pollution protections.
BARBARA BOXER (D-CA)

Team: Clean Air Aces (MVP)

Joined the League: January 3, 1993

Hometown: Rancho Mirage, CA

BIO:
There’s no doubt this veteran will be a first-ballot Hall of Famer when she calls it a career after this season. After nearly three decades in the big leagues as a star for the Aces, Senator Boxer has delivered time and time again for California families, with clutch performances across the board on clean energy, climate action, and clean air. We’re confident she’ll keep up the pace this season and continue to put up All-Star numbers while shutting down even the biggest polluters in the field. Our best hope after her retirement is that Senator Boxer gets into coaching, as younger players could immensely benefit from getting hitting guidance from this Californian crusher.

QUOTED:
On smog, “EPA’s new proposed standard would save lives and protect children and families from dangerous air pollution. If you can’t breathe you can’t work, so clean air is essential for a strong economy.”

On climate, “We know what is happening— the science is clear: The planet is getting warmer because humans are releasing too much carbon pollution into the atmosphere.”

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:
* Senator Boxer has voted the right way across the board on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions.
* Senator Boxer is leading the efforts to protect EPA’s action to curb carbon pollution with the Clean Power Plan and set strong standards to cut dangerous smog pollution that threatens the 3.3 million Californians suffering from asthma.

STATS:
* Climate: 🌶️
* Clean Air: 🌶️
* Clean Energy: 🌶️
* Energy Efficiency: 🌶️

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Thank Senator Boxer for protecting California and standing up against polluters by calling 202-224-3553 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.
MICHAEL BENNET (D-CO)
Team: Clean Air Aces
Joined the League: January 21, 2009
Hometown: Denver, CO

BIO:
Senator Bennet’s come up big when it counts, shutting out big polluters and scoring for clean energy — a major employer in Colorado. He’s gotten into a good groove this season, providing much needed power for the Aces by knocking it out of the park with a strong amendment recognizing the national security threat posed by climate disruption and digging in to protect the plate and promote energy efficiency.

QUOTED:
“Colorado can’t wait any longer for Washington to address climate change. Unchecked carbon pollution represents a material threat to our state and its economy.”

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:
★ Senator Bennet has voted right across the board on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions.
★ Senator Bennet introduced an amendment highlighting the threats that climate disruption poses to our national security.

STATS:
★ Climate: 🌴
★ Clean Air: 🌴
★ Clean Energy: 🌴
★ Energy Efficiency: 🌴

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Thank Senator Bennet for protecting Colorado and standing up against polluters by calling 202-224-5852 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.

EDWARD MARKEY (D-MA)
Team: Clean Air Aces
Joined the League: July 16, 2013
Birth Place: Malden, MA

BIO:
You’ve never seen someone shut down big polluters like Senator Markey. He cut his teeth in the House before stepping up to the Senate in 2013 and hasn’t looked back, providing ample power hitting to protect our environment. In the Committee on the Environment and Public Works, Markey continually goes deep, hitting hard for action on climate disruption, safeguards for our air and water, and protection of our public lands. Massachusetts families don’t need to worry that their star player will experience any kind of drop off — the consistency Markey showed in the House is already being duplicated in the Senate, and our air, water, and communities are better off for it.

QUOTED:
“For years, fossil fuel interests and front groups have attacked climate scientists and legislation to cut carbon pollution using junk science and debunked arguments. The American public deserve an honest debate that isn’t polluted by the best junk science fossil fuel interests can buy."

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:
★ Senator Markey has voted right on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions.
★ Senator Markey is leading the efforts to protect EPA’s steps to curb carbon pollution and to cut asthma-inducing smog pollution, while championing the clean energy economy.

STATS:
★ Climate: 🌴
★ Clean Air: 🌴
★ Clean Energy: 🌴
★ Energy Efficiency: 🌴

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Thank Senator Markey for protecting Massachusetts and standing up against polluters by calling 202-224-2742 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.
JEFF MERKLEY (D-OR)
Team: Clean Air Aces
Joined the League: January 3, 2009
Hometown: East Multnomah Co., OR

BIO:
Senator Merkley’s stellar batting average shows just how much of an asset he is to the Clean Air Aces and to Oregon. At bat, Merkley consistently delivers with climate action and support for strengthening the Clean Power Plan. In the field, he brings solid defense against attacks on key safeguards for our air and water like the Clean Water Act. The Fossil Fools may be able to throw some curveballs, calling to gut these vital protections, but Merkley has a knack for always getting on base and bringing it home for Oregon families.

QUOTED:
"Americans don’t back down in the face of a challenge. We act. Acting now to cut down on the single biggest source of carbon pollution is absolutely the right thing to do, and I’ll keep pushing for further action." 21

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:
★ Senator Merkley has voted right on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions across the board.
★ Merkley is leading the efforts to protect and strengthen the EPA’s action to cut carbon pollution.

STATS:
★ Climate: 🌷
★ Clean Air: 🌷
★ Clean Energy: 🌷
★ Energy Efficiency: 🌷

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Thank Senator Merkley for protecting Oregon and standing up against polluters by calling 202-224-3753 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.

BERNIE SANDERS (I-VT)
Team: Clean Air Aces
Joined the League: January 3, 2007
Hometown: Burlington, VT

BIO:
Senator Sanders is the glue that holds the Clean Air Aces together, as he’s brought the goods with him to the game this season by swinging a big bat with key climate change and clean energy amendments. At the plate, he’s as good as it gets, with his consistent ability to go deep to protect our air and water, cut carbon pollution, and grow the clean energy economy. He’s the guy you want at the plate with two outs in the bottom of the ninth and the winning run on base, and the one you know will stand up for the whole team when things get ugly. Big polluters have learned you don’t want to get in his way on the basepaths. A Sanders strikeout is as rare as it gets, as he’s delivered for the health of Vermont families over and over again.

QUOTED:
"It is a time for transforming our energy system from the polluting and carbon-emitting technologies of the nineteenth century into the unlimited and extraordinary energy possibilities of the twenty-first. When we do that we will not only solve the global warming crisis; we will open up unimaginable opportunities for improving life all over the planet." 22

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:
★ Senator Sanders has voted right on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions.
★ Senator Sanders has introduced legislation to further cut carbon pollution by making polluters pay for contaminating our air and incentivizing clean energy like wind, solar, and energy efficiency.

STATS:
★ Climate: 🌷
★ Clean Air: 🌷
★ Clean Energy: 🌷
★ Energy Efficiency: 🌷

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Thank Senator Sanders for protecting Vermont and standing up against polluters by calling 202-224-5141 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.
BRIAN SCHATZ (D-HI)

Team: Clean Air Aces

Joined the League: December 26, 2012

Hometown: Makiki, HI

BIO:
Senator Schatz broke into the bigs in 2012 and showed his commitment to the Clean Air Aces right away. He’s the first guy at practice and the last guy to leave, putting in long hours to tackle the climate crisis — and its paying off on the diamond. The Fossil Fools don’t know how to handle his hitting, as he’s delivered in all the key fields: climate action, clean air, clean energy, and energy efficiency. He’s a true rising star that has the potential to see his jersey retired in the rafters of the Senate if he keeps these numbers up.

QUOTED:
“We should be moving forward with comprehensive climate legislation, not having to defend reality against those who refuse to believe in science or are in the pocket of Big Oil or Big Coal interests.”

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:
★ Senator Schatz has voted right on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions.
★ As a leading voice on the Bicameral Task Force on Climate Change, Schatz is battling any attempt to block, undermine, or delay the vital efforts to cut dangerous carbon pollution.

STATS:
★ Climate: 🌵
★ Clean Air: 🌵
★ Clean Energy: 🌵
★ Energy Efficiency: 🌵

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Thank Senator Schatz for protecting Hawaii and standing up against polluters by calling 202-224-3934 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.

SHELDON WHITEHOUSE (D-RI)

Team: Clean Air Aces

Joined the League: January 3, 2007

Hometown: Newport, RI

BIO:
Senator Whitehouse is the ironman of the Clean Air Aces, as Rhode Island families can count on him day in and day out to deliver climate action and public health protections. He’s got an impressive streak going in the Senate that reminds us of a certain Baltimore shortstop, calling for climate action every week the Senate has been in session for about a year and a half. And he walks the walk, too, connecting on clean energy, clean air, and climate votes every time they come across the plate. He’s everything you could ask for on the Aces — a clubhouse leader who can provide the spark it takes to topple the Fossil Fools in even the most competitive of contests.

QUOTED:
“I am confident that we can do this. We can strengthen our economy, we can redirect our future, we can protect our democracy, and we can do our duty to the generations that will follow us. But we have to pay attention. We have to wake up.”

On Curbing Asthma-Inducing Smog Pollution, “I’ll continue the fight to clean up pollution in our communities, and will work hard with the Administration to protect our public health and strengthen the ozone standard.”

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:
★ Senator Whitehouse has voted right on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions across the board.
★ Senator Whitehouse is the leader of the Bicameral Task Force on Climate Change and has introduced numerous vital bills and amendments supporting climate action and the clean energy economy.

STATS:
★ Climate: 🌵
★ Clean Air: 🌵
★ Clean Energy: 🌵
★ Energy Efficiency: 🌵

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Thank Senator Whitehouse for protecting Rhode Island and standing up against polluters by calling 202-224-2921 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.
**JON TESTER (D-MT)**

**Team:** Clean Air Aces

**Joined the League:** January 3, 2007

**Hometown:** Big Sandy, MT

**BIO:**
Senator Tester is a Montanan to keep an eye on this season, as families across the state are eagerly watching his progress in fighting for energy independence. He’s shown he can produce on climate action, clean energy, and energy efficiency. We’re pretty confident he can put up All-Star numbers and give the fans what they want: big hits protecting our air and our water from toxic pollution while growing the clean energy economy.

**QUOTED:**
“Agriculture and outdoor recreation power Montana’s economy. From floods to fires to beetle-killed trees, we know the consequences of the changing climate. State-based solutions that limit the effects of climate change will keep these industries and our economy strong.”

**SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:**
- Senator Tester has voted right on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions across the board.

**STATS:**
- Climate: 🌊
- Clean Air: 💧
- Clean Energy: 💡
- Energy Efficiency: 🌈

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:**
Get in the game! Thank Senator Tester for protecting Montana and standing up against polluters by calling 202-224-2644 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.

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**BILL NELSON (D-FL)**

**Team:** Clean Air Aces

**Joined the League:** January 3, 2001

**Hometown:** Tallahassee, FL

**BIO:**
Florida really has something to look forward to when Senator Nelson’s on the field. He’s produced on climate action and energy efficiency when it counts, and he’s got all the potential to be one of the Aces’ All-Stars. Earlier this season when some in Florida tried to muzzle discussion of climate science, Nelson knocked it out of the park with an amendment that sent the Fossil Fools running. If he keeps this pace up, Florida’s clean energy economy is going to be racking up runs.

**QUOTED:**
On sea levels that have risen five to eight feet in South Florida, “[T]hat will continue to rise, unless we change the way we are treating this home we call planet earth.”

**SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:**
- Senator Nelson has voted right across the board on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy.
- On Clean Energy, Nelson supported solar and wind but failed to vote for a nationwide renewable electricity standard.
- Senator Nelson led the effort to fight censorship of climate science.

**STATS:**
- Climate: 🌊
- Clean Air: 💧
- Clean Energy: 🌈
- Energy Efficiency: 🌈

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:**
Get in the game! Thank Senator Nelson for protecting Florida and standing up against polluters by calling 202-224-5274 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.
DICK DURBIN (D-IL)
Team: Clean Air Aces
Joined the League: January 3, 2015
Hometown: Springfield, IL

BIO:
Senator Durbin is providing the power the Clean Air Aces need, racking up hits against big polluters and scoring for Illinois families. Who could forget his clutch performances in recent years to protect Illinois families from toxic petcoke pollution? As one of the key clubhouse leaders for clean energy and climate action, Durbin isn’t afraid to stare down the toughest stuff big polluters will throw at him, and we’re excited to see him continue to perform this season.

QUOTED:
“I believe the environment is a challenge we must face head on. To ignore it is to ignore reality.”

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:
★ Senator Durbin has voted right across the board on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions.
★ As Democratic Whip, Durbin has led the fight against Republican-led efforts to block, undermine, and delay the EPA’s efforts to cut carbon pollution and protect the health of our families.

STATS:
★ Climate: ★
★ Clean Air: ★
★ Clean Energy: ★
★ Energy Efficiency: ★

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Thank Senator Durbin for protecting Illinois and standing up against polluters by calling 202-224-2152 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.

MARIA CANTWELL (D-WA)
Team: Clean Air Aces
Joined the League: January 3, 2001
Hometown: Seattle, WA

BIO:
One of the Aces’ top power hitters and the captain of the Aces on the Senate Energy Committee, Senator Cantwell got off to a sterling start recently with an impressive triple play, throwing out three of the Fossil Fools’ top priorities by supporting international climate action, the president’s Climate Action Plan, and the Clean Power Plan. Since then, she’s been scoring big for Washington families by bringing home support for the clean energy economy and energy efficiency.

QUOTED:
“Instead of sticking our heads in the sand, we need to do the work now so we’re prepared for our future. Planning for the future isn’t just common sense — it’s responsible government.”

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:
★ Senator Cantwell has voted right on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions across the board.
★ Senator Cantwell has long been a champion for clean energy, leading efforts to extend clean energy tax incentives and fighting for energy efficiency as ranking member on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

STATS:
★ Climate: ★
★ Clean Air: ★
★ Clean Energy: ★
★ Energy Efficiency: ★

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Thank Senator Cantwell for protecting Washington and standing up against polluters by calling 202-224-3441 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.
**KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND (D-NY)**

**Team:** Clean Air Aces  
**Joined the League:** January 26, 2009  
**Hometown:** Brunswick, NY

**BIO:**
There’s no doubt about it anymore — Senator Gillibrand’s got All-Star talent. This season, Gillibrand’s really stepped up her game. Her numbers are skyrocketing, with hit after hit and run after run coming in support of the Clean Power Plan’s efforts to cut carbon pollution, protection of our air and water, and increased clean energy. With numbers like those, there’s no confusion here: Gillibrand’s soaring up the statistical leaderboards, fighting to keep our communities healthy, and making New Yorkers proud from upstate to Queens.

**QUOTED:**
“The biggest environmental threat we face today stems from our dependence on fossil fuels. We are addicted to coal and oil and we must invest and create new, renewable technologies to ensure our long-term energy sustainability and protect our national security.”

**SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:**
- Senator Gillibrand has voted right on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions across the board.
- Senator Gillibrand signed a letter to the President supporting international climate action, the President’s Climate Action Plan, and the Clean Power Plan.

**STATS:**
- Climate: 🌍  
- Clean Air: 🌿  
- Clean Energy: 🌿  
- Energy Efficiency: 🌿

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:**
Get in the game! Thank Senator Gillibrand for protecting New York and standing up against polluters by calling 202-224-4451 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.

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**PATTY MURRAY (D-WA)**

**Team:** Clean Air Aces  
**Joined the League:** January 3, 1993  
**Hometown:** Bothell, WA

**BIO:**
Senator Murray is part of a dynamic duo of Aces from Washington state. And this season, she’s looking like an All-Star, as a team leader who’s producing big things for Washington families at bat and shutting down big polluters in the field, with consistently strong production in support of clean energy and energy efficiency. She’s found her groove at the plate, and we’re confident Murray will continue to make an even bigger impact in the league and in her home state with her talents doing real damage to the polluter agenda anywhere on the field.

**QUOTED:**
“A clean environment is essential to a high quality of life for every American.”

**SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:**
- Senator Murray has voted right on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions across the board.
- Senator Murray spoke out in support of international climate action, the President’s Climate Action Plan, and the Clean Power Plan.

**STATS:**
- Climate: 🌍  
- Clean Air: 🌿  
- Clean Energy: 🌿  
- Energy Efficiency: 🌿

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:**
Get in the game! Thank Senator Murray for protecting Washington and standing up against polluters by calling 202-224-2621 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.
GARY PETERS (D-MI)
Team: Clean Air Aces
Joined the League: January 3, 2015
Hometown: Bloomfield Township, MI

BIO:
Senator Peters burst out of the minors this season after taking on one of the nation’s toughest opponents head-on — and winning. He’s made climate action a key part of his game, and has been fun to watch in action this season so far as a result, knocking in big runs for Michigan’s clean energy economy — and we’re sure to see bigger things to come from this talented rookie.

QUOTED:
“I am not going to let the Koch brothers pretend as if they care about the health care of Michiganders. They care about their agenda, which is weakening environmental laws.”

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:
★ Senator Peters has voted right on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions across the board.
★ Senator Peters spoke out in support of international climate action, the President’s Climate Action Plan, and the Clean Power Plan.

STATS:
★ Climate: ☀
★ Clean Air: ☀
★ Clean Energy: ☀
★ Energy Efficiency: ☀

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Thank Senator Peters for protecting Michigan and standing up against polluters by calling 202-224-6221 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.

JEANNE SHAHEEN (D-NH)
Team: Clean Air Aces
Joined the League: January 3, 2009
Hometown: Madbury, NH

BIO:
An energy efficiency All-Star, Senator Shaheen is back in action this season and showing her talents in every aspect of the game. She started the year strong, passing an energy efficiency bill that saves consumers money while slashing carbon pollution. It was such an impressive hit that even the Fossil Fools had to applaud — and she’s not cooled off since. Shaheen’s been raking in hits on climate action and scoring for New Hampshire’s clean energy economy consistently, making her a player who delivers for the Aces in any inning, on any issue that matters to protect New Hampshire families.

QUOTED:
“The cheapest energy is the energy we don’t use. That’s why energy efficiency is something we can all support.”

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:
★ Senator Shaheen has voted right on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions across the board.
★ Senator Shaheen signed a letter to the President supporting international climate action, the President’s Climate Action Plan, and the Clean Power Plan.

STATS:
★ Climate: ☀
★ Clean Air: ☀
★ Clean Energy: ☀
★ Energy Efficiency: ☀

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Thank Senator Shaheen for protecting New Hampshire and standing up against polluters by calling 202-224-2841 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.
CHUCK SCHUMER (D-NY)

**Team:** Clean Air Aces  
**Joined the League:** January 3, 1999  
**Hometown:** Brooklyn, NY  

**BIO:**
They say the worst place to be in the Senate is between Chuck Schumer and first base, and he’s proven it on the basepaths this year as he’s trampled over big polluters and their allies who’ve tried to block climate action. Schumer’s nothing short of a powerhouse for the Aces who’s consistently produced this season, much to the delight of fans in New York and those across the country who’ve been hoping to see real climate action and clean energy growth. He’s one of those veteran players who improves year after year, meaning fans are looking forward to even bigger things in the seasons to come.

**QUOTED:**
“We need to stop CO2 from hurtling into the atmosphere. We need to do it — we need to work for climate change both globally and locally.”

**SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:**
- Senator Schumer has voted right on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions.
- Senator Schumer spoke out in support of international climate action, the President’s Climate Action Plan, and the Clean Power Plan.

**STATS:**
- Climate: 🌍
- Clean Air: 🌍
- Clean Energy: 🌍
- Energy Efficiency: 🌍

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:**
Get in the game! Thank Senator Schumer for protecting New York and standing up against polluters by calling 202-224-6542 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.

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DIANNE FEINSTEIN (D-CA)

**Team:** Clean Air Aces  
**Joined the League:** November 4, 1992  
**Hometown:** San Francisco, CA  

**BIO:**
This veteran is proving why she’s one of the most important parts of the team this season with her consistent production for California families. After breaking into the league with several strong seasons early in her career — passing protections for the deserts and coasts of California — Senator Feinstein hasn’t slowed down, as her environmental batting average is skyrocketing this season, with key votes across the board on climate action and clean energy solutions.

**QUOTED:**
“If we don’t take bold action, climate change will affect almost every aspect of life for Californians.”

**SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:**
- Senator Feinstein has voted right across the board on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions.
- Senator Feinstein also signed a letter to the President supporting international climate action, the President’s Climate Action Plan, and the Clean Power Plan.

**STATS:**
- Climate: 🌍
- Clean Air: 🌍
- Clean Energy: 🌍
- Energy Efficiency: 🌍

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:**
Get in the game! Thank Senator Feinstein for protecting California and standing up against polluters by calling 202-224-3841 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.
AMY KLOBUCHAR (D-MN)
Team: Clean Air Aces
Joined the League: January 3, 2007
Hometown: St. Paul, MN

BIO:
Senator Klobuchar has come out swinging this season, bringing her much-needed hitting into the game for the Aces and for Minnesota families. She's consistently scored for the state's clean energy economy and has stepped up her game this season with big shots to curb carbon pollution and boost energy efficiency.

QUOTED:
"We need to chart a new energy future - one that creates jobs, reduces our dependence on foreign oil, increases domestic energy production, keeps energy costs affordable for middle-class families, and responds to the challenges of global climate change."[40]

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:
★ Senator Klobuchar has voted right across the board on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions.
★ Senator Klobuchar also signed a letter to the President supporting international climate action, the President's Climate Action Plan, and the Clean Power Plan.

STATS:
★ Climate: 📈
★ Clean Air: 📈
★ Clean Energy: 📈
★ Energy Efficiency: 📈

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Thank Senator Klobuchar for protecting Minnesota and standing up against polluters by calling 202-224-3244 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.

DEBBIE STABENOW (D-MI)
Team: Clean Air Aces
Joined the League: January 3, 2001
Hometown: Lansing, MI

BIO:
Stabenow is giving the fans in Michigan exactly what they came to see: big hits that score clean energy wins for Michigan families. In her 14th big league year, she's bringing invaluable experience and leadership with her, showing her teammates around the basepaths on the way to climate and energy efficiency victories while rallying for protections that keep our air and water safe and clean.

QUOTED:
“Climate change is very real. Global warming creates volatility. I feel it when I’m flying. The storms are more volatile. We are paying the price in more hurricanes and tornadoes.”[41]

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:
★ Senator Stabenow has voted right on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions across the board.
★ Senator Stabenow signed a letter to the President supporting international climate action, the President’s Climate Action Plan, and the Clean Power Plan.

STATS:
★ Climate: 📈
★ Clean Air: 📈
★ Clean Energy: 📈
★ Energy Efficiency: 📈

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Thank Senator Stabenow for protecting Michigan and standing up against polluters by calling 202-224-4822 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.
TIM KAIN (D-VA)

Team: Clean Air Aces

Joined the League: January 3, 2013

Hometown: Richmond, VA

BIO:
Senator Kaine started the season off strong, taking big cuts at carbon pollution by supporting ambitious climate goals under the Clean Power Plan and scoring big votes for Virginia’s clean energy economy. He’s clearly a rising star with the kind of potential that could put him on track to be an All-Star.

FAST FACT:
During the last Congress, Senator Kaine not only advocated for the Clean Power Plan, but pushed for changes that would cut even more carbon pollution in Virginia while creating clean energy jobs. Now that’s a home run!

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:
Senator Kaine has voted right on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions across the board.

STATS:
★ Climate: 🌍
★ Clean Air: 🌍
★ Clean Energy: 🌍
★ Energy Efficiency: 🌍

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Thank Senator Kaine for protecting Virginia and standing up against polluters by calling 202-224-4024 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.
SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO (R-WV)

Team: Fossil Fools

Joined the League: January 3, 2015

Hometown: Charleston, WV

BIO:
Ever since starting her career in the House of Representatives in 2000, Capito has been struggling to produce when it comes to protecting the health of our planet and West Virginia families. Since getting called up to the big leagues this season, she’s had even more trouble, missing every time when it comes to protecting the EPA’s clean air and climate safeguards and whiffing on clean energy. What’s worse, she hasn’t been able to make up for it in the field, where her sloppy efforts have left families back in the Mountaineer State scratching their heads. She’s been caught daydreaming big polluter fantasies in the outfield — like the idea that changes in the weather disprove the climate crisis — causing her to botch some pretty easy plays.

QUOTED:
“Is the climate changing? Yes it’s changing, it changes all the time, we heard it raining out there.”

SEASON LOWLIGHTS:

★ Even with over 180,000 West Virginians suffering from asthma, Senator Capito has helped lead the attack on efforts to cut asthma-inducing smog pollution by co-sponsoring legislation to block a strong smog safeguard.

★ Senator Capito has voted wrong across the board on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions.

SPONSORSHIPS:
★ Oil & Gas: $704,961
★ Mining: $895,585
★ Utilities: $299,900

STATS:
★ Climate: ☹
★ Clean Air: ☹
★ Clean Energy: ☹
★ Energy Efficiency: ☹

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Tell Senator Capito these votes are harming West Virginia, and ask her to step up her game this year, protect your community and stand up against polluters by calling 202-224-6472 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.
JEFF FLAKE (R-AZ)
Team: Fossil Fools
Joined the League: January 3, 2013
Hometown: Mesa, AZ

BIO:
Flake has wasted a lot of time in recent seasons arguing with the umps when he’s clearly wrong, disputing the clearly correct call on climate science, and ignoring the broad public support for clean air and water. This season, he’s making big league dollars thanks to the oil and gas industry, but he’s been putting up Little League stats, failing to produce for Arizona’s clean energy economy, and taking wild swings to dismantle clean air protections and climate safeguards.

FAST FACT:
While our families are trying to score clean air free from toxics, Senator Flake has introduced two bills this Congress to block the plate and sideline the EPA’s efforts to curb dangerous, asthma-inducing smog pollution.

SEASON LOWLIGHTS:
★ Senator Flake has voted against every effort this year to protect the climate, clean the air, and grow Arizona’s clean energy economy.

SPONSORSHIPS:
★ Oil & Gas: $211,210
★ Mining: $216,102

STATS:
★ Climate: 🐙
★ Clean Air: 🐙
★ Clean Energy: 🐙
★ Energy Efficiency: 🐙

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Tell Senator Flake these votes are harming Arizona and ask him to step up his game this year, protect your community, and stand up against polluters by calling 202-224-4521 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.

JIM INHOFE (R-OK)
Team: Fossil Fools
Joined the League: November 16, 1994
Hometown: Tulsa, OK

BIO:
When Senator Inhofe isn’t consorting with the big polluters who are putting checks into his campaign account, he’s heckling reality and throwing cheap shots at climate action and clean air protections. He’s got one of the lowest environmental batting averages in history. Even so, he’s got his loyal supporters: Big polluters have been helping pay his way into the big leagues season after season. Families in Oklahoma and nationwide have every reason to be worried about his poor performance this season, as he’s found himself atop the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. But you have to give him credit for his dedication to the game, as he’s even practiced his climate denial by pitching snowballs across the Senate floor.

QUOTED:
“This 97% [of climate scientists accepting human-caused global warming], that doesn’t mean anything.”

“I ask the chair, you know what this is? It’s a snowball, just from outside here. So it’s very, very cold out. Very unseasonal. Mr. President, catch this.”

SEASON LOWLIGHTS:
★ Senator Inhofe has voted wrong across the board on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions.
★ As Chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee, Senator Inhofe has led the charge on efforts to discredit climate science, stifle climate scientists, and block action on climate and clean air standards.

SPONSORSHIPS:
★ Oil & Gas: $1,757,071
★ Mining: $320,925
★ Utilities: $582,217

STATS:
★ Climate: 🐙
★ Clean Air: 🐙
★ Clean Energy: 🐙
★ Energy Efficiency: 🐙

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Tell Senator Inhofe these votes are harming Oklahoma and ask him to step up his game, protect your community, and stand up against polluters by calling 202-224-4721 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.
**MITCH MCCONNELL (R-KY)**

**Team:** Fossil Fools  
**Joined the League:** January 3, 1985  
**Hometown:** Louisville, KY

**BIO:**  
Senator McConnell is the player-coach of the Fossil Fools, and every coal and oil CEO worth their carbon has a framed, signed photo of him in their office and a check in his campaign account. A perennial candidate for the industry’s Most Valuable Polluter award, McConnell has shown he’ll do whatever it takes for the fossil fuel industry. He takes big swings at the most important safeguards against toxic pollution, putting clean air and water in Kentucky at risk. And, when that doesn’t work, he’ll just tell his teammates to not even take the field, as with his infamous “just say no” strategy, urging Governors to ignore the law and the Clean Power Plan’s efforts to cut carbon pollution. We’re guessing all the coal dust from the campaign contributions he’s taken from the industry is getting to his head, because the senator from Louisville is hardly a slugger when it comes to producing for the health of our families and communities.

**QUOTED:**  
“We can debate this forever. George Will had a column in the last year or so pointing out that in the 70s, we were concerned the ice age was coming. I’m not a scientist.”

**SEASON LOWLIGHTS:**  
★ As Senate Majority Leader, Senator McConnell has orchestrated the obstruction of the Clean Power Plan and its first-ever safeguards to cut carbon pollution

**SPONSORSHIPS:**  
★ Oil & Gas: $1,894,769  
★ Mining: $1,049,349

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:**  
Get in the game! Tell Senator McConnell these votes are harming Kentucky, and ask him step up his game, protect your community and stand up against polluters by calling 202-224-2541 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.

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**JOHN THUNE (R-SD)**

**Team:** Fossil Fools  
**Joined the League:** January 3, 2005  
**Hometown:** Sioux Falls, SD

**BIO:**  
Senator Thune’s been having trouble handling the pitching in the big leagues. He’s been served up some easy tosses, like chances to protect South Dakota families from toxic pollution or grow the local clean energy economy — but he just hasn’t connected. He may be getting lazy at bat because he’s got a little extra in his campaign bank account thanks to his pals in the fossil fuel industry, and he’s started this season in a deep slump. Thune’s dropped his environmental batting average well below the Mendoza Line thanks to votes against climate action, attacks on clean energy, and opposition to strong standards to cut asthma-inducing smog pollution as well as the president’s Climate Action Plan.

**QUOTED:**  
On climate change, “I guess the answer to the question is I’m not sure.”

**SEASON LOWLIGHTS:**  
★ Even with 68,887 South Dakotans suffering from asthma, Senator Thune has led the efforts to cut asthma-inducing smog pollution by introducing an amendment and co-sponsoring two bad bills attacking strong smog safeguards.

**SPONSORSHIPS:**  
★ Oil & Gas: $709,162

**STATS:**  
★ Climate: 🕒  
★ Clean Air: 🕒  
★ Clean Energy: 🕒  
★ Energy Efficiency: 🕒

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:**  
Get in the game! Tell Senator Thune these votes are harming South Dakota and ask him to step up his game, to protect your community and stand up against polluters by calling 202-224-2321 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.
MARCO RUBIO (R-FL)
Team: Fossil Fools
Joined the League: January 3, 2011
Hometown: Miami, FL

BIO:
Many scouts thought Rubio had a chance to make a difference in the big leagues. He seemed like a natural fit — a senator from south Florida who’s seen rising seas in his own communities should be a lock to knock it out of the park on climate action. Maybe the hype got to his head (or maybe it was those oil company sponsorships?), because he’s been missing even the easiest of pitches, failing to show up for key votes on clean air and ducking climate questions by claiming he’s not a scientist. Marco, that’s like saying you don’t belong in the big leagues. We’d have to agree, given that he hasn’t had any impact in creating clean energy jobs or protecting clean air. Florida families have been clear — they want clean air, clean water, and climate action. Rubio just hasn’t been able to deliver.

QUOTED:
“I do not believe that human activity is causing these dramatic changes to our climate the way these scientists are portraying it.”  

SEASON LOWLIGHTS:
* Senator Rubio has voted wrong across the board on all critical votes for clean energy solutions and Florida clean energy jobs.

SPONSORSHIPS:
* Oil & Gas: $307,108

STATS:
* Climate: 😞
* Clean Air: 😞
* Clean Energy: N/A
* Energy Efficiency: 😞

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Tell Senator Rubio these votes are harming Florida and ask him to step up his game, to protect your community and stand up against polluters by calling 202-224-3041 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.

THOM TILLIS (R-NC)
Team: Fossil Fools
Joined the League: January 3, 2015
Hometown: Cornelius, NC

BIO:
Things didn’t start off well for this rookie, as he entered the bigs missing the easiest pitching,50 whiffing on climate amendments when they may as well have been set up for him on a tee. That didn’t stop him from getting some huge sponsorships from the oil and gas industry — in fact, it probably only encouraged him. But as expected, he’s shown he can’t produce in the majors, failing to connect when it comes to taking action to create clean energy jobs or protect clean water for North Carolina families.

QUOTED:
On whether human activity causes climate change: “You can’t answer with a yes or no”  

SEASON LOWLIGHTS:
* Senator Tillis has voted wrong across the board on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions.

SPONSORSHIPS:
* Oil & Gas: $220,000
* Mining: $139,900

STATS:
* Climate: 😞
* Clean Air: 😞
* Clean Energy: 😞
* Energy Efficiency: 😞

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Tell Senator Tillis these votes are harming North Carolina and ask him to step up his game, to protect your community, and stand up against polluters by calling 202-224-6342 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.
PAT TOOMEY (R-PA)

Team: Fossil Fools
Joined the League: January 3, 2011
Hometown: Zionsville, PA

BIO:
Senator Toomey is one of those guys that makes you wonder how he’s stuck around for so long at this level — then you look at how many fossil fuel sponsorships he has received and it all makes sense. BIG bucks from oil, gas, and coal companies have left Pat striking out when it comes to looking at the problems threatening the health of Pennsylvania families. He’s missed on clean energy and climate action already this season, and we only expect it to get worse if he doesn’t keep his eye on the ball. But that’s not likely to change, given that he’s had trouble even focusing enough to recognize the basic reality of climate science.

FAST FACT:
With 1,296,818 people in PA suffering from asthma, Toomey has celebrated delays that have kept a strong smog safeguard from being implemented — a safeguard that could help curb asthma-inducing smog pollution from threatening the health of our families.

SEASON LOWLIGHTS:
★ Senator Toomey voted wrong on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions.

SPONSORSHIPS:
★ Oil & Gas: $490,766
★ Mining: $269,641
★ Utilities: $276,324

STATS:
★ Climate: 🙁
★ Clean Air: 🙁
★ Clean Energy: 🙁
★ Energy Efficiency: 🙁

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Tell Senator Toomey these votes are harming Pennsylvania, and ask him to step up his game, to protect your community and stand up against polluters by calling 202-224-4254 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.

DAVID VITTER (R-LA)

Team: Fossil Fools
Joined the League: January 3, 2005
Hometown: Metairie, LA

BIO:
“Who is this guy even playing for?!” It’s the question people usually ask when they see Vitter in action. Well, the answer’s pretty obvious — its the Koch brothers. They and their Big Oil buddies have stuffed Vitter’s campaign coffers with cash, and he’s gone cold at the plate. In fact, he’s missed on climate, clean air, and clean energy so often that it looks like he’s not even trying — or at least not trying for Louisiana families. We also have strong doubts about his commitment to the game, as he’s been known to pick up his ball and go home whenever climate science is discussed. We have a hard time rating him as anything higher than a little leaguer in a big leagues uniform.

QUOTED:
“I think the Koch brothers are two of the most patriotic Americans in the history of the Earth... I’ll be honest with you, God bless the Koch brothers.”

SEASON LOWLIGHTS:
★ Even with 1 in 10 kids in Louisiana suffering from asthma, Senator Vitter has co-sponsored two bills to block stronger smog standards that would reduce asthma-inducing pollution.

SPONSORSHIPS:
★ Oil & Gas: $1,266,377
★ Utilities: $257,665

STATS:
★ Climate: 🙁
★ Clean Air: 🙁
★ Clean Energy: 🙁
★ Energy Efficiency: 🙁

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Tell Senator Vitter these votes are harming Louisiana, and ask him to step up his game, to protect your community and stand up against polluters by calling 202-224-4623 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.
CORY GARDNER (R-CO)
Team: Fossil Fools
Joined the League: January 3, 2015
Hometown: Yuma, CO

BIO:
This highly paid rookie thought he could fake it until he made it in the bigs, but it's been a lot of bark and no bite so far. Who could forget his dashing appearance in a TV ad before a bank of wind turbines,55 pledging that he'd bring new (clean) energy to the game? Alas, he hasn't been able to walk the walk, as he's struck out on clean energy this season and dropped the ball on climate action. Ouch. It's almost like someone is paying him to say one thing and do another, and his stats are paying the price. We're guessing he'll console himself with the sponsorships he's taken from the Koch brothers and Big Oil.

FAST FACT:
Even after touting his support of clean energy in TV ads, Gardner voted against support for Colorado's clean energy economy within the first 100 days he was in Congress.

SEASON LOWLIGHTS:
★ Senator Gardner has voted wrong across the board on all critical votes for climate action, clean air, and clean energy solutions.

SPONSORSHIPS:
★ Oil & Gas: $1,034,549
★ Mining: $236,475
★ Utilities: $187,000

STATS:
★ Climate: 🛑
★ Clean Air: 🛑
★ Clean Energy: 🛑
★ Energy Efficiency: 🛑

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Tell Senator Gardner these votes are harming Colorado, and ask him to step up his game, to protect your community and stand up against polluters by calling 202-224-5941 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.

ROB PORTMAN (R-OH)
Team: Fossil Fools
Joined the League: January 3, 2011
Hometown: Cincinnati, OH

BIO:
This Ohioan was at the top of a lot of watch lists in the last few years, but the numbers just aren't adding up. While he's made solid contact when it comes to energy efficiency, he just isn't up to the task of supporting clean energy jobs in the Buckeye State and is less than dependable when it comes to clean air. He also attacked the Clean Power Plan with a proposed amendment to make state compliance optional. We're guessing he got distracted by all those checks from oil and gas companies, which is a real shame as he's letting a lot of fans down who were pulling for protections from toxic pollution.

QUOTED:
"When you analyze all the data, there is a warming trend according to science. But the jury is out on the degree of how much is man-made."56

SEASON LOWLIGHTS:
★ Senator Portman has consistently voted against clean air, clean energy solutions, and Ohio clean energy jobs in the 114th Congress.

SPONSORSHIPS:
★ Oil & Gas: $428,158

STATS:
★ Climate: 🛑
★ Clean Air: 🛑
★ Clean Energy: 🛑
★ Energy Efficiency: 🛑

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Tell Senator Portman these votes are harming Ohio and ask him to step up his game, protect your community, and stand up against polluters by calling 202-224-3353 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.
KELLY AYOTTE (R-NH)
Joined the League: January 3, 2011
Hometown: Nashua, NH

**BIO:**
With a solid record at the plate by taking cuts at energy consumption, Senator Ayotte could be a contributor to the Aces and deliver clean energy wins for New Hampshire families. Still, it’ll take some practice — and some improved performance at the plate against big polluters, as she’s not been successful in standing up for growing the Granite State’s clean energy economy. She’s hit some easy pitches on climate science, but she’ll need to show she can handle the tough stuff to make the Aces.

**QUOTED:**
“There is scientific evidence that demonstrates there is some impact from human activities...However I don’t think the evidence is conclusive.”

**THIS SEASON:**
★ Senator Ayotte voted right on amendments acknowledging that humans are significantly contributing to climate change and that our national security is threatened by the climate crisis.
★ Senator Ayotte voted against supporting wind energy and supporting the clean energy economy.

**STATS:**
★ Climate: 🔷
★ Clean Air: 🃏
★ Clean Energy: 🃏
★ Energy Efficiency: 🔷

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:**
Get in the game! Tell Senator Ayotte to protect your community and stand up against polluters by calling 202-224-3324 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.

BOB CASEY (D-PA)
Joined the League: January 3, 2007
Hometown: Scranton, PA

**BIO:**
Pennsylvania families didn’t vote for dirty air, dirty water, or dirty fuels — and Senator Casey’s the kind of player who can help produce results in the field to do just that. He’s already showcased his talents by scoring big hits on climate action and clean energy this season and could contribute big things to the Keystone State throughout the season if he stays on the right track and focuses on protecting Pennsylvania’s families and communities. He whiffed on clean air earlier in the season by sponsoring a bad amendment to waive Clean Air Act requirements at plants that burn waste coal (a waste product of coal mining) — an amendment he thankfully failed to get across the plate.

**QUOTED:**
“On global warming, I am taking a comprehensive approach that not only calls for mandatory reductions in global warming pollution, including carbon dioxide, but also puts pressure on other countries to reduce their emissions.”

**THIS SEASON:**
Senator Casey has voted right across the board on all climate and clean energy amendments this year.

**STATS:**
★ Climate: 🔷
★ Clean Air: 🃏
★ Clean Energy: 🔷
★ Energy Efficiency: 🔷

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:**
Get in the game! Tell Senator Casey to protect your community and stand up against polluters by calling 202-224-6324 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.
JOE DONNELLY (D-IN)

**Joined the League:** January 3, 2013

**Hometown:** Granger, IN

**BIO:**
Senator Donnelly’s shown some spark in his career, stepping up to the plate and delivering on clean energy tax credits that will help create jobs in Indiana while helping safeguard air and water for Hoosier families. At the same time, he’s struggled to make contact in clutch situations, like cutting carbon pollution or supporting safeguards that protect the air we breathe. That’s why it’s so important he follows through on some of the early successes he’s had this season and swing away against the toxic pollution that threatens the health of communities and families across the Hoosier State.

**FAST FACT:**
Donnelly is an inconsistent hitter, issuing statements that straddle the line between solid hits for clean air and water and the foul balls of big polluters. Hoosiers need him to hit more home runs for affordable, job-creating clean energy.

**THIS SEASON:**
- Senator Donnelly voted right on amendments acknowledging that humans are significantly contributing to climate change and that our national security is threatened by the climate crisis.
- Senator Donnelly failed to sign onto a letter supporting international climate action and the Clean Power Plan’s cuts to carbon pollution.

**STATS:**
- Climate: 🌞
- Clean Air: 🪐
- Clean Energy: 🪐
- Energy Efficiency: 🪐

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:**
Get in the game! Tell Senator Donnelly to protect your community and stand up against polluters by calling 202-224-4814 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.

MARK KIRK (R-IL)

**Joined the League:** November 29, 2010

**Hometown:** Highland Park, IL

**BIO:**
A relative newcomer to the big leagues who’s had a rollercoaster ride of a career so far, you can’t write off the fact that Kirk may have a breakout season this year. Still, it’s anyone’s guess how he’ll perform, as he’s gone from extremely hot to extremely cold throughout the early months of this season — mimicking the extreme weather fueled by a climate crisis. One day, he’ll whiff on a chance to cut carbon pollution or protect clean air, and the next, he’ll recognize that our national security is threatened by the climate crisis. With threats like coal ash endangering Lake Michigan, it’s time he steps up. There’s hope yet that he’ll even out and stand by Illinois families instead of polluters, but only time will tell.

**QUOTED:**
Kirk’s a switch hitter, recognizing climate science on some days and then explaining it away with references to the Vikings the next: “By calling Greenland ‘green land,’ we know that the climate has been changing pretty regularly within recorded memory.”

**THIS SEASON:**
- Senator Kirk voted right on amendments acknowledging that humans are significantly contributing to climate change and that our national security is threatened by the climate crisis.
- Senator Kirk stopped short of supporting climate action and even supported an attack on the Clean Power Plan.

**STATS:**
- Climate: 🌞
- Clean Air: 🪐
- Clean Energy: 🪐
- Energy Efficiency: 🪐

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:**
Get in the game! Tell Senator Kirk to protect your community and stand up against polluters by calling 202-224-2854 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.
MARK WARNER (D-VA)
Joined the League: January 3, 2009
Hometown: Alexandria, VA

BIO:
Virginia families are holding out hope that Senator Warner will go to bat for clean energy and climate action this season. His track record in recent years has been mixed, but he’s made the highlight reels a few times this season by scoring for energy efficiency and climate action. Scouts across the league are on the look-out to see if big polluters will be able to slow him down or if he’ll dig in to protect our air and water from dangerous toxic pollution.

QUOTED:
On the effects of climate disruption in Norfolk, “...[S]eas are rising so much that the Navy is spending tens of millions a year just to raise the barriers.”

THIS SEASON:
★ Senator Warner has voted right across the board on all critical votes for climate action.
★ Senator Warner is pushing for dangerous oil and gas drilling off the coast of Virginia.

STATS:
★ Climate: 🌇
★ Clean Air: 🌇
★ Clean Energy: ☞
★ Energy Efficiency: 🌇

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Tell Senator Warner to protect your community and stand up against polluters by calling 202-224-2023 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.

CLAIRE MCCASKILL (D-MO)
Joined the League: January 3, 2007
Hometown: St. Louis, MO

BIO:
Senator McCaskill’s got all the fundamentals, and Missouri families are eager to see her put them all together to win a lot games for public health and clean energy this season. Already, she’s taken big swings at the dangers of fossil fuels and asthma-inducing smog pollution, and we are hopeful she will go deep for the Show Me State by supporting a strong Clean Power Plan. Everything is in place for her to have a big year in the field defending clean air and clean water protections — she just needs to execute. Will her close ties with Big Coal keep her from being a Clean Air Ace?

QUOTED:
“In Missouri, the air quality problems in our cities and the growing number of people who suffer from Asthma are proof of the dire consequences of neglecting the environment.”

THIS SEASON:
★ Senator McCaskill voted right on amendments acknowledging that humans are significantly contributing to climate change and that our national security is threatened by the climate crisis.

STATS:
★ Climate : 🌇
★ Clean Air: 🌇
★ Clean Energy: ☞
★ Energy Efficiency: 🌇

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Tell Senator McCaskill to protect your community and stand up against polluters by calling 202-224-6154 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.
JOE MANCHIN (D-WV)

**Joined the League:** November 15, 2010

**Hometown:** Charleston, WV

**BIO:**
Most scouts think it’s time to pull the plug on Senator Manchin, since he’s had real struggles at the plate and hasn’t shown that he’s able to get around big polluters on the basepaths. We’re guessing all those coal industry sponsorships might be slowing him down. That’s not to say he hasn’t had some big games this season, as he’s delivered clutch support of energy efficiency and recognized the reality of the climate crisis — now it’s just a question of whether Manchin can follow through for West Virginia families. Fans have their doubts, and for good reason: He’s dropped the ball when it comes to protecting clean air safeguards and taken big swings at the vitally important effort to cut smog pollution that could protect the 180,000 West Virginians who suffer from asthma.

**FAST FACT:**
The coal industry has invested heavily to get Manchin on the field — to the tune of $600,000+ — and he’s paid off for them, taking big swings at the Clean Power Plan’s efforts to cut carbon pollution from coal-fired power plants.

**THIS SEASON:**
★ Although Senator Manchin has chalked up a few bad climate votes already this season, he voted right on amendments acknowledging that humans are significantly contributing to climate change and that our national security is threatened by the climate crisis.
★ Even with over 180,000 West Virginians suffering from asthma,
Senator Manchin has helped lead the attack on efforts to cut asthma-inducing smog pollution by co-sponsoring legislation to block a strong smog safeguard.

**SPONSORSHIPS:**
★ Mining: $682,698
★ Utilities: $433,950
★ Oil & Gas: $273,150

**STATS:**
★ Climate: 📈
★ Clean Air: 🌱
★ Clean Energy: 🍃
★ Energy Efficiency: 🌞

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:**
Get in the game! Tell Senator Manchin to protect your community and stand up against polluters by calling 202-224-3954 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.
LAMAR ALEXANDER (R-TN)
Joined the League: January 3, 2003
Hometown: Nashville, TN

BIO:
Senator Alexander’s the kind of player who drives fans crazy, going from a hot streak to a cold streak seemingly overnight. One day, he’ll dig in and connect on climate science and the dangers of toxic pollution from burning coal. The next, he’ll be striking out on attempts to curb asthma-inducing smog pollution and dropping the ball for Tennessee’s clean energy economy. Tennessee families are hoping he’ll step up and start playing for the Aces full time.

FAST FACT:
Senator Alexander attracted the attention of scouts early in the season when he broke ranks with his party to support the Schatz amendment that asserted that climate change is real and humans are significantly contributing to the problem.

THIS SEASON:
★ Senator Alexander has voted wrong across the board when it comes to growing Tennessee’s clean energy economy.

SPONSORSHIPS:
★ Utilities: $137,400
★ Oil & Gas: $160,786

STATS:
★ Climate: 🕵
★ Clean Air: 🕵
★ Clean Energy: ⚽
★ Energy Efficiency: 🕵

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Get in the game! Tell Senator Alexander to protect your community and stand up against polluters by calling 202-224-4944 or visiting sc.org/scoutingreport.
We need Congress to play for our team and protect the EPA safeguards that cut dangerous carbon pollution, curb asthma-inducing smog, and grow the American clean energy economy — not get in the way. Congress needs to get its head in the game, and you can help. With Republican leadership fulfilling the dreams of fossil fuel billionaires, now is not the time to abandon all the progress we’ve made in fighting dangerous air and water pollution, nor to turn our backs on the clean energy jobs that are powering our economic growth.

Visit [sc.org/scoutingreport](http://sc.org/scoutingreport) to tell your senators to put people above polluters so we can all win back our clean water, air, and communities.
### Climate Change

- Lamar Alexander (R TN)
- Kelly Ayotte (R NH)
- Michael Bennet (D CO)
- Barbara Boxer (D CA)
- Maria Cantwell (D WA)
- Shelley Capito (R WV)
- Bob Casey (D PA)
- Joe Donnelly (D IN)
- Richard Durbin (D IL)
- Dianne Feinstein (D CA)
- Jeff Flake (R AZ)
- Cory Gardner (R CO)
- Kirsten Gillibrand (D NY)
- Jim Inhofe (R OK)
- Tim Kaine (D VA)
- Mark Kirk (R IL)
- Amy Klobuchar (D MN)
- Joe Manchin (D WV)
- Edward Markey (D MA)
- Claire McCaskill (D MO)
- Mitch McConnell (R KY)
- Jeff Merkley (D OR)
- Patty Murray (D WA)
- Bill Nelson (D FL)
- Gary Peters (D MI)
- Rob Portman (R OH)
- Marco Rubio (R FL)
- Bernie Sanders (I VT)
- Brian Schatz (D HI)
- Chuck Schumer (D NY)
- Jeanne Shaheen (D NH)
- Debbie Stabenow (D MI)
- Jon Tester (D MT)
- John Thune (R SD)
- Thomas Tillis (R NC)
- Pat Toomey (R PA)
- David Vitter (R LA)
- Mark Warner (D VA)
- Sheldon Whitehouse (D RI)

### Clean Energy

- Bennet Amendment (#1014), Stating human-caused climate change is real, threatens national security and we must act now
- Heitkamp Amendment (#125), Extending tax credits for the clean energy industry
- Sanders Amendment (#23), Creating a renewable electricity standard
- Sanders Amendment (#23), Promoting energy efficiency across the economy

### Energy Efficiency

- Motion to Table Reed Amendment (#74), Tabling energy efficiency retrofits for low income households
- Portman Amendment (#3), Creating a renewable electricity standard
- Motion to Table Reed Amendment (#74), Creating a renewable electricity standard

### Clean Air

- GOP EPW Letter, Attacking smog protections — Cosigners
- Flake Attack Bill (BESL Act - S.640), Blocking smog protections — Cosigners
- Thune Amendment (#434), Creating hurdles for smog protections — Cosigners

**KEY**

- CLEAN AIR ACES
- FOSSIL FOOLS
- ON THE RADAR
- PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE
- ANTI ENVIRONMENT VOTE
- NV NO VOTE
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