

From: [REDACTED]@nytimes.com
Subject: Re: NYT
Date: June 20, 2018 at 6:18 PM
To: Steve Milloy milloy@me.com



Thanks for alerting us to your concerns.

On Wed, Jun 20, 2018 at 5:40 PM, Steve Milloy [REDACTED] wrote:
1. They are lobbying/lacking for the CO2 tax.
2. They are being paid to lobby/lack by the nuclear, wind and solar industries.
3. There is no disclosure of that lobbying/lacking. None.
4. Endorsements of a CO2 tax by Exxon, Shell etc. has nothing to do with Lott/Breaux not disclosing their work for the nuke, wind/solar industries.

On Jun 20, 2018, at 5:30 PM [REDACTED]@nytimes.com wrote:

OUR news story today said this **The initiative has already won endorsements from some environmental groups, like the Nature Conservancy and Conservation International; fossil fuel giants like Exxon Mobil, Shell and BP; and major companies in renewable and nuclear energy and consumer goods.**

But I don't see how is that a *conflict* involving Breaux and Lott. Is it? How?

On Wed, Jun 20, 2018 at 5:24 PM, Steve Milloy [REDACTED] wrote:
Well... imagine that that op-ed opposed a CO2 tax and imagine the unlikely case that the NYTimes ran it... would you let them get away without mentioning that they were being paid by big corporations to advocate against a CO2 tax?
Their web site does not mention corporate financial support for their group.

On Jun 20, 2018, at 5:20 PM [REDACTED]@nytimes.com wrote:

They say in the op-ed that they are co-chairmen of the group.

It is time to push this breakthrough carbon-dividends plan more squarely into the political arena by launching a national campaign around it. is why we are proud to sign on as co-chairmen of [Americans for Carbon Dividends](#), a new 501(C) 4 entity that launched on Tuesday. Over the coming months, this group will roll out a multifaceted campaign to promote this winning solution.

What more should they say?

On Wed, Jun 20, 2018 at 5:11 PM, Steve Milloy [REDACTED] wrote:
I'm missing something... AFCD is an admitted industry funded lobby group. It is run by two lobbyists. It is lobbying for a carbon tax. None of this was lobbying disclosed to readers. If anything, the name "Americans for Carbon Dividends" is deceptive — unless the Am are Lott, Breaux, their fellow lobbyists and funders.

On Jun 20, 2018, at 5:02 PM [REDACTED]@nytimes.com wrote:

The issue we're concerned about is whether any of their clients are paying them to lobby on their behalf for a climate tax. We are not aware of any that are. The three mentioned in this article are not clients of Squire Patton Boggs, according to the most recent lobby disclosure forms.

On Wed, Jun 20, 2018 at 4:57 PM, Steve Milloy [REDACTED] wrote:
Is this good enough?

<https://www.pmnwswire.com/news-releases/industry-backed-campaign-co-chaired-by-senators-breaux-lott-launches-to-promote-baker-shultz-carbon-dividends-plan-300669163.html>

Industry-Backed Campaign Co-Chaired by Senators Breaux & Lott Launches to Promote Baker-Shultz Carbon Dividends Plan

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Climate Leadership Council Announces 8 Prominent New Founding Members

New Study Shows that Baker-Shultz Plan Would Achieve More Than 3X the Emissions Reductions of All Obama-Era Climate Regulations Combined

New Poll Reveals Americans Support Baker-Shultz Plan by 2 to 1 Margin, Including Strong Republican Support

On Jun 20, 4:18 PM, C Chris

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WASHINGTON, June 20, 2018 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- A diverse group of energy industry leaders are backing the formation of Americans For Carbon Dividends (AFCD), a new 501(c)(4) political campaign launched today to promote a revenue-neutral carbon dividends plan co-authored by former Secretaries of State James A. Baker, III and George P. Shultz, among others.

AFCD is co-chaired by Senators Trent Lott and John Breaux, with Joe Lockhart and Mark McKinnon as Senior Advisors, and Karen Hughes Of Counsel. Squire Patton Boggs will lead lobbying efforts, Hill+Knowlton will lead communications, and Republican fundraiser Margaret Lauderback will lead fundraising efforts.

"This free market climate solution is an opportunity for the GOP to gain the high ground on a major environmental issue while cutting regulations, shrinking government and benefiting the American people," said AFCD co-chair Trent Lott. "The Baker-Shultz plan allows all parties to realize an important victory in a bipartisan fashion, and should be embraced by Democratic and Republican leaders alike," said AFCD co-chair John Breaux.

AFCD has raised a seven-figure annual budget from a range of energy industry leaders, including Exelon, First Solar and American Wind Energy Association, among others. It expects to attract additional corporate contributions in the coming months.

"As the nation's largest producer of emissions-free energy, we have long supported action on climate change because we firmly believe it is essential to protect the well-being of our customers and all Americans," said Chris Crane, president and CEO of Exelon. "A carbon dividends policy that returns proceeds to consumers will unleash innovation and investment in new and existing technologies and put us on course to reduce emissions in the fastest and most economical way possible, while also protecting American jobs and the security of our energy supply."

The [Climate Leadership Council](#), the 501(c)(3) organization that introduced the Baker-Shultz plan in February 2017, announced today the addition of 8 new [Founding Members](#). New individual Founding Members include former Fed Chairs Ben Bernanke and Janet Yellen and former EPA Administrator Christine Todd Whitman. New corporate Founding Members include AECOM, Allianz, Exelon, First Solar and MetLife.

"The addition of these prominent Founding Members to our remarkably broad coalition re-affirms that the Baker-Shultz Carbon Dividends Plan is fast emerging as the inevitable climate solution, and the most promising basis for a much-needed bipartisan climate breakthrough," said Ted Halstead, Chairman and CEO of the Climate Leadership Council.

Today, the Climate Leadership Council issued [A Winning Trade](#), a new study that shows the Baker-Shultz Carbon Dividends Plan could achieve over three times the emissions reductions from 2016 onwards of all Obama-era climate regulations, had they remained in place. The Baker-Shultz Plan, if implemented by 2021, could also exceed the 2025 US Paris commitment, according to the study.

A new national poll of 2,000 voters released today by Hill+Knowlton Strategies shows that Americans support the Baker-Shultz Carbon Dividends Plan by a 2 to 1 margin. The survey also found that the plan is popular among Republicans, by a 23-point margin between those who approve over those who do not. "This poll confirms that the Baker-Shultz plan is the most popular national climate solution among the American people and among Republicans," said Dick Keil, Managing Director at Hill+Knowlton. Additional polling results will be released in the coming weeks.

About the Climate Leadership Council: Launched in February 2017, the Climate Leadership Council is an international policy institute founded in collaboration with a who's who of business, opinion and environmental leaders to promote a carbon dividends framework as the most effective, equitable and politically viable climate solution. For additional information, visit www.clcouncil.org.

About Americans for Carbon Dividends: Co-Chaired by former Senators John Breaux and Trent Lott, Americans for Carbon Dividends (AFCD) is an educational and advocacy campaign to build support for the Baker-Shultz Carbon Dividends Plan. Senior Advisors include Joe Lockhart and Mark McKinnon, with Karen Hughes Of Counsel. For additional information, visit www.afcd.org.

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Mr. Milloy, I work with Jim Dao. Which corporate clients of theirs are advocating for a carbon tax?

Thanks,

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From: **Steve Milloy** ██████████>
Date: Wed, Jun 20, 2018 at 3:33 PM
Subject: Trent Lott op-ed disclosure failure
To: dao@nytimes.com, oped@nytimes.com

Mr. Dao,

In his op-ed today, Trent Lott and John Breaux failed to disclose that they are lobbyists for corporate clients advocating a carbon tax.

You should probably run a disclosure.

Thanks,

Steve Milloy
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