* A new [bombshell report](https://www.politico.com/story/2019/02/20/epa-air-pollution-regulations-wehrum-1191258) by Politico revealed just how deep the rot goes in the Trump administration, with recently-released documents and emails showing that the nation’s largest power companies and several industry groups -- including some of the largest coal-burning power companies -- paid EPA Air Office chief Bill Wehrum’s former lobbying firm $8.2 million to fight against public health and climate protections, just months before he was nominated to serve in his current position at EPA.
* While Wehrum denies being in the pocket of the corporate polluters he once represented, he has not stopped from remaining pen pals with his lobbyist friends and hearing out their requests to gut lifesaving protections, including the Clean Power Plan and the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards. Now Wehrum is carrying out their agenda himself as the EPA moves to roll back both of these critical safeguards that protect the lives and livelihoods of American communities by fighting air pollution and climate change.
* Wehrum isn’t the only industry lobbyist that President Trump installed at EPA. It starts at the top. Andrew Wheeler, a former coal industry lobbyist who represented some of the largest polluters in the country, was nominated to fulfill the position of EPA administrator permanently and is awaiting Senate confirmation. Wheeler’s past as an industry lobbyist calls into question his impartiality, and the actions he’s taken since becoming acting administrator to roll back health and climate protections are concerning.
* This report about Wehrum comes on the heels of Trump’s selection of notorious climate-denier William Happer, who has decried the “demonization of CO2,” as chair of a Presidential Committee on Climate Security. What’s true is that since 2010, the Department of Defense has released multiple reports finding that climate change is a pressing national security threat that requires urgent action.
* The reality is that instead of “draining the swamp,” President Trump is pumping it back into his Administration. The American people deserve an EPA that is focused on the agency’s core mission of protecting our health and environment, not one that puts corporate polluters ahead of our health and wellbeing.

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