**Senate Majority Republican Climate Proposals**

**Message Guidance:**

* The American people have made it clear they want bold action on climate change, and support for climate action is growing, across all age groups, all religions, and all political persuasions. In fact, [nearly two-thirds of Republicans](https://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/418887-poll-nearly-two-thirds-of-republicans-now-acknowledge-climate) now acknowledge climate change.
	+ A [May 20 public opinion poll from Luntz Global](https://www.clcouncil.org/media/Luntz-Carbon-Dividends-Polling-May-20-2019-FINAL.pdf) found 69% of Republican voters are worried that their party’s stance on climate change is hurting them with young voters.
* Now, after decades of inaction and obstruction of climate action, and with public opinion turned against their entrenched climate denial, Senate Majority Republicans are scrambling to put together [proposals](https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-05-21/senate-gop-readies-climate-bills-in-bid-to-court-wary-democrats) to greenwash their climate denial.
* These proposals – which do not set steep reductions in the carbon pollution that contributes to climate change and rely on voluntary “innovation” – are not likely to have a meaningful impact on addressing climate change.
* Despite finding enlightenment on climate change, many Senators are captive to special interests like big polluters, having taken millions of dollars from fossil fuel interests over the course of their congressional careers. For example:
	+ Iowa Senator Joni Ernst has received a total of over $294,000 in campaign donations from fossil fuel interests;
	+ Colorado Senator Cory Gardner has received a total of over $1.7 million in campaign donations from fossil fuel interests;
	+ Arizona Senator Martha McSally has received more than $745,000 in campaign contributions from fossil fuel interests; and
	+ North Carolina Senator Thom Tillis has received more than $508,000 in campaign contributions from fossil fuel interests.
* Meanwhile, House Minority Republicans on the Appropriations Committee [rejected a spending bill](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/paloma/the-energy-202/2019/05/23/the-energy-202-republicans-vote-against-bill-containing-their-key-climate-priority-researching-energy-innovation/5ce5cac3a7a0a46b92a3fd94/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.eee6bf2394b3) containing many of the same innovation provisions that their Senate Majority counterparts claim are their key climate priorities.
* The truth is that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and his cronies have no plans to adequately address climate change. Time and again, Senate Republicans have demonstrated that their fossil fuel billionaire’s agenda is unforgivably out of touch with what the American people overwhelmingly support: bold action on climate change.

**Social Guidance:**

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