

JAMES IS BACKED BY BIG OIL AND THE KOCH BROTHERS WHO THREATEN THE GREAT LAKES AND HAVE SPENT OVER \$670,000 TO HELP JOHN JAMES' CAMPAIGNS

JAMES RECEIVED \$185,000 FROM THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

According To The Center For Responsive Politics, James Accepted \$118,754 In Contributions From The Oil & Gas Industry In The 2020 Cycle. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [6/27/20](#)]

According To The Center For Responsive Politics, James Accepted \$66,745 In Contributions From The Oil & Gas Industry In The 2018 Cycle. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [6/27/20](#)]

JAMES WAS BACKED BY THE KOCH POLITICAL NETWORK

THE KOCH POLITICAL NETWORK INVESTED IN JOHN JAMES' SENATE CAMPAIGNS, SPENDING AT LEAST \$485,447 SUPPORTING HIS 2018 AND 2020 CAMPAIGNS

AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY ACTION, A KOCH NETWORK SUPER PAC, SPENT \$475,447 SUPPORTING JAMES' 2020 CAMPAIGN

Through Sep. 29, 2020, Americans For Prosperity Action Spent \$475,447 On Independent Expenditures Supporting James' Campaign. [Center For Responsive Politics, [9/25/20](#)]

Americans For Prosperity Action Was Part Of The Koch Brothers' Political Network. "With the balance of power in Congress at stake in just under two months, the influential conservative Koch political network has added another campaign finance weapon to its arsenal, a new super PAC. The latest entity, called Americans for Prosperity Action, is a sister organization to the Koch-backed nonprofit Americans for Prosperity, which describes its mission as fighting for less regulation, lower taxes and 'economic prosperity for all.'" [CNBC, [9/10/18](#)]

E&E News: "And Americans For Prosperity Action, Which Is Backed By The Koch Political Network, Has Spent \$2.5 Million So Far, According To FEC Filings." [E&E News, [7/29/20](#)]

KOCH INDUSTRIES PAC GAVE \$5,000 TO JAMES' 2020 CAMPAIGN

2019: Koch Industries PAC Contributed \$5,000 To John James For Senate. [Center for Responsive Politics, Accessed [7/24/20](#)]

KOCH-BACKED NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS GAVE JAMES' 2018 CAMPAIGN \$5,000 AND ENDORSED HIS 2020 CAMPAIGN

2018: National Federation Of Independent Business Federal PAC Contributed \$5,000 To James' Campaigns. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [7/24/20](#)]

July 2020: National Federation Of Independent Business Endorsed James' Campaign. "The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, today endorsed John James for election to the United States Senate." [NIFB, Press Release, [7/21/20](#)]

Most Of NFIB's Funding Came From Freedom Partners, Whose Nine-Member Board Included Eight Current Or Former Key Figures In The Koch Brothers' Political Network. "Past tax records reveal most of the NFIB's funding comes from Freedom Partners, whose nine-member board includes eight current or former key figures at Koch Industries and other Koch entities. More than 95% of the candidates it backs are Republican." [The Guardian, [2/11/18](#)]

KOCH INDUSTRIES SUBSIDIARY FLINT HILLS RESOURCES OWN PIPELINES

Koch Industries' Subsidiary Flint Hills Resources Owns Pipelines. "From our production facilities and refineries, and through our pipelines, come the fuels and chemical building blocks critical to moving our modern way of life forward. We harness the power of innovation and responsible operations to find ways that will make tomorrow even better." [Koch Industries, accessed [9/27/20](#); Flint Hills, accessed [9/27/20](#)]

KOCH INDUSTRIES HAD A HISTORY OF POLLUTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE, INCLUDING ELSEWHERE IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION

KOCH INDUSTRIES WAS AMONG THE COUNTRY'S TOP POLLUTERS

2014: Koch Industries Was Among The Top Three “Polluters Of America’s Air, Water And Climate.” “The volume of Koch Industries’ toxic output is staggering. According to the University of Massachusetts Amherst’s Political Economy Research Institute, only three companies rank among the top 30 polluters of America’s air, water and climate: ExxonMobil, American Electric Power and Koch Industries. Thanks in part to its 2005 purchase of paper-mill giant Georgia-Pacific, Koch Industries dumps more pollutants into the nation’s waterways than General Electric and International Paper combined. The company ranks 13th in the nation for toxic air pollution. Koch’s climate pollution, meanwhile, outpaces oil giants including Valero, Chevron and Shell. Across its businesses, Koch generates 24 million metric tons of greenhouse gases a year.” [Rolling Stone, [9/24/14](#)]

2014: Koch Industries Was A Leading Producer Of Petroleum-Based Products. “It is often said that the Koch brothers are in the oil business. That’s true as far as it goes – but Koch Industries is not a major oil producer. Instead, the company has woven itself into every nook of the vast industrial web that transforms raw fossil fuels into usable goods. Koch-owned businesses trade, transport, refine and process fossil fuels, moving them across the world and up the value chain until they become things we forgot began with hydrocarbons: fertilizers, Lycra, the innards of our smartphones.” [Rolling Stone, [9/24/14](#)]

2014: Koch Industries Controlled At Least 4 Oil Refineries, Six Ethanol Plants, A Natural-Gas-Fired Power Plant And 4,000 Miles Of Pipeline. “The company controls at least four oil refineries, six ethanol plants, a natural-gas-fired power plant and 4,000 miles of pipeline. Until recently, Koch refined roughly five percent of the oil burned in America (that percentage is down after it shuttered its 85,000-barrel-per-day refinery in North Pole, Alaska, owing, in part, to the discovery that a toxic solvent had leaked from the facility, fouling the town’s groundwater). From the fossil fuels it refines, Koch also produces billions of pounds of petrochemicals, which, in turn, become the feedstock for other Koch businesses. In a journey across Koch Industries, what enters as a barrel of West Texas Intermediate can exit as a Stainmaster carpet.” [Rolling Stone, [9/24/14](#)]

KOCH CARBON STORED A MASSIVE PETROLEUM COKE PILE NEAR THE DETROIT RIVER, RAISING ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Koch Carbon, A Koch Brothers Company, Stored A Three-Story Pile Of Petroleum Coke That Covered An Entire City Block Along The Detroit River. “Assumption Park gives residents of this city lovely views of the Ambassador Bridge and the Detroit skyline. Lately they’ve been treated to another sight: a three-story pile of petroleum coke covering an entire city block on the other side of the Detroit River. Detroit’s ever-growing black mountain is the unloved, unwanted and long overlooked byproduct of Canada’s oil sands boom. And no one knows quite what to do about it, except Koch Carbon, which owns it. The company is controlled by Charles and David Koch, wealthy industrialists who back a number of conservative and libertarian causes including activist groups that challenge the science behind climate change. The company sells the high-sulfur, high-carbon waste, usually overseas, where it is burned as fuel.” [New York Times, [5/17/13](#)]

HEADLINE: “Koch Brothers: Billionaires Place 3-Story Pile Of Petroleum Coke In Detroit” [Mic, [5/19/13](#)]

Politico: “Towering Piles Of An Oil Refinery’s Dusty Leftovers Blighted A Detroit Neighborhood, Thanks To The Koch Brothers.” “For a green-minded Democratic candidate, the symbolism is irresistible: Towering piles of an oil refinery’s dusty leftovers blighted a Detroit neighborhood, thanks to the Koch brothers — and a major Koch-backed political group is taking the side of his Republican opponent.” [Politico, [8/30/14](#)]

THE PETROLEUM COKE WAS “STORED IN UNCONTAINED PILES ALONG THE RIVERFRONT” AND RESIDENTS CAPTURED VIDEO OF DUST CLOUDS BLOWING OFF THE PILES

The Petroleum Coke Piles Created Environmental And Health Concerns Because It Was “Stored In Uncontained Piles On The Riverfront.” “Activists are worried about pet coke’s health and environmental impacts, especially since it’s still being stored in uncontained piles on the riverfront. [...] A spokesman for the pet coke’s handlers at the site, Detroit Bulk Storage, says they’re working to address environmental and health concerns about the pet coke. They’ve begun spraying the piles with a sealing epoxy to make sure dust doesn’t escape, and have taken steps to seal the ground around the piles so there’s no contaminated runoff.” [Michigan Radio, [6/24/13](#)]

New York Times: Residents Near The Detroit River Were Concerned That The Petroleum Coke Pile Was “Both An Environmental Threat And An Eyesore.” “Assumption Park gives residents of this city lovely views of the Ambassador Bridge and the Detroit skyline. Lately they’ve been treated to another sight: a three-story pile of petroleum coke covering an entire city block on the other side of the Detroit River. [...] Residents on both sides of the Detroit River are concerned that the coke mountain is both an environmental threat and an eyesore.” [New York Times, [5/17/13](#)]

HEADLINE: “You Can Thank The Koch Brothers For The Big, Dirty Cloud Floating Over Detroit” [ThinkProgress, [8/1/13](#)]

Area Residents Shot Video Of Dust Clouds Of Petroleum Coke Blowing Off Of The Piles. “The issue of petroleum coke storage has been at the forefront in the Detroit area since residents, environmentalists and local politicians grew vocal over large, black piles of petroleum coke that began building up along the Detroit River. Some Windsor residents also shot a windy-day video of dust clouds of the tar sands byproduct blowing off of the piles.” [MLive, [3/6/14](#)]

Pet Coke Along The River “Stirred Local Anger” As Residents And Businesses Complained That Winds Were Kicking Up Petcoke And Blowing Into Homes And Businesses. “Peters and his supporters believe the city’s so-called petcoke plight remains a salient issue for voters. [...] The residue stirred local anger when it appeared in an industrial neighborhood along the river in 2012. It was a byproduct of refining crude oil from the Canadian oil sands — the same kind of oil that would be transported in the Keystone XL pipeline if President Barack Obama approves that project. A Marathon Petroleum refinery in Detroit sold the petcoke to Koch Carbon, a Koch subsidiary, and it was stored by a company called Detroit Bulk Storage while awaiting shipment into the lucrative international market. Residents and businesses complained that winds were kicking up a ‘petcoke cloud’ and that the substance was blowing into homes and restaurants. Eventually, local leaders ordered Detroit Bulk Storage to remove the petcoke, and the last of it was hauled away last year.” [Detroit Free Press, [7/15/15](#)]

JAMES SAID HE'D VOTE TO SLASH FUNDING FOR THE GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE

James Said He Didn't Support The \$1.3 Trillion Omnibus. “I don't support this \$1.3 trillion spending bill. We can't continue to ignore the debt and this insane process of scrambling at the LAST minute for a vote. Congress must come up with a better process. NO EXCUSES, our troops deserve a real budget and our kids deserve a future!” [Twitter, @JohnJamesMI, [3/26/18](#)]

James Said He Would've Voted “No” On The Omnibus Bill. Shelly Gregoire: “Would John vote for the Omnibus Bill?” James: “No.”



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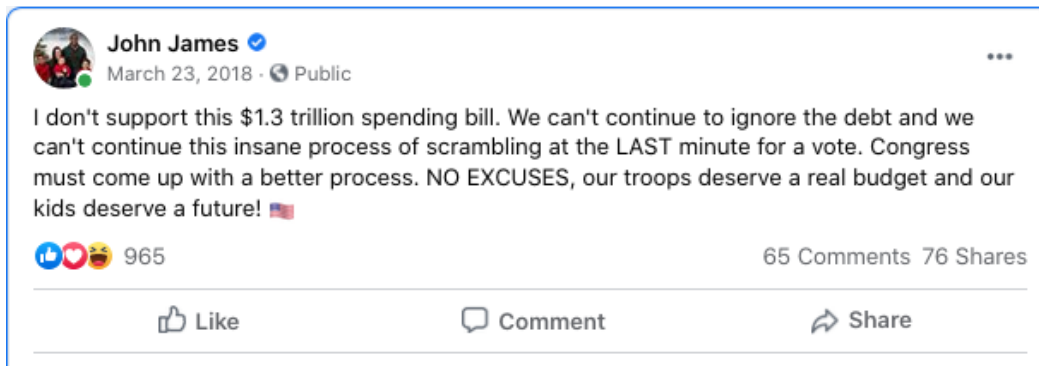
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Detroit News: The \$1.3 Trillion Omnibus Spending Bill “Restores The \$300 Million For The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.” “A must-pass bill to keep the federal government running through September would fully fund the Great Lakes cleanup program targeted for cuts by the White House. The text for the \$1.3 trillion omnibus spending bill, released late Wednesday, restores the full \$300 million for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, which enjoys strong bipartisan support in Michigan and other Great Lakes states.” [Detroit News, [3/21/18](#)]

Petoskey News Headline: “Spending Bill Recovers Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Funding” [Petoskey News, [3/27/18](#)]

JAMES SAID THE EPA WAS AN EXAMPLE OF “MASSIVE GOVERNMENT BUREACURACY OVERREACH”

James Said EPA Was An Example Of “Massive Government Bureaucracy Overreach.” “She also supported the estate tax. These are things that hurt farmers. There are also things like the FDA, USDA, and EPA. These great regulations and this massive government bureaucracy overreach that are driving up costs for our farmers. These are things that we can do from a regulatory standpoint to help remove some of these barriers.” [WPHM-AM, John James Radio Interview, [7/24/18](#)] (4:45)