



During a campaign stop and fundraiser in New York [yesterday](#), Hillary Clinton was asked by a young woman if she'd stop taking money from the fossil fuel industry. It was a simple question, one she could have easily answered with a "yes," or, perhaps because of the way she funds her campaign, responded with a "no."

Instead, she said she was "sick of the Sanders campaign lying" about the donations she receives.

Now, here's the truth — the hard numbers don't lie. And it's something everyone should know as this video spreads online and is covered in the news: The fossil fuel industry has given more than \$4.5 million to Hillary Clinton's campaign and her top super PAC, including 11 lobbyists who have bundled more than \$1 million to her put her in the White House.

Earlier in this campaign, Bernie Sanders and Martin O'Malley signed a pledge to refuse money from fossil fuel interests. No Republican added their name, which isn't surprising given that they don't believe climate change is real. But neither did Hillary Clinton. It's time for her to distance herself from the Republicans on this issue and add her name.

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When we talk about our responsibilities as humans beings, there is nothing more important than leaving this country and our entire planet in a way that is habitable to our children and grandchildren. Donald Trump may believe that climate change is a hoax being perpetrated by the Chinese, but for almost everyone else, the debate is over. The scientific community is unanimous on this issue.

And what the scientists are saying is that we must boldly transform our energy system away from fossil fuels and into energy efficiency. Unfortunately one of the biggest obstacles to realizing that goal is a corrupt system of campaign finance that enriches the CEOs of fossil fuel companies at the expense of average Americans and our planet.

The easiest way to reject their influence is to refuse their money. And it would send a powerful message if the leading presidential candidates in the Democratic Party both stand up and say ENOUGH is ENOUGH, we are tired of fossil fuel companies regulating Congress with their campaign contributions and not the other way around.

Bernie has taken that pledge. It's time for Hillary Clinton to join him.

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The United States must lead the world in fighting climate change. CEOs are making record profits, while climate change ravages our planet and our people. Refusing their money is the first step towards combatting their obscene influence.

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