

Divestment from American Chemistry Council lobbyists

draft joint statement

Because of the risks that PFAS (per- or polyfluoroalkyl substances), otherwise known as “forever chemicals,” pose to human health and the environment, we call on local governments, cancer organizations, conservation and environmental organizations, and other organizations dedicated to protecting human health and the environment to cut ties with lobbyists who work for the American Chemistry Council (ACC).

A chemical industry trade association with more than 190 member companies, **ACC has been the leading voice of denialism about the health risks from PFAS and other chemicals for decades**. ACC has fought federal and state efforts to limit the use of PFAS in manufacturing commercial goods, and it has fought state and federal efforts to limit the spread of PFAS in water supplies, agriculture, and the food supply. Today, ACC even supports the federal pre-emption of all state laws regulating PFAS.

A victory for ACC on the issue of federal preemption of PFAS regulation would profoundly increase the risks to all Americans from these toxic chemicals.

Because of the health risks from PFAS in municipal water supplies and sewage systems, **we call on local governments and local government agencies to cut ties with lobbyists who work for ACC**. A partial list of such governments who are spending taxpayer funds on lobbyists who also work for ACC includes Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Atlanta, Charlotte, and more than 60 other governments or government agencies such as municipal water districts.

Because of the growing body of evidence linking PFAS exposure to cancer, **we call on cancer organizations such as the American Cancer Society to cut ties with lobbyists who work for ACC**.

Because of the risks to wildlife and fragile ecosystems, **we call on conservation and environmental groups to cut ties with lobbyists who work for ACC**.

At a time when ACC is pushing to roll back decades of hard-won protections from toxic chemicals for our families and our communities, we can not let ACC cloak its radical agenda in respectability by hiring lobbying firms who work for our communities and are paid with our tax dollars.

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Current Partner Signatures:

1. F Minus
2. Revolving Door Project
3. Climate Conversation Brazoria County
4. Parents Against PFAS
5. For a Better Bayou
6. UnKoch My Campus
7. Generation Common Good
8. Eloise Reid, Gulf South Organizer, GreenFaith
9. Climate Conservation Brazoria County
10. Nuclear Information and Resource Service
11. Citizens Resistance at Fermi Two (CRAFT)
12. 350 Brooklyn
13. Turtle Island Restoration Network
14. North American Climate, Conservation and Environment
15. The Enviro Show
16. 350 Conejo/San Fernando Valley
17. Occupy Bergen County
18. 7 Directions of Service
19. 350 Hawaii
20. Michigan Interfaith Power & Light
21. Unitarian Universalists for Just Economic Community
22. Oregon PeaceWorks
23. GreenLatinos
24. The People's Justice Council
25. Between the Waters
26. Vessel Project of Louisiana
27. Vegan Generation for Biodiversity
28. Climate Justice Universities Union
29. 350 NYC
30. Sustainable Initiatives
31. Third Act Maine
32. 350 Colorado