

May 22, 2017

Christopher Crane
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Dear Mr. Crane:

In 2009, Exelon, the nation's largest utility, announced that it was leaving the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the nation's largest lobbying group, as a result of the Chamber's steadfast opposition to action on climate change. Then-CEO John Rowe declared that "[i]naction on climate change is not an option," further adding that "[t]he carbon-based free lunch is over."¹

However, Exelon's 2016 political spending report² reveals that it has returned to funding the Chamber, donating \$250,000 last year.

The Chamber is still every bit the fierce opponent of action on climate change, criticizing the Paris Agreement, suing to block the Clean Power Plan, opposing increased fuel efficiency standards for cars, spending tens of millions of dollars to elect candidates opposed to action on climate change and serving as both an architect and booster of the Trump administration's pro-fossil fuels agenda.

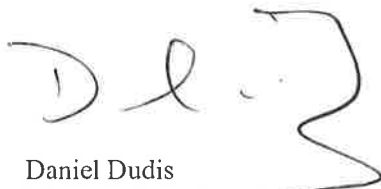
Moreover, Exelon's public position in favor of action on climate change hasn't changed either – at least not on paper. Your company recently cited climate change as a “compelling issue”³ and voiced support for the Paris Agreement in your 2016 Climate Disclosure Project report.

Exelon apparently wants its customers and investors to believe that it cares about climate, but is cutting big checks to the Chamber, one of the leading opponents of action on climate change.

Exelon's ratepayers and investors would be justified in feeling duped by Exelon's climate duplicity. If Exelon wants people to take its statements in favor of action on climate change seriously, it must stop funding the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for good, or at least until the Chamber recognizes the overwhelming case — including on economic grounds — for limiting greenhouse gas emissions and abandons its reactionary head-in-the-sand climate policy.

We urge you to stop funding the Chamber and issue a public explanation for why you did so in 2016.

Sincerely,



Daniel Dudis
Director, Chamber Watch
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Public Citizen

¹ Alex Kaplun, *Exelon Leaves U.S. Chamber Over Climate Dispute*, N.Y. TIMES (Sept. 28, 2009), <http://nyti.ms/2rvoJ1v>

² *Political Contributions*, pg. 7, Exelon Corporation, <http://bit.ly/2qFP10k>

³ *CDP 2016 Climate Change Information Request*, Exelon Corporation, <http://bit.ly/2rvESVx>