

INDIANA STATE HOUSE DIST. 4

Central Porter County including Valparaiso



October 2020 - Information was obtained from publicly available sources.

<u>Ed Soliday, R</u> (incumbent)	<u>Debora "Deb" Porter, D</u>
<p><i>The public record shows a disturbing correlation between campaign funds from coal & utility industries and votes that benefit those industries.</i></p> <p>VOTES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014 - Voted to end Indiana’s Energy Efficiency program. (SB340-Yea) • 2015 - Voted to allow Utilities to charge customers for “Lost Revenue” and to block IURC from setting Energy Efficiency goals. (SB412-Yea) • 2017 - Voted against customer-owned solar by phasing out net metering. (SB309-Yea) • 2020 - Authored the coal bailout bill (HB1414-Yea) which “Prohibits a public utility from terminating a power agreement...unless the public utility provides the utility regulatory commission (IURC) with at least three years advance notice of the termination.” <p>CAMPAIGN FUNDS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 2010, took \$99,250 in campaign funds from the Fossil Fuel industry, including \$34,450 from coal & utility industries. (Follow the Money) • In 2020, as author of the coal bailout bill, took \$9,750 from coal & utility industries. See below. <p>RATINGS:</p> <p>Very low energy (34%) & environment ratings (52%) (VoteSmart) and low pro-consumer score (54%) (CAC).</p> <p>Did not respond to VGI questionnaire.</p>	<p>Supports expanding renewable energy production and accepts climate science.</p> <p>From campaign website: “Climate change is no longer a future possibility, it is a very present reality. We must do everything we can to reduce our carbon footprint by expanding renewable energy production, encouraging a green economy and adapting municipal practices (for instance, regional transportation system) that will help to improve our environment and the impact we have on it.” Deb-on-the-issues</p> <p>Has not accepted donations from coal, other fossil fuels or utility industries. (Follow the Money for Energy & Natural Resources)</p> <p>Responded to VGI questionnaire with positive and thoughtful responses. Judge for yourself at www.votersforagreenindiana.org</p>

Ed Soliday Campaign Funds From Coal & Utility Industries

According to [Indiana Environmental Reporter](#) :

“The bill [HB1414] was proposed by Rep. Ed Soliday, R-Valparaiso, who received campaign donations of \$1,000 from coal companies Sunrise and Alliance Coal and \$5,000 from the Indiana Coal Political Action Committee last year. Sunrise and Alliance Coal have also made donations to Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb totaling approximately \$265,000 since 2016.”

According to [Follow the Money](#):

Election Year	Contributor	Total \$
2020	ALLIANCE COAL	\$1,000
2020	SUNRISE COAL	\$1,000
2016-2020	INDIANA COAL COUNCIL	\$2,000
2012-2018	INDIANA ENERGY ASSOCIATION	\$1,400
2014-2018	MAASSEL, MARK T LOBBYIST FOR IEA	\$4,000
2012-2018	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER / AEP	\$3,400
2010-2020	DUKE ENERGY	\$7,100
2010-2020	INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES	\$8,200
2010-2020	INDIANAPOLIS POWER & LIGHT CO	\$3,500
2012-2020	VECTREN CORP	\$2,850
<u>Total coal and utility industries since 2010</u>		<u>\$34,450</u>