

INDIANA STATE SENATE DIST. 44

Includes all or parts of Brown, Lawrence, Jackson, Monroe and Bartholomew counties



October 2020 - Information was obtained from publicly available sources.

| <p><u>Eric A. Koch, R</u> (incumbent)</p> | <p><u>Cynthia (Cinde) Wirth, D</u></p> |
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| <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 – House sponsor of the bill to end Indiana’s Energy Efficiency program. (SB340-H-Yea) • 2015 – House sponsor of the bill to allow Utilities to charge customers for “Lost Revenue” and to block IURC from setting Energy Efficiency goals. (SB412-H-Yea) • 2017 - Voted against customer-owned solar by phasing out net metering. (SB309-Yea) • 2020 – Senate sponsor of the coal bailout bill (HB1414-Yea) while accepting \$4,000 in campaign funds from the coal industry. See below. <p>CAMPAIGN FUNDS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 2010, took \$83,200 in campaign funds from the Fossil Fuel industry, including \$55,850 from coal & utility industries. (Follow the Money) See below. <p>RATINGS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very low pro-consumer score (CAC) • Low energy & environment ratings (Vote Smart) <p>No campaign website.</p> | <p>Has a pro clean energy jobs priority and accepts climate science.</p> <p>From campaign website: “Indiana currently ranks 49th in air quality in the U.S. We must work with industry to improve air quality.</p> <p>How We Can Improve Our Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to reduce Indiana’s carbon footprint • Offer incentives for participation in wind and solar programs • Offer incentives to help Hoosiers buy new and pre-owned fuel-efficient vehicles • Support Measures to protect our supply of clean water • Encourage investment in sustainable farming, fishing, forestry research, and farmland preservation” <p>Has not accepted donations from coal, other fossil fuels or utility industries. (Follow the Money)</p> |

Eric Koch Campaign Funds From Coal & Utility Industries

According to [Follow the Money](#):

Utility Industries

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| 2010 | INDIANAPOLIS POWER & LIGHT CO | \$600 |
| 2010 | IEA | \$600 |
| 2010 | INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES | \$900 |
| 2010 | AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER / AEP | \$1,000 |
| 2010 | DUKE ENERGY | \$1,000 |
| 2012 | INDIANAPOLIS POWER & LIGHT CO | \$300 |
| 2012 | IEA | \$300 |
| 2012 | VECTREN CORP | \$600 |
| 2012 | INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES | \$1,000 |
| 2012 | AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER / AEP | \$1,500 |
| 2012 | DUKE ENERGY | \$1,500 |
| 2014 | IEA | \$1,000 |
| 2014 | INDIANAPOLIS POWER & LIGHT CO | \$2,000 |
| 2014 | VECTREN CORP | \$2,000 |
| 2014 | DUKE ENERGY | \$4,000 |
| 2014 | INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES | \$5,000 |
| 2014 | AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER / AEP | \$6,500 |
| 2016 | MAASSEL, MARK T IEA LOBBYIST | \$250 |
| 2016 | AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER / AEP | \$400 |
| 2016 | INDIANAPOLIS POWER & LIGHT CO | \$1,300 |
| 2016 | VECTREN CORP | \$1,500 |
| 2016 | IEA | \$1,500 |
| 2016 | DUKE ENERGY | \$2,000 |
| 2016 | INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES | \$3,500 |
| 2020 | INDIANAPOLIS POWER & LIGHT CO | \$800 |
| 2020 | DUKE ENERGY | \$1,100 |
| 2020 | VECTREN CORP | \$1,100 |
| 2020 | IEA | \$1,100 |
| 2020 | AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER / AEP | \$2,500 |
| 2020 | INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES | \$5,000 |
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Coal Industries

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| 2020 | INDIANA COAL COUNCIL | \$1,000 |
| 2020 | ALLIANCE COAL | \$1,000 |
| 2020 | SUNRISE COAL | \$2,000 |
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| | | <u>\$4,000</u> |