

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, GUS BILIRAKIS, REPUBLICAN - District 12

Elected in 2006. (His father, Michael Bilirakis, held the seat for 24 years before him.)

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HOW DOES HE VOTE ON HEALTHCARE?

KEY POINTS

Bilirakis has voted in ways that place the health and welfare of American Families at risk.

For example, he voted to

- Allow states to seek waivers so insurance companies could charge more to people with pre-existing conditions. Preexisting conditions include heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, pregnancy, depression, and many other health issues.
- Allow insurance companies to charge Americans, ages 50-64, 5 times more for coverage
- Make it easier for employers to increase the amount employees have to pay for insurance or to stop offering insurance altogether
- Cut over 800 Billion from Medicaid
- Cause 23 million to lose coverage

In regards to MEDICARE, he has voted

- To turn Medicare into a voucher program
- To reduce funding for Medicare
- Against requiring Medicare to negotiate drug prices with pharmaceutical companies and cap out of pocket expenses

Placing Our Health and Welfare at Risk

In 2017, Bilirakis ignored the pleas of patient and consumer advocacy groups such as the AARP, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, and American Medical Association when he voted to replace Obamacare with the Republican American Health Care Act, a.k.a, “Trumpcare”.

By voting for Trumpcare, Bilirakis voted to

- Allow states to seek waivers so insurance companies could charge more to people with **preexisting conditions**¹
- Reduce funding for **Medicare**, including “remov[ing] nearly \$25 billion in required payments from pharmaceutical companies over ten years from the Part B trust fund, which would **increase premiums** for people on Medicare.”²
- Allow insurers to put **annual and lifetime limits** on coverage³

¹ <https://www.tampabay.com/news/politics/stateroundup/rep-gus-bilirakis-defends-health-care-vote-but-some-constituents-wonder/2323770/>, <https://www.fightcancer.org/releases/house-passed-health-bill-risks-pricing-cancer-patients-survivors-out-insurance-market>

² <https://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/ppi/2017/Florida.pdf>, see also <https://www.kff.org/medicare/issue-brief/what-are-the-implications-for-medicare-of-the-american-health-care-act-and-the-better-care-reconciliation-act/>

³ <https://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/Pages/AHCAHousePassage.aspx>; <https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2017/5/4/15539010/ahca-lifetime-limits>

- Allow Insurance companies to charge "**older Americans**" (ages 50-64) **5 times more** than what others pay for same coverage⁴
- Allow states to waive the requirement that insurance companies cover **essential health benefits** including maternity care, mental health and prescription drugs⁵
- Cut over 800 billion from **Medicaid**⁶
- Cause 23 million to **lose coverage**⁷
- "[M]ake it easier for **employers** to increase the amount that employees could be asked to pay in **premiums**, or to **stop offering coverage** entirely. [Trumpcare] also [had] the potential to weaken rules against capping worker's benefits or limiting how much employees can be asked to pay in deductibles or co-payments."⁸

Click [HERE](#) to read about the AARP's opposition Trumpcare.

In 2019, he again voted with Insurance companies when he voted against HR 986, **Protecting Americans with Preexisting Conditions Act of 2019** which "prohibits states from opting out of federal guidance that requires health insurance companies to cover individuals with pre-existing conditions, under the Affordable Care Act."⁹

He also sided with pharmaceutical companies when he voted against H.R.3 **Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019** which requires Medicare to negotiate drug prices and cap out-of-pocket expenses.¹⁰

Bilirakis voted against this bill despite the following:

- The Center for Medicare Advocacy supported this bill as did the AARP¹¹
- US pays more for drugs than other countries
- The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office ("CBO") found that the bill would have saved Medicare nearly 500 Billion over 10 years, some of which would be used to expand benefits.¹²
- The CBO found that "the changes forced upon the drug market would also result in lower premiums for commercial health insurance."¹³

⁴ https://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/ppi/2017/Florida.pdf?fbclid=IwAR267-jwqqO__hcsa1z805QF2TRYQ8u6J06MvK6-ExqeSZR1yu_DMmjPHnM

⁵ https://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/ppi/2017/Florida.pdf?fbclid=IwAR267-jwqqO__hcsa1z805QF2TRYQ8u6J06MvK6-ExqeSZR1yu_DMmjPHnM

⁶ https://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/ppi/2017/Florida.pdf?fbclid=IwAR267-jwqqO__hcsa1z805QF2TRYQ8u6J06MvK6-ExqeSZR1yu_DMmjPHnM

⁷ <https://www.commonwealthfund.org/blog/2017/cbo-score-house-passed-ahca-23-million-americans-uninsured-and-sharp-increases-premiums>

⁸ https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/09/upshot/gop-bill-could-affect-employer-health-coverage-too.html?fbclid=IwAR3mNd--0x_QXgeNaCrhzteWkDqooNhDg6MeoNSXmtrudhPqHMXw6L

⁹ <https://votesmart.org/bill/26377/67128/protecting-americans-with-preexisting-conditions-act-of-2019#.Xe5oGq2B23U>

¹⁰ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/3>

¹¹ <https://www.aarp.org/politics-society/advocacy/info-2019/house-passes-drug-price-bill.html>, <https://www.medicareadvocacy.org/cma-letter-to-e-and-c-supporting-hr3/>

¹² <https://www.aarp.org/politics-society/advocacy/info-2019/house-passes-drug-price-bill.html>

¹³ <https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2019-10-18/hiltzik-house-cutting-drug-prices>

Bilirakis has also voted in the past to

- Turn Medicare into a voucher program,¹⁴
- Reduce funding for Medicare,¹⁵
- Negatively impact the solvency of Medicare by voting for the 2017 Republican Tax Cut Bill.¹⁶

Continued Attacks on Healthcare

“Instead of giving up after it failed to persuade Congress to repeal the Affordable Care Act, [the Trump Administration] continues to quietly undermine the law in ways that would reduce access and raise rates.”¹⁷

The Trump Administration cut funding for Obamacare navigators and marketing, dramatically reduced the time to sign up for coverage, and pushed “junk” insurance plans.

In addition, despite the fact that Republicans do not have a replacement plan ready, the Trump Administration is supporting a legal challenge to Obamacare. “Some 17 million Americans could lose the coverage gained through [Obamacare] if the law were thrown out, more than 50 million people with pre-existing medical conditions could again be denied health insurance and insurers would no longer have to cover people up to age 26 under their parents’ plans.”¹⁸

In response, the Democratically controlled House of Representatives passed the following bills which Bilirakis voted AGAINST:

- **HR 986, the Protecting Americans with Preexisting Conditions Act of 2019** (referenced above)
- **H.R. 1010, Strengthening Health Care and Lowering Prescription Drug Costs Act** A bill “to help Americans from being defrauded by junk plans that do not cover preexisting conditions, hospital stays, prescription drugs and other basic care.”¹⁹

¹⁴ <https://www.medicarevotes.org/congress/412250>, <https://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2012/aug/16/barack-obama/does-paul-ryan-want-turn-medicare-voucher-program/>

¹⁵ <https://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/ppi/2017/Florida.pdf>

¹⁶ <https://www.npr.org/2018/10/10/656249981/fact-check-trumps-false-claims-on-medicare-for-all>
<https://www.factcheck.org/2018/09/trumps-fuzzy-medicare-math/>

¹⁷ https://www.tampabay.com/opinion/editorials/Editorial-How-Florida-and-the-Trump-administration-are-tampering-with-your-health-care_169096901/

¹⁸ <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/18/health/obamacare-mandate.html>, see also https://www.tampabay.com/opinion/editorials/Editorial-How-Florida-and-the-Trump-administration-are-tampering-with-your-health-care_169096901/

¹⁹ <https://castor.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=403043>

What is a pre-existing condition?

Pre-[Obamacare], common conditions that typically triggered an outright denial ranged from **cancer, heart disease and diabetes to pregnancy, depression and sleep apnea**, according to an [analysis](#) of major insurer underwriting guidelines by Kaiser Family Foundation.

Taking certain medications also could result in an insurance denial, including prescription drugs for **arthritis, infertility, diabetes, cancer, mental health** issues and **anemia**, according to Kaiser's report.

Beyond being denied coverage, many people were "rated up" or charged higher premiums or excluded coverage for specific conditions including **acne, ear infections, bone fractures, menstrual irregularities, varicose veins and being overweight**.

Consumer reports, 2017- emphasis added²⁰

For more information about pre-existing conditions and insurance coverage, click [HERE](#).

Misleading Voters

On Bilirakis' website, you can still read his May 4, 2017 press release, issued after Trumpcare passed in the House of Representatives, in which he asserts that Trumpcare, "Guarantees Coverage to Americans with Pre-Existing Conditions – bans health insurers from denying coverage or charging a patient with pre-existing conditions higher premiums under federal law."²¹

But, as referenced above, "[a]mong the more controversial elements of the bill . . . is an amendment allowing states to seek a waiver from federal insurance regulations that prevent insurance companies from charging more to patients with pre-existing conditions."²²

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²⁰ <https://www.consumerreports.org/health-insurance/what-is-a-pre-existing-condition-anyway/>

²¹ <https://bilirakis.house.gov/media/press-releases/bilirakis-statement-american-health-care-act-vote>

²² <https://www.tampabay.com/news/politics/stateroundup/rep-gus-bilirakis-defends-health-care-vote-but-some-constituents-wonder/2323770/>

HOW DOES HE VOTE ON GUN SAFETY?

KEY POINTS

“The US gun homicide rate is 25 times that of other high-income countries.”¹

Bilirakis not only votes against enacting new common-sense gun safety regulations, he has voted to weaken the regulations that are already in place.

He recently

- Voted against Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019 (provides for Universal Background Checks which 90% of Americans want)
- Voted against Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019
- Earned a 93% rating from the NRA in 2018
- Affirmed that he does not support banning assault weapons or restricting the capacity of magazines
- Affirmed that he does not “generally support gun-control legislation[.]”

Recent Votes:

- In 2019, Bilirakis voted AGAINST the following:

HR 8 - Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019 - Provides for universal background checks.

He voted against this bill despite the fact that approximately 90% of Americans want Universal Background Checks and after he stated in a 2018 election survey from the League of Women Voters that he supported background checks.

HR 1112 - Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019 - Lengthens the time the FBI must conduct background checks from three to ten days.

HR 1585 - Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019 Funds programs to prevent violence against women. (The NRA pushed House members to vote against the bill because of a new provision in the bill which closes the “boyfriend loophole” by preventing dating partners convicted of abuse and stalking from owning firearms.²³)

²³ <https://www.vox.com/2019/4/4/18294057/violence-against-women-act-house-democrats-national-rifle-association>

These bills passed in the Democratically controlled House, but the Republican controlled Senate has not brought the bills up for a vote.

- In 2017, Bilirakis co-sponsored **H.R. 38 Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017**. This legislation would weaken gun control that is already in place.²⁴
- He also voted in 2017 for bills that would make it easier for some individuals with a mental health condition to obtain a gun.²⁵
- When asked by Vote Smart as part of their 2018 Political Courage Test, “Do you generally support gun-control legislation?” Bilirakis’ official answer was “No.”
- Bilirakis does not support banning assault weapons or restricting the capacity of magazines.²⁶
- Bilirakis earned a 93% rating from the NRA in 2018

Misleading Voters

- In his August 11, 2019 E-newsletter, Rep. Bilirakis included Republican “talking points on gun violence that falsely described the El Paso massacre and other mass shootings as ‘violence from the left.’”²⁷
- He also wrote in his August 11, 2019 E-newsletter that,

Most importantly, I believe we have to tackle the root causes of violence, which means fixing our broken mental health system so people who demonstrate problematic behavior can be proactively identified and receive access to treatment.

Sadly, like many Republicans, he is willing to scapegoat people with mental illness in an attempt to distract from the need for gun-safety measures.

According to the President of the American Psychological Association, however, “[t]he rates of mental illness are roughly the same around the world, yet other countries are not experiencing these traumatic events as often as we face them. One critical factor is access to, and the lethality of, the weapons that are being used in these crimes. Adding racism, intolerance and bigotry to the mix is a recipe for disaster.”²⁸

²⁴ “[T]he bill would allow residents from the 12 states where there are no requirements whatsoever for legal gun owners to carry concealed firearms to carry concealed guns in the other 38 states that normally require permits.” <https://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/politics/365543-gun-owners-and-republicans-dont-really-want-concealed-carry>

²⁵ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1181/all-info> and <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-joint-resolution/40/actions>, See <https://www.factcheck.org/2017/10/trump-nixed-gun-control-rule/>

²⁶ <https://www.tampabay.com/florida-politics/buzz/2018/09/27/environment-guns-divide-gus-bilirakis-and-chris-hunter/>

²⁷ <https://www.tampabay.com/florida-politics/buzz/2019/08/16/memo-reveals-a-house-republican-strategy-on-shootings-downplay-white-nationalism-blame-left/>

²⁸ <https://www.apa.org/news/press/releases/2019/08/statement-shootings>

We must also remember that, in 2017, Bilirakis voted for a Republican health care bill, the AHCA, (a.k.a. “Trumpcare”) which, if it had become law, would have provided a path to insurance companies to charge more to people with pre-existing conditions. Mental health disorders have been considered pre-existing conditions.

In addition, Trumpcare would have “strip[ped] over \$800 billion from Medicaid in the next 10 years, which [would have caused] vital mental health services to be slashed.”²⁹

The American Psychological Association specifically, “call[ed] on the Senate to reject [Trumpcare] due to its projected adverse impact on the well-being of our nation, particularly on individuals with mental health, behavioral and substance use disorders.”³⁰

Then in 2019, Bilirakis voted against **HR 986, the Protecting Americans with Preexisting Conditions Act of 2019**, while continuing to support a repeal of Obamacare. This is despite the fact that Republicans do not have a replacement ready.

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²⁹ <https://www.nami.org/About-NAMI/NAMI-News/2017/What-Does-The-American-Health-Care-Act-Do-To-Menta>; For a list of “50 Health Issues That Count as a Pre-existing Condition,” go to <http://money.com/money/4763609/pre-existing-conditions-ahca/>

³⁰ <https://www.apa.org/news/press/releases/2017/05/ahca-disappointment>

HOW DOES HE VOTE ON THE ENVIRONMENT?

KEY POINTS

It is clear from Bilirakis' voting record that he is unwilling to break from corporate and special interests in order to lead us out of the climate crisis and into the future of well-paying clean energy jobs, healthy communities, and energy independence.

- In 2018, he earned a 0% rating from the Environmental Working Group Action Fund for “toxic pollution votes”
- In 2017, he earned a 0% score and then, in 2018, a 6% score from the League of Conservation Voters on their National Environmental Scorecard
- He supports the withdrawal of the US from the Paris Climate Agreement
- He opposes a Carbon Tax and federal regulation of greenhouse gas emissions

Recently, he voted to

- Eliminate clean water safeguards established by the 2015 Clean Water Rule
- Cut the EPA's Budget
- Block enforcement of standards intended to reduce Carbon and Methane Pollution

He voted against

- 2019 Climate Action Now Act
- A bipartisan bill, H.R. 535, (introduced by a Democrat, but 24 Republican House members voted for it) intended to protect us from PFAS in our drinking water. PFAS are toxic, man-made “forever chemicals” used in industry and consumer products.

Misleading Voters

In 2018, according to the Tampa Bay Times,

U.S. Rep. Gus Bilirakis, R-Palm Harbor, claimed at a candidate debate this month that “I have a pro-environmental record.” But some of the nation’s top environmental watchdogs disagree.

Bilirakis earned a zero percent 2017 score, and an 8 percent lifetime score, for his voting record on environmental issues from the League of Conservation Voters. He cast 17 votes over the past four years the Environmental Working Group Action Fund considers ‘toxic pollution votes,’ earning him a zero percent pro-environment rating.³¹

The Times also added that,

Bilirakis has consistently earned the worst possible ratings from environmental advocacy groups for votes like easing regulations for dumping pesticides, amending the Clean Air Act to exclude regulation of various pollutants, allowing trophy hunting on Alaska national wildlife refuges, and other legislation.³²

³¹ <https://www.tampabay.com/florida-politics/buzz/2018/09/27/environment-guns-divide-gus-bilirakis-and-chris-hunter/>

³² <https://www.tampabay.com/florida-politics/buzz/2018/09/27/environment-guns-divide-gus-bilirakis-and-chris-hunter/>

Recent Anti-Environment Votes

In 2018, some of Bilirakis' anti-environment efforts included voting to

- Eliminate clean water safeguards established by the 2015 Clean Water Rule³³
- “Prevent the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from implementing its standards to reduce methane pollution from new and modified sources in the oil and gas industry.”³⁴ (“Methane is more than 84 times more powerful than carbon dioxide as a climate pollutant.”³⁵)
- Cut the EPA’s Budget³⁶
- “[P]revent the implementation of vital safeguards that protect communities from exposure to toxic contaminants—such as PCB, arsenic, and mercury—in the fish they eat.”³⁷

Note - In 2017-2018 “[t]he energy sector, which includes fossil fuel companies like Exxon Mobil and Chevron, gave more than four-fifths of its \$8.5 million in contributions to Republicans.”³⁸

In 2019, Bilirakis continued his assault on the environment by voting

- Against the **Climate Action Now Act**

“This bill requires the President to develop and update annually a plan for the United States to meet its nationally determined contribution under the Paris Agreement on climate change. Specifically, the plan must describe steps to (1) cut greenhouse gas emissions by 26%-28% below 2005 levels by 2025, and (2) confirm that other parties to the agreement with major economies are fulfilling their announced contributions.

In addition, the bill prohibits federal funds from being used to withdraw from the agreement.”³⁹

- To “stop enforcement of the Clean Power Plan for existing power plants and carbon pollution standards for new power plants.”⁴⁰
- To “block[] the enforcement of rules for methane emissions from oil and gas operations.”⁴¹

³³ <http://scorecard.lcv.org/roll-call-vote/2018-203-eliminating-clean-water-safeguards-0>

³⁴ <http://scorecard.lcv.org/roll-call-vote/2018-346-methane-pollution-safeguards-0>

³⁵ <http://scorecard.lcv.org/roll-call-vote/2019-385-blocking-epa-enforcement-methane-rules>

³⁶ <https://www.edfaction.org/media/house-votes-cut-epa-budget-again-attacking-protections-families-and>, <https://www.lcv.org/article/letter-oppose-h-r-6147-anti-environmental-spending-bill-harmful-poison-pill-riders/>

³⁷ <http://scorecard.lcv.org/roll-call-vote/2018-348-undermining-safeguards-safe-seafood-consumption-0>

³⁸ <https://www.axios.com/corporate-america-campaign-contributions-midterms-ca695de3-7700-414c-af2c-9599dbce2713.html?fbclid=IwAR1MVm5ZWx3Nfi79tg4HkASq13JPU-7DhkEspaGVOpvgdu6uN8AwHMb18Qw>

³⁹ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/9>

⁴⁰ <http://scorecard.lcv.org/roll-call-vote/2019-381-stopping-clean-power-plan-and-carbon-pollution-limits-new-power-plants>

⁴¹ <http://scorecard.lcv.org/roll-call-vote/2019-385-blocking-epa-enforcement-methane-rules>

- To cut funding for the EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) which "help[s] determine air and water pollution limits, waste site cleanup standards, and other risk levels and regulatory actions."⁴²
- Against a bill that would prohibit oil and gas drilling and exploration off the Pacific coast and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Note that he did vote to prohibit drilling and exploration off Florida and the Atlantic coast.⁴³

Voting Against Clean Drinking Water

In 2020, he voted against H.R. 535, a bipartisan bill intended to protect us from PFAS, which are toxic, man-made "forever chemicals" used in industry and consumer products.

Although H.R. 535 was originally introduced by a Democrat and passed in the Democratically controlled House of Representatives, 24 of Bilirakis' Republican colleagues in the House were able to prioritize the health of American families over corporate interests and vote for the bill. Some even co-sponsored it. The bill is now being considered in the Senate. Trump, as expected, has said he will veto it.

It is estimated that more than 1,500 drinking water systems in the U.S. may be contaminated, impacting up to 110 million Americans.⁴⁴ H.R. 535 "would require the EPA to establish a national drinking water standard for a minimum of two of the most common PFAS, and consider designating all PFAS as hazardous substances under Superfund law."⁴⁵

- 1.) **"Exposure to certain PFAS, including PFOA and PFOS, has been shown to lower a person's chance of getting pregnant, increase cholesterol, negatively impact the immune system and affect children's growth, learning and behavior."**⁴¹
- 2.) **"Human studies have linked PFOA exposure to decreased vaccination response, thyroid disorders and kidney and testicular cancer."**⁴⁶

When asked by Vote Smart as part of their 2018 Political Courage Test,

"Do you support government funding for the development of renewable energy (e.g. solar, wind, thermal)?"

Bilirakis' official answer was **"No."**

"Do you support the federal regulation of greenhouse gas emissions?"

Bilirakis' official answer was **"No."**⁴⁷

⁴² <http://scorecard.lcv.org/roll-call-vote/2019-390-eliminating-epa-s-chemical-hazard-assessment-program-iris>

⁴³ <http://scorecard.lcv.org/roll-call-vote/2019-378-halting-oil-and-gas-drilling-florida-s-coasts>, <http://scorecard.lcv.org/roll-call-vote/2019-521-permanently-extending-moratorium-drilling-eastern-gulf-mexico>, <http://scorecard.lcv.org/roll-call-vote/2019-378-banning-oil-and-gas-drilling-atlantic-coast>, <http://scorecard.lcv.org/roll-call-vote/2019-525-banning-offshore-drilling-atlantic-and-pacific-oceans>, <http://scorecard.lcv.org/roll-call-vote/2019-393-banning-oil-and-gas-exploration-pacific-coast>, <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1146/actions?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22HR+1146+-+Arctic+Cultural+and+Coastal+Plain+Protection+Act%22%5D%7D&r=1&s=1>

⁴⁴ <https://www.ewg.org/research/report-110-million-americans-could-have-pfas-contaminated-drinking-water#.WwRbcS-ZPBI>

⁴⁵ <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/health/the-house-just-voted-to-regulate-pfas-heres-what-you-need-to-know?fbclid=IwAR0mfZmpeyM5XADkg2euqJEgaTWOkiZi0QTaXyDGTxqus5ap63seFnC3trl>

⁴⁶ <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/health/the-house-just-voted-to-regulate-pfas-heres-what-you-need-to-know?fbclid=IwAR0mfZmpeyM5XADkg2euqJEgaTWOkiZi0QTaXyDGTxqus5ap63seFnC3trl>

⁴⁷ <https://votesmart.org/candidate/political-courage-test/17318/gus-bilirakis/#.XaUzd62B3-Z>

Carbon Tax

Bilirakis opposes a carbon tax⁴⁸ despite the fact that “the U.S. is one of the few large and industrialized nations that does not implement one.”⁴⁹

During this critical time of rising sea levels and extreme weather patterns, we need a strong leader who is willing to fight against climate change, create abundant, well-paying, clean energy jobs, and work towards America’s energy independence.

We can no longer afford to have Bilirakis in Congress pulling us backwards.

To see more of Bilirakis’ anti-environment votes, go to:

- League of Conservation Voters, National Environmental Scorecard
<https://scorecard.lcv.org/moc/gus-bilirakis>
- EWG Action Fund, Recent Toxic Pollution Votes
<https://www.ewgaction.org/protectyourhealth/EWG-Action-Fund-Reg-Reform.pdf>

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⁴⁸ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-concurrent-resolution/119/text>

⁴⁹ <https://www.forbes.com/sites/stevedenning/2019/07/28/the-next-step-in-fighting-climate-change/#2f34722b5653>