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- ▶ Creation of millions of good-paying green jobs.

## Fighting Fossil Fuel Lobby in Washington

- ▶ Bernie refuses to take money from any corporate donors.
- ▶ Bernie has called out corporations like Koch Industries and ExxonMobil fund ‘research’ cast doubt on climate change and its relation to greenhouse-gas emissions.
- ▶ Bernie has called out how the fossil fuel industry donates a lot of money to politicians.

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- ▶ Bernie regularly cites scientific findings and uses scientific language.
- ▶ Scientists bring out the facts, Bernie will bring action.

## Decades of Leadership Against Climate Change

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A few samples:

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