

Koch funds various interest groups

Mark Holden of Koch Industries advocates we curtail licensing because "Knocking down these barriers is both morally praiseworthy and economically beneficial." Licenses shield my elderly mom from untrained physical therapists, and protect me from incompetent contractors. Holden cited the Institute for Justice's study, without saying Koch funds IFJ.

Koch affiliates also fund The National Black Chamber of Commerce. NBCC articles claim (wrongly) that regulations cutting emissions hurt communities of color, costing jobs and increasing prices. NBCC didn't say: The study was funded by fossil fuel interests, nor that local chambers of commerce and the U.S. Black Chamber of Commerce support climate action because clean energy creates jobs. NBCC ignored Americans living near power plants: 39 percent of them are people of color who suffer inordinately from pollution-related illnesses.

Who warns seniors that Koch funds AARP's competitor, 60 Plus Association, which advocates against climate action, scaring seniors with misinformation?

AARP and USBCC must jointly protect us from misinformation. They should jointly ask Congress to charge fossil fuel companies carbon fees. Fees collected should be distributed to the public: It'll be good for seniors, low-income folks, communities of color, and all our children.

Standing together is "morally praiseworthy and economically beneficial."
— *Rabbi Judy Weiss, Brookline, Mass.*

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