

# On climate change, no support from the senator

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THANK YOU to Frank Phillips for the report on a violation of the People's Pledge by Scott Brown's oil and gas industry supporters at the American Petroleum Institute ( "Brown to pay fine after group violates ad pact," Metro, March 27). As a penalty for the organization having run print and radio ads on his behalf, Brown agreed to make a donation to charity of half the cost of the ads.

I wonder how many times Brown's friends will run ads, and he will acknowledge the violation, and then magnanimously pay the penalty.

It seems like a good deal for Brown: he gets free press coverage about how graciously he gives money to charity, while he can say he had no control over the ad run by an organization with which he is not affiliated.

The ad still aired, though, and it still made its insidious arguments - and it only cost him half of what it would have cost him to place an ad himself. What a good deal.

The only drawback is that climate change was not mentioned in the ad, nor in his acknowledgment of the violation - and Scott

Brown's intransigence regarding serious legislation to address climate change was not mentioned in the article, either.

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