

Protect the Harvest

Protect the Harvest was founded by the founder of Lucas Oil, has close ties to anti-government extremists, and makes false and misleading claims to undermine conservation efforts and efforts to combat climate change.

Summary: Protect the Harvest is an extremist group dedicated to fighting land protections, regulations, and conservationists.

Protect the Harvest was [founded](#) by multimillionaire oil additive baron Forrest Lucas in 2011 to push anti-regulatory policies and Lucas's personal interests through public messaging, lobbying, films, and campaign financing.

A sponsor of American Stewards of Liberty's "Anti-30x30 Summit," Protect the Harvest vocally opposed the Biden Administration's [America the Beautiful Conservation initiative](#) that aims to conserve 30% of lands and waters by 2030. The group uses [lies about a "land grab"](#) and [conspiracy theories](#) regarding the United Nations and private property to fearmonger about the conservation effort.

Protect the Harvest and Forrest Lucas are closely aligned with anti-land and anti-government extremists. Forrest Lucas was the [driving force](#) behind public lands arsonists Dwight and Steven Hammond receiving a pardon from President Trump.

Protect the Harvest made its "[people, resources, and checkbook available](#)" to the Bundys during their militant occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. The group provided the Bundys logistical support and promoted an [exclusive video](#) from Trent Loos interviewing Ammon Bundy during the occupation.

Forrest Lucas boasts close ties to politicians at the federal, state, and local levels, especially during the Trump administration. On top of serving on Trump's agriculture advisory committee, Lucas was the "driving force" behind the nomination of [Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue](#) and maintained [friendships with Vice President Mike Pence](#) and Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke.

Protect the Harvest's board members include [Trump-era Fish and Wildlife Director Aurelia Skipworth](#), the former head of the American Legislative Exchange Council, and commercial agriculture interests.

Forrest Lucas and his various groups and companies spend millions on influence and lobbying activities. Protect the Harvest runs ads against liberal candidates and lobby for their special interests alongside Lucas Oil. Lucas gave close to half a million dollars to candidates for federal office from 2010 to 2021. Lucas, his wife, and their companies additionally gave \$583,340 to state and local politicians from 2007 to 2022.

Our detailed report can be found below:

BACKGROUND:

Protect The Harvest Is An Anti-Conservation Group Founded By Oil Millionaire Forrest Lucas

Protect The Harvest Was Founded In 2011 By Forrest Lucas. “Mr. Lucas' lifelong association with agriculture and his passion for our American traditions led him to found Protect The Harvest in 2011.” [Protect The Harvest, About, accessed [05/16/22](#)]

Forrest Lucas Owns Oil Giant Lucas Oil. “This would lead to the creation of several products and the incorporation of Lucas Oil Products in 1989. Over the last 25 years, Lucas Oil has grown to offer over 100 products sold in the United States and abroad. In addition to founding Lucas Oil, Forrest has been able to pursue many other successful business ventures. The most notable of these ventures can be found in the sporting world.” [Protect The Harvest, About, accessed [05/16/22](#)]

Forrest Lucas Is A Millionaire. “Lucas — a 76-year-old Indiana self-made millionaire with tight ties to the Trump administration — had fulfilled his pledge.” [*Buzzfeed News*, [07/11/18](#)]

Protect The Harvest Attacks Regulations And Public Land Protections – Often Aligning Itself With Major Agricultural Companies And Anti-Government Extremists.

Protect The Harvest's Mission Aligns Closely With The Anti-Regulatory, Anti-Conservation, Goals Of Major Agriculture Companies. “In practice, this ‘accurate information’ has centered on a cluster of issues that are closely tied to Big Ag’s priorities: portraying animal rights activists and environmentalists as out-of-touch liberals bent on ending the rural way of life; characterizing regulation and federal oversight, particularly on public lands, as a means of curtailing American liberty; and advocating for and providing platforms for public figures — such as the Hammonds — to function as symbols of widespread persecution of the ag community.” [*Buzzfeed News*, [07/11/18](#)]

- **Protect The Harvest Vocally Pushes ALEC-Backed “Right To Farm” Laws That Could Impede Regulatory Efforts To The Benefit Of Major Agricultural Corporations.** “Additionally, Protect the Harvest itself has endorsed a Missouri ballot measure, backed by the Missouri Farm Bureau, which would amend the state’s constitution to guarantee that “the right of Missouri citizens to engage in agricultural production and ranching practices shall not be infringed.” Protect the Harvest backed a similar — and successful — ballot measure in North Dakota in 2012. Critics argue “right to farm” laws, which have been supported by the board of the conservative-leaning American Legislative Exchange Council,

could impede attempts to regulate genetically modified crops and may benefit large, agricultural corporations, not family farmers.” [HuffPost, [05/29/14](#)]

Lucas Is Aligned With Groups Opposed To Public Lands. “But Lucas’s agenda is hardly limited to cage sizes and puppy mills, as reflected by his support of the Hammonds and, by extension, the Bundys and others opposed to federal control of public lands.” [Buzzfeed News, [07/11/18](#)]

Protect The Harvest Uses Lobbying, Public Messaging, Political Donations, And Frequent Sponsorships To Push Its Message.

Protect The Harvest Has Built Relationships In Communities By Sponsoring Scholarships, Racetracks, And Producing Films. “Protect the Harvest has built a positive rapport with the ag community by sponsoring scholarships and racetracks and film festivals. But the nonprofit has also benefited by inflaming the community’s anxieties that a time-honored way of life is coming to an end – while eliding the fact that its own lobbying on behalf of corporations and against regulations has hastened the destruction of that lifestyle.” [Buzzfeed News, [07/11/18](#)]

Protect The Harvest Uses Lobbying, Public Messaging, Funding Opposition, And Organizing Conference To Promote Its Agenda. “And to get what he wants, Lucas has employed a highly sophisticated lobbying and messaging machine, which does everything from funding opposition to municipal spaying and neutering ordinances to orchestrating “range rights” conferences, streamed live on Facebook to an audience of thousands.” [Buzzfeed News, [07/11/18](#)]

Protect The Harvest Additionally Exerts Influence Through Its Action Fund, Recently Dissolved PAC, And Promotion Through Forrest Lucas’s Other Businesses.

Protect The Harvest Action Fund Is A PAC Engaged In “Political Advocacy, Legislative Education, And Grassroots Lobbying.” [Protect The Harvest Action Fund, About, accessed [05/17/22](#)]

Protect The Harvest Closed Its PAC In September 2020. “We also had some changes with organizations that were associated with us, most namely the Protect The Harvest Political Action Committee (PAC). They have decided to close the organization and push more of the focus on our 501c3.” [Instagram, @protecttheharvest, [09/21/20](#)]

- **Protect The Harvest Continues To Have And Act Through Its Action Fund.** “Closing the PAC will mean that they will no longer have direct political involvement in Washington, D.C. The Protect The Harvest Action Fund, a 501c4 organization, is still running and will be doing intermittent work as needed.” [Instagram, @protecttheharvest, [09/21/20](#)]

Lucas Oil Promotes Protect The Harvest On Its Website. [Lucas Oil, accessed [05/18/22](#)]

Protect The Harvest Is Heavily Funded By Forrest Lucas Himself.

According To Protect The Harvest President Dale Ludwig, Forrest Lucas Has Given Millions To Protect The Harvest And Agricultural “Causes.” “You’ve got to just take your hat off to Forrest Lucas and his wife Charlotte for supporting this cause for the last ten years. And it has been, seriously, millions of dollars that this man has put in.” [YouTube, Protect The Harvest, 40:44, accessed [05/23/22](#)]

Forrest Lucas Gave \$298,000 To The Protect The Harvest PAC From 2014 To 2016. [FEC, Forrest Lucas, accessed [05/20/22](#)]

Opposing 30x30 And Promoting Climate Denialism

Protect The Harvest Opposes 30x30, Perpetuating Myths That The Conservation Movement Is A “Land Grab”...

Protect The Harvest Perpetuates The Myth That The America The Beautiful Initiative Is A “Land Grab.” [Protect The Harvest, accessed [05/19/22](#)]

Protect The Harvest Praised A Letter From Governors Attacking 30x30. “On April 21st, 2021, fifteen State Governors signed an open letter to President Biden voicing their concerns with his aggressive plan, titled, “30 by 30”, which would set aside and permanently conserve 30 % of all land and water in the United States. We thank these Governors for standing up for American property rights and values” [Protect The Harvest, [04/21/21](#)]

Protect The Harvest Encouraged Readers To Contact Their Congresspeople To Tell Them “Where You Stand On The 30x30 Termination Act.”[Protect The Harvest, accessed [05/19/22](#)]

...And Promoting Conspiracy Theories About “Global Movements” Around Private Property.

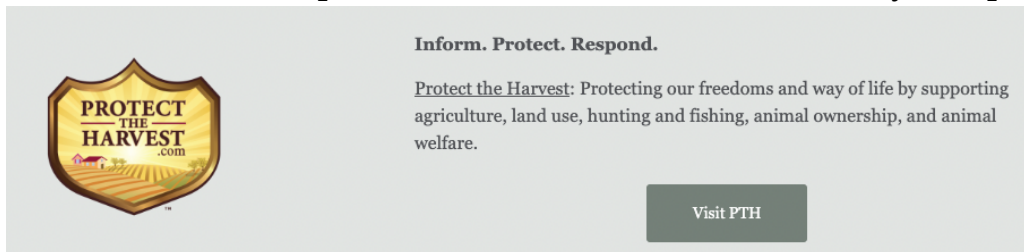
Protect The Harvest Promotes Conspiracy Theories About The 1992 United Nations Earth Summit. [...] The goal has always been to control the world’s wealth, resources, and population and the UN is making massive headway under the Rio and Paris accords.” [Protect The Harvest, accessed [05/19/22](#)]

- **Sustainability Goals From The 1992 UN Summit, Especially One Known As Agenda 21, Is A Popular Extremist Conspiracy Theory Claiming Land Conservation Is A Plot For Government Control.** “Theorists argue that Agenda

21, a 23-year-old non-binding UN resolution that suggests ways for governments and NGOs to promote sustainable development, is the linchpin in a plot to subjugate humanity under an eco-totalitarian regime. One of its most outspoken critics, American Policy Center president Tom DeWeese, has described the resolution as “a new kind of tyranny that, if not stopped, will surely lead us to a new Dark Ages of pain and misery yet unknown to mankind”.” [[The Guardian, 06/24/15](#)]

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[Stop 30x30, American Stewards Of Liberty, accessed [05/18/22](#)]

Protect The Harvest Denies That Federally Owned Land Used For Grazing Is Public Land

Protect The Harvest Does Not Consider Land Owned By The Federal Government Used For Grazing As Public Land. [Protect The Harvest, accessed [05/19/22](#)]

Forrest Lucas Owns The Lucas Cattle Company In Cross Timbers, MO. [Lucas Cattle Company, About, accessed [05/19/22](#)]

Ties To Extremists: Hammonds

Forrest Lucas Played A Leading Role In Getting A Pardon For Anti-Lands Arsonists Dwight And Steven Hammond.

Forrest Lucas Was The Last Person To Speak On The Phone With Dwight Hammond Before He Went To The California State Penitentiary. “The organization’s founder, Forrest Lucas was the last person to talk to Dwight Hammond on the phone before the Oregon rancher walked into the California state penitentiary where he was to serve the remainder of a five-year sentence. “Mr. Lucas, if anyone is going to get us out of here, it’s going to be you,” Dwight told Lucas on that phone call.” [[Tri-State Livestock News, 08/30/18](#)]

Forrest Lucas Played A Prominent Role In Getting Pardons For Dwight And Steven Hammond. “The last call Oregon rancher Dwight Hammond Jr. made before heading to federal prison on two counts of arson in 2016 was to a man he hardly knew. Forrest

Lucas, who made his fortune on oil engine additives, promised Hammond that he would do whatever he could to get him and his son, Steven, out of prison. Early Tuesday morning aboard Air Force One, en route to the NATO summit, President Donald Trump signed an official clemency order pardoning the two men. Lucas — a 76-year-old Indiana self-made millionaire with tight ties to the Trump administration — had fulfilled his pledge.” [Buzzfeed News, [07/11/18](#)]

The Hammonds Are Anti-Government Extremists That Committed Arson On Public Lands. “For nearly two decades, the Hammonds had been engaged in skirmishes with the Bureau of Land Management, an agency that functions as a go-between for ranchers and the federal land they lease for grazing. They pushed back, often threateningly, on regulations regarding the Malheur Wildlife Refuge, which bordered the Hammonds’ grazing allotment, and they set unpermitted fires on BLM land. After a second fire in 2006, the pair were charged with 19 different crimes, but eventually arranged a plea deal for just two charges of arson on federal land, which carried a minimum of a five-year sentence.” [Buzzfeed News, [07/11/18](#)]

Protect The Harvest Orchestrated A Nationwide Campaign To Support The Hammonds And Communicated With Politicians – Including Vice President Mike Pence - To Receive A Pardon For The Arsonists.

Protect The Harvest Organized Nationwide To Show Support For The Hammonds In Addition To Communicating With Oregon Congressman Greg Walden. ‘Protect the Harvest organized a nationwide movement to show President Trump the level of support that existed for pardoning the Hammonds and releasing them from prison. Through petition drives, communication with Oregon Congressman Greg Walden, and much more, Duquette and Protect the Harvest kept the issue top of mind for America’s cattle industry and the executive branch.” [Tri-State Livestock News, [08/30/18](#)]

Forrest Lucas Repeatedly Mentioned A Pardon For The Hammonds To Mike Pence. “This sort of access and influence helps explain how the Hammonds’ appeal made its way to President Trump’s desk. According to Duquette, Lucas first brought up the idea of a pardon to then-governor Pence before Trump’s election. When Lucas and Pence had dinner in May, Lucas brought up the case again, making the argument for a commuted sentence. Soon after, the case was moved to the office of Pence’s chief counsel.” [Buzzfeed News, [07/11/18](#)]

The Hammonds’ Arrest Led To The Bundy-Led Militia Occupation Of The Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

The Hammonds Arrest Was The Catalyst For The Bundy-Led Militias’ Armed Occupation Of The Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. “The verdict brought Ammon and Ryan Bundy — who, along with their father, Cliven, had been involved in an armed confrontation with BLM officials over the management of their grazing allotment in

Nevada — to Eastern Oregon. On Jan. 2, Ammon led several hundred people on a peaceful march through Burns, Oregon, in support of the Hammonds. At the end of the march, he made a declaration: Whoever wanted to take a “hard stand” against the government should follow him — thus launching what would become the 41-day armed standoff at the Malheur Wildlife Refuge.” [*Buzzfeed News*, [07/11/18](#)]

Ties To Extremists: The Bundys

Protect The Harvest Made Its “People, Resources, And Checkbook” Available To The Bundys During Their Militant Occupation Of The Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

Protect The Harvest Praised The Bundy-Led Militia. “At Protect The Harvest we are deeply concerned with the erosion of the rights of farmers and ranchers in the face of ever-increasing government over-reach, regulation, and intrusion. We strongly support those who lawfully stand up and defend America's family farmers and ranchers; while encouraging all sides to seek a reasonable and peaceful solution to this tragic miscarriage of justice.” [Protect The Harvest, accessed [05/19/22](#)]

A Bundy Malheur Occupation Spokesperson Claimed Protect The Harvest Made “Its People, Resources And Checkbook Available.” “During the occupation, Duquette and Trent Loos posed for a photo with Ammon Bundy; while a representative from Protect the Harvest has denied offering material support to the occupiers, Todd Macfarlane — a lawyer, Bundy supporter, and standoff spokesperson — blogged that Protect the Harvest had made “its people, resources and checkbook available.”” [*Buzzfeed News*, [07/11/18](#)]

- **Dave Duquette Provided “Media Coverage And Logistic Support” For Ammon And Ryan Bundy At The Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.** “A few months after his flurry of publicity for Borba, Duquette showed up at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon to provide media coverage and logistical support for the sons of Cliven Bundy, Ammon and Ryan, who led the widely publicized armed takeover there by rancher-militiamen.” [*Daily Beast*, [09/10/17](#)]

Trent Loos Interviewed The Bundys At Malheur During The Occupation Exclusively For Protect The Harvest.

Trent Loos Interviewed Ammon Bundy During His Militant Occupation At The Malheur National Wildlife Refuge Exclusively For Protect The Harvest. “In an in-depth interview provided exclusively to Protect The Harvest, Trent Loos goes in-depth with Ammon Bundy at the Malheur Wildlife Refuge. As many of you know, Ammon Bundy and others have occupied the refuge; which sits just outside Burns, Oregon; in response to the punishment meted out to Eastern Oregon ranchers Steven and Dwight Hammond.” [Protect The Harvest, accessed [05/19/22](#)]

Protect The Harvest Sponsored A Conference Designed To "Harness The Energy Following The Bundys' Malheur Occupation."

Protect The Harvest Sponsored Three "Range Rights" Conferences Designed To "Harness The Energy Following The Bundys' Malheur Occupation. "Partnering with Range, Protect the Harvest has helped fund three "Range Rights" conferences – in Layton, Utah; in Bellevue, Nebraska; and in Modesto, California. [...] The two-day conference was founded in 2015 as a way to harness the energy following the Bundys' Malheur occupation; attendants include a mix of Malheur devotees and local ranchers." [Buzzfeed News, [07/11/18](#)]

The Range Rights Conference Speaker Included Ammon Bundy And The Daughter Of Anti-Lands Extremist LaVoy Finicum. "The daughter of LaVoy Finicum spoke about the legacy of her father, the rancher who was killed by Oregon State Police in what have become heavily contested circumstances, effectively rendering him a martyr for the Bundy movement. Finally, Ammon Bundy preached the latest chapter in the family's gospel, emphasizing that environmentalists are "an enemy to humans" practicing their own heretical religion." [Buzzfeed News, [07/11/18](#)]

Ties To Extremists: Kevin Borba

Protect The Harvest Supported Anti-Government Extremist Kevin Borba As He Attacked Bureau Of Land Management Employees And Ignored Grazing Regulations.

Protect The Harvest Supported Rancher Kevin Borba As He "Repeatedly And Progressively Flouted Rules" Regarding Wild Horses. "That was Duquette's message in 2015, when he visited Nevada in support of a rancher named Kevin Borba, who had repeatedly and progressively flouted rules governing the treatment of wild horses on his grazing allotment. Duquette posted a picture of Borba in a Protect the Harvest-branded four-wheeler, out to "document" the "lies" spread by Laura Leigh, who was heading up an experimental fertility control program on the horses." [Buzzfeed News, [07/11/18](#)]

- **Kevin Borba Incurred Tens Of Thousands Of Dollars In Fines For Running Trespass Cattle.** "Rep. Grijalva's office had also heard from Leigh about a flamboyant renegade livestock committee in the Battle Mountain district named Kevin Borba. The cows on his allotment shared forage with the 400 horses in the Fish Creek Horse Management Area, the herd that Leigh had sought to target with fertility control. [...] He had reason to be angry. Furtado's office had levied tens of thousands of dollars in fines against him for his running of trespass cattle." [Daily Beast, [09/10/17](#)]

Protect The Harvest Produced Videos Framing Borba As A "Victim Of The BLM." "Protect the Harvest created a series of videos framing Borba as a victim of the BLM,

whose “mismanagement hurts both the horses and the ranchers whose livelihood are being taken away.”” [Buzzfeed News, [07/11/18](#)]

Kevin Borba Used His YouTube To Attack The Bureau Of Land Management, Its Workers, And A Wild Horse Activist.

In Addition To Supporting The Bundys, Borba Railed At Length On YouTube Against The Bureau Of Land Management, Its Employee, And A Wild Horse Activists. “Borba was an avid supporter of Cliven Bundy and a fanatical YouTube preacher, railing at length against the BLM, Furtado, wild horses, fertility control, and Laura Leigh. “ [Daily Beast, [09/10/17](#)]

Money, Power, and Influence: Trump Administration

Forrest Lucas Maintained Close Access To Trump Officials Including Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, EPA Chief Scott Pruitt...

Forrest Lucas Has Close Access To Trump Administration Officials Including Vice President Mike Pence, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, And Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. “To achieve his goals, Lucas has used a nonprofit he founded, Protect the Harvest – devoted to “working to protect your right to hunt, fish, farm, eat meat, and own pets” – as well as his close ties to Vice President Mike Pence, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, and Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, whose top adviser is a former employee of Lucas’s. As Duquette puts it, “the access is very good.”” [Buzzfeed News, [07/11/18](#)]

Lucas Oil Gave \$50,000 To Then-Attorney General, Future-EPA Chief Scott Pruitt’s Super PAC In 2015. “The super PAC established for him, Liberty 2.0, collected \$150,000 from just three donors last year. Among the donors to the super PAC was Lucas Oil Products, a company founded by Forrest Lucas, which gave \$50,000 in August 2015.” [The Daily Oklahoman, [09/11/16](#)]

- **Pruitt Spoke At. Protect The Harvest Event Five Months After The Lucas’s Campaign Donation.** “The organization then sued Pruitt for abuse of power. In January, about five months after Lucas made the \$50,000 to the super PAC, Pruitt spoke at an event in Indianapolis attended by Lucas and sponsored by Protect the Harvest.” [The Daily Oklahoman, [09/11/16](#)]

Forrest Lucas Met With Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke In April 2017 To Discuss Grazing, Wild Horses, And National Monuments. “In addition to Lucas’s own role as one of Trump’s agricultural advisers, public records indicate that Lucas met with Zinke in April 2017 to discuss wild horses, grazing access issues, and national monument designations.” [Buzzfeed News, [07/11/18](#)]

Forrest Lucas Was A “Driving Force” Behind Sonny Perdue’s Nomination To Lead The Department Of Agriculture. “According to Politico, Lucas was also a driving force behind the nomination of Sonny Perdue to the post of agriculture secretary.” [Washington Post, [11/18/20](#)]

...And Considered Vice President Mike Pence A “Friend,” Making Major Donations To The Indiana Politician Before He Became Vice President.

Forrest And Charlotte Lucas Gave \$50,000 To Mike Pence’s Gubernatorial Campaigns. “He and his wife have given a combined \$50,000 to the gubernatorial campaigns of Trump’s running mate, Mike Pence, according to Indiana state records.” [Politico, [09/19/16](#)]

Forrest Lucas Gave Mike Pence \$774 Tickets To An Indianapolis Colts Game. “Lucas also gave Pence two tickets worth \$774 to attend a Colts game in 2017 that Pence abruptly left after players on the opposing team kneeled during the national anthem.” [LA Times, [07/12/18](#)]

Protect The Harvest’s Dave Duquette Called Forrest Lucas And Mike Pence “Friends.” ““We’re very lucky that my boss has been friends with the vice president,” said David Duquette, a close aide to Mr. Lucas who works for Protect the Harvest, the magnate’s lobbying and activist group. “That makes it easier for us to get our issues looked at.”” [Quarter Horse News, [06/22/15](#)]

Forrest Lucas Was Twice Considered To Lead The Interior Department Under Trump And Served On His Agriculture Advisory Committee.

Forrest Lucas Was On Donald Trump’s Shortlist To Potentially Lead The Interior Department Prior To The 2016 Election. “An oil industry executive who has spoken out against animal rights is a leading contender for Interior secretary should Donald Trump win the White House, two sources familiar with the campaign’s deliberations told POLITICO on Monday – a prospect that drew immediate condemnation from environmental activists. [...] One person briefed by the Trump campaign said Lucas is a “front-runner” for the Interior secretary job.” [Politico, [09/19/16](#)]

Forrest Lucas Claims To Have Been Offered The Position As Secretary Of Interior From Vice President Mike Pence After Ryan Zinke Resigned. “The Trump administration has been good for Lucas and his Protect the Harvest team. Lucas told Range magazine that Pence offered him the position of secretary of the interior after Ryan Zinke resigned.” [Washington Post, [11/18/20](#)]

Forrest Lucas Served On Trump’s Agriculture Advisory Committee. “Lucas, who owns a ranch and serves on Trump’s agriculture advisory committee, is one of the biggest donors to groups that attack the Humane Society and People for the Ethical

Treatment of Animals, and defend animal agriculture, hunting, meat consumption, rodeos and circuses." [*Politico*, [09/19/16](#)]

Money, Power, and Influence: Missouri Governor Mike Parson

Forrest Lucas Used His Close Relationship With Missouri Governor Mike Parson – A Former Protect The Harvest Board Member - To "Defang" Agricultural Legislation...

Mike Parson Is The Current Governor Of Missouri. "Governor Parson is a veteran who served six years in the United States Army. He served more than 22 years in law enforcement, including 12 years as the sheriff of Polk County. He also served in the Missouri House of Representatives from 2005-2011, in the Missouri Senate from 2011-2017, and as Lieutenant Governor in 2017-2018." [Missouri Governor, About The Governor, accessed [05/20/22](#)]

Forrest Lucas And Mike Parson Talk "On A Regular Basis." "He also has a working relationship with state Sen. Mike Parson, a Bolivar Republican who was recently elected Missouri lieutenant governor. Both have cattle farms in southwest Missouri and aim to deregulate agricultural interests, and Parson said the two talk on a regular basis." [*Springfield News-Leader*, [11/20/16](#)]

Now-Governor Mike Parson Was A Board Member For Protect The Harvest. "Specifically, Phipps was concerned about Sen. Mike Parson, R-Bolivar, and his relationship with Protect the Harvest, the nonprofit that presented the movie. Parson is a Protect the Harvest board member." [*Springfield News-Leader*, [07/09/16](#)]

Forrest Lucas Maintains A Close Relationship With Missouri Governor Mike Parson, Giving Him Hundreds Of Thousands And Working Alongside Him To "Defang" Agriculture Legislation. "Protect the Harvest's first foray into the fray came in Missouri, where it offered broad media support for a 2014 Right to Farm amendment, copied from a 2012 version drafted in North Dakota. For that campaign, Lucas enlisted then-state senator Mike Parson, who is now governor, and to whom Lucas has given more than \$175,000 in campaign donations. The two men first connected in 2010, during the campaign against Proposition B. After it passed, Parson, whose district included Lucas's cattle ranch and one of his speedways, sponsored the legislation that effectively defanged the bill. From 2013 to 2015, Parson served as the treasurer of Protect the Harvest, and when Parson ran for lieutenant governor in 2016, Lucas and his wife campaigned alongside him; after he won, he framed a Protect the Harvest poster in his office." [*Buzzfeed News*, [07/11/18](#)]

- **From 2012 To 2016, Forrest Lucas, His Wife, And His Cattle Companies Gave "At Least" \$175,000 To Senator Mike Parson's Political Campaigns.** "Lucas, his wife Charlotte and the Lucas Cattle Company have combined to donate at least \$175,000 to Parson's political campaigns since 2012, according to the Missouri

Ethics Commission. Lucas' speedway and cattle ranch are in Parson's Senate district." [*Springfield News-Leader*, [11/20/16](#)]

...And Further Benefited From His Relationship With Parson As Parson Pushed Legislation To Protect Cattle Owners From Liability After Lucas's Cattle Caused An Accident In Missouri.

Missouri Senator Mike Parson Sponsored Legislation To Protect Cattle Owners From Liability If Their Stock Causes Damages While Outside Of Its Confines. "In September, the legislature voted to override Gov. Jay Nixon's veto of the Parson-sponsored Senate Bill 844, which removed provisions related to trespassing livestock and replaced them with language saying an animal's owner is "liable for any damages sustained if the owner of the trespassing horses, cattle or other stock was negligent." [...] In his veto letter, Nixon said that "regardless of the underlying reason for the escape, Missouri's fencing law properly assigns liability to the owner of the animals that caused the damage." Under this bill, "the victim of the animal rampage would be left without recourse, despite playing no role in causing the damage, unless negligence on the part of either the owner of the animals or a third party can be proven," Nixon wrote." [*Springfield News-Leader*, [11/20/16](#)]

Forrest Lucas Was Sued For One Such Incident After His Cattle Escaped And Caused A Traffic Accident In 2011. "Lucas has faced a related situation: The oilman was sued after cattle he owned escaped and caused a traffic crash in May 2011. According to court documents, Ozark residents Terry and Connie DeMoss were driving south on U.S. 65 at night when they hit a cow that made its way onto the road from Lucas' pasture." [*Springfield News-Leader*, [11/20/16](#)]

Forrest Lucas Spent Hundreds Of Thousands To Fight An Anti-Puppy Mill Bill In Missouri – Including Donating To Local Politicians.

Forrest Lucas Worked With Missouri State Senator Mike Parson Against Missouri's Anti-Puppy Mill Measure. "I actually have a television production company," Lucas said, "But they were so busy with racing. Then one night I got a call." It was Missouri Senator Mike Parson. "He's a real fighter!" Lucas noted. It was the first time the men had spoken, but the beginning of a friendship and common cause. Parson knew people who had produced television ads for campaigns in Missouri, including his own successful campaign." [*Today's Farmer Magazine*, [09/03/14](#)]

Forrest Lucas Spent "Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars" To Fight An Anti-Puppy Mill Ballot Measure In Missouri. "Animal rights supporters were quick to point out Monday that Lucas had put up hundreds of thousands of dollars into fighting an "anti-puppy mill" ballot measure in Missouri that was approved by voters in 2010." [*Politico*, [09/19/16](#)]

The Ballot Measure Banning The Puppy Mill Passed, But Was Overturned By Lucas-Funded State Legislators.

The Ballot Measure Passed, But Was Overturned By The State Legislature - Some Of Which Received Donations From Lucas. "Like many who find their fortunes secure, Lucas decided to throw his newfound influence around. He began donating to political figures — to then-governor Pence, but also to multiple representatives in Missouri, where Lucas ran a cattle ranch. [...] Prop B ultimately passed with 51.59% of the vote — only to be overturned by the Missouri legislature." [*Buzzfeed News*, [07/11/18](#)]

Money, Power, and Influence: Indiana

Forrest Lucas Spent Years Violating Noise Ordinances, Business Regulations, And Permitting Laws Through Parties, Construction, And Political Fundraisers At His Carmel, Indiana Home.

In 2017, Forrest Lucas Was Barred From Having Parties At His Carmel, Indiana Residence After Noise And Zoning Violations. "The filing Thursday comes after two years of complaints from neighboring property owners and a 2017 city ruling that banned parties at the 33-acre estate owned by oil tycoon Forrest Lucas, according to a news release by the city. The city says the Lucases are violating noise and zoning ordinances." [*Indianapolis Star*, [05/27/19](#)]

In 2019, Carmel Filed An Injunction To Bar Any More Parties After Continued Complaints And Suspicious That The Lucases Were Operating A Business On The Property. "Carmel has filed an injunction request with Hamilton Superior Court to prevent any more large parties at the Lucas estate and its party barn. The city says the Lucases are operating a business on the property." [*Indianapolis Star*, [05/27/19](#)]

According To The City, The Lucases Promoted The Property As A Wedding Venue And A Site For A Concert Series. "'At this point, the City of Carmel believes that the Lucases have not shown a good faith effort to comply and therefore, the city is taking this action," a news release from the city said. "While the Lucases claim that they are only making this venue available to close friends and business clients, it does not appear that this is the truth as advertisements for the space have appeared in wedding guides. It is also listed on Facebook and a website as the location for a concert series.'" [*Indianapolis Star*, [05/27/19](#)]

- **The Lucases Advertised The Property To Rent For A Minimum Of \$40,000 Per Event.** "Online advertisements indicate the property is for rent for a minimum of \$40,000 per event, describing it as "reminiscent of a French country manor painstakingly crafted for the aristocracy." A 43-page food-and-drink menu lists available entrees for breakfast, lunch and dinner." [*Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*, [07/21/18](#)]

Forrest Lucas Made Alterations To The Property Without Obtaining The Necessary Permits. “The court filing also says Lucas made alterations to the property without obtaining required permit approvals from the city. The alterations consist of several buildings, a large parking area, the installation of an 8,500-square-foot plaza, the conversion of tennis courts into a concrete staging area for a 3,500-square-foot tent, and a building with commercial kitchens. The filing says a road was built on the estate to provide access from Ditch Road to the 150-space parking lot.” [*Indianapolis Star*, [05/27/19](#)]

Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb Hosted A \$10,000-A-Couple Republican "Soiree" At The Lucases' Estate.

In 2018, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb Hosted A Republican "Soiree" Charging \$10,000 Per Couple For Dinner. “Wednesday's GOP soiree, hosted by Gov. Eric Holcomb, cost \$10,000 per couple for a "round-table dinner" or \$50 for general admission.” [*Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*, [07/21/18](#)]

Protect The Harvest Leadership: Big Ag Employees

A Former Smithfield And Cargill Employee Himself, Protect The Harvest Board Member Mike Siemans' Wife Still Serves As A Vice President At Cargill.

Protect The Harvest Board Member Mike Siemens Worked At Smithfield Foods And Cargill. “Following his 10 years at the University of Wisconsin he then took a position with Smithfield Foods, Inc. as their Director of Integrated Meat Technology where he was responsible for animal welfare oversight. In 2006, Dr. Siemens and his family moved to Wichita, Kansas where he joined Cargill as their Global Leader - Animal Welfare and Husbandry. In this role, Dr. Siemens oversaw all animal welfare efforts for the Global meat businesses.” [Protect The Harvest, Leadership, accessed [05/23/22](#)]

Mike Siemens's Wife Works As A Vice President Of Cargill. “Dr. Siemens is married to Dr. Angie Siemens, Cargill Vice President – Food Safety, Quality and Regulatory.” [Protect The Harvest, Leadership, accessed [05/23/22](#)]

Protect The Harvest Advisory Committee Member Worked To Increase Demand For Pork In Addition To Past Work At Cargill And Purina.

Protect The Harvest Advisory Committee Member Dallas Hockman Worked As An Industry Spokesman And The Vice President Of Industry Relations For The National Pork Producers Council. “Dallas is the Vice President of Industry Relations for the National Pork Producers Council. In his current role he is responsible for enhancing relationships with retailers, foodservice, and food manufactures with the pork supply chain. He serves as spokesman for Industry Issues to the food chain and leads the Crisis

Management and Response for the food chain.” [Protect The Harvest, Advisory Committee, accessed [05/23/22](#)]

Hockman Previously Served As “Vice President Of Demand Enhancement” For The National Pork Board. “Previous to NPPC, Dallas was Vice President of Demand Enhancement for the National Pork Board, responsible for the National Pork Board’s product marketing programs worldwide.” [Protect The Harvest, Advisory Committee, accessed [05/23/22](#)]

Dallas Hockman Worked At Cargill And Purina. “Prior to joining National Pork Board, Dallas held marketing and management positions for Cargill and Purina Mills.” [Protect The Harvest, Advisory Committee, accessed [05/23/22](#)]

Cargill Is One Of The Top Meat Companies In The United States And Has Been Accused Of Price Gouging Consumers. “The four major meat companies in the U.S. – Cargill, Tyson Foods, JBS, and National Beef Packing – control 55% to 85% of the hog, cattle, and chicken markets. The White House accused these companies of contributing to inflation by raising prices while generating record profits.” [*Fortune*, [01/06/22](#)]

Protect The Harvest Board Member Dale Ludwig Is The President And Founder of Elevation Ag And The CEO Of AgriNext. “Dale is a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia with degrees in animal science and agricultural economics. He is the President and Founder of Elevation Ag and the CEO of AgriNext.” [Protect The Harvest, Leadership, accessed [05/23/22](#)]

Protect The Harvest Leadership: Former Politicians And Political Appointees

Several Former State And Federal Government Officials Serve On Protect The Harvest’s Board, Including Some Who Served During The Trump Administration.

Former Missouri State Senator And Representative Glen Klippenstein Serves On Protect The Harvest’s Board. “Glen graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a B.S. in Animal Science. He has owned and operated his own family farms in Pennsylvania (1961-1966) and Missouri (1993-present). He was a Missouri State Senator for the 12th district in 1993-1994. He then took office as a Missouri State Representative from 2010-2012.” [Protect The Harvest, Leadership, accessed [05/23/22](#)]

Protect The Harvest Advisory Committee Member Nancy Halpern Worked In The New Jersey Department Of Agriculture. “Nancy E. Halpern is a partner, registered patent attorney, founder and chair of the Animal Law Practice Group at Fox Rothschild LLP, and former chair of the Animal Law Practice Committee of the New Jersey State Bar Association. She is also an adjunct professor at Seton Hall Law where she teaches

Animal Law. Previously working as a licensed veterinarian in New Jersey, she has served as director of the Division of Animal Health for the New Jersey Department of Agriculture and New Jersey's state veterinarian, and served on the State Board of Veterinary Medicine Examiners (SBVME) for nearly a decade." [Protect The Harvest, Advisory Committee, accessed [05/23/22](#)]

Trump-Era Director Of The Fish And Wildlife Service, Aurelia Skipworth, Serves On Protect The Harvest's Advisory Committee. "She was confirmed by the United States Senate as the 22nd Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and was responsible for the federal management of fish, wildlife, plants, and their natural habitats." [Protect The Harvest, Advisory Committee, accessed [05/23/22](#)]

Protect The Harvest Advisory Committee Member Gary Baise Worked At The Environmental Protection Agency And The Department Of Justice. "Baise worked as the Director of the Office of Legislation at the EPA where he was responsible for its contributions to much of the clean water, noise, and pesticide legislation. During a subsequent two-year period (1973-74), Baise served in the U.S. Department of Justice, as the Associate Deputy Attorney General and as the Acting Deputy Attorney General. Following his service at the EPA and the Justice Department, Baise developed a nationally recognized practice focusing on defending farmers, agribusiness, and other entities who would be subjected to increasing regulatory thrusts." [Protect The Harvest, Advisory Committee, accessed [05/23/22](#)]

- **Gary Baise Was A Coordinator On The Trump Agricultural And Rural Advisory Committee.** "He is also a coordinator on the Trump Agricultural and Rural Advisory Committee." [Protect The Harvest, Advisory Committee, accessed [05/23/22](#)]

State Senator Glen Klipperstein's Son, Brian, Went On To Work At The Department Of Agriculture Under Trump Where His Primary Goal Was To Round Up Staffers Working On Climate Change After Working As Protect The Harvest's Executive Director

Missouri State Senator Glen Klipperstein's Son, Brian, Served As Protect The Harvest's Executive Director Starting In 2012. "In 2012, Protect the Harvest filed paperwork with the FEC to create a political action committee known as the Protect the Harvest Action Fund. Brian Klippenstein – the son of a longtime Missouri state senator, who'd spent the previous five years as then-senator Kit Bond's chief of staff – became the group's executive director." [Buzzfeed News, [07/11/18](#)]

Former Protect The Harvest Executive Director Brian Klippenstein Led The Department Of Agriculture's Transition Under Trump. "Brian Klippenstein, the former executive director of Protect the Harvest, was put in charge of managing the Department of Agriculture transition after Trump's election." [Washington Post, [11/18/20](#)]

Brian Klippenstein's Primary Focus As The Department Of Agriculture Was Rounding Up The Names Of Staffers Working On Climate Change. "The department maintained its composure – no nasty leaks to the press, no resignations in protest – even as Klippenstein focused, bizarrely, on a single issue. Not animal abuse but climate change. "He came in and wanted to know all about the office on climate change," says a former U.S.D.A. employee. "That's what he wanted to focus on. He wanted the names of the people doing the work." The career staffer running the transition politely declined to give Klippenstein the names, but he said he bore no ill will toward him for asking." [*Vanity Fair*, [11/02/17](#)]

Brian Klippenstein Worked For Missouri Senators Roy Blunt And Kit Bond, Including Serving As Bond's Chief Of Staff. "Previously, Klippenstein spent 26 years on Capitol Hill working for Missouri Republicans, including Sens. Roy Blunt and Kit Bond – the latter for whom he served as chief of staff for five years, according to Klippenstein's online biography." [*HuffPost*, [05/29/14](#)]

Protect The Harvest Leadership: Extremists

The Former Executive Director Of The American Legislative Exchange Council And Current Heartland Institute Fellow, Alan Smith, Sits On Protect The Harvest's Advisory Committee.

Protect The Harvest Advisory Committee Member Alan Smith Is A Senior Fellow At The R Street Institute And Heartland Institute. "Alan B. Smith is co-founder, Midwest director and a senior fellow for the R Street Institute. He is a Senior Fellow of the Heartland Institute." [Protect The Harvest, Advisory Committee, accessed [05/23/22](#)]

Alan Smith Was The Executive Director Of The American Legislative Exchange Council. "Before joining R Street in June 2012, Smith served as executive director of the American Legislative Exchange Council, the nation's largest individual membership association of state legislators. Smith was also an active representative of a member company for more than two decades and was a former member of ALEC's Private Enterprise Board and its Executive Committee." [Protect The Harvest, Advisory Committee, accessed [05/23/22](#)]

Trent Loos, An Anti-Lands Extremist And Conspiracy Theorist Who Previously Served On Trump's Agricultural Advisory Committee, Now Serves On Protect The Harvest's Advisory Committee After Years Of Work As An "Unofficial Partner."

Trent Loos Joined The Protect The Harvest Advisory Committee In 2021 After Serving As "An Unofficial Partners And Advisory Since The Inception Of Protect The Harvest." "Trent Loos officially joined the Protect The Harvest Advisory Committee in May 2021. Prior to his official recognition as a member of our Advisory

Committee, Trent has been an unofficial partner and advisor since the inception of Protect The Harvest, working together with us on various initiatives and projects and sharing information we believe is critical for the American public to know." [Protect The Harvest, Advisory Committee, accessed [05/23/22](#)]

American Stewards Spokesperson Trent Loos Says 30 X 30 "Was Previously Known As Agenda 21." "For those that are not aware, on Jan. 27, 2021, President Joe Biden signed Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad [...] For the most part, it explains how we will move away from fossil fuels but also says we will move into 30% of land and water in the nation being used to mitigate climate change by the year 2030. For the record, this madness was previously known as Agenda 21 and Agenda 30 is now officially 30 x 30 until they bump it to 50 x 50." [High Plains Journal, [04/17/21](#)]

Trent Loos Said There Were Parallels Between 30 X 30 And "Hitler" In Addition To The Holodomor. Trent Loos said at an American Stewards of Liberty said, "We've just been trying to peel that – Margaret's term – peel that onion back as the federal government to remove that property right, which comes back to everything you're talking about. I can draw those parallels to the Ukraine. I can draw those parallels to Hitler from '33 to '39. But history does repeat itself." [SD Trumpet - Facebook, [4/20/21](#) 01:52:13]

- **Loos Claimed Hitler's Signing Of The Reich Nature Protection Act Was The Birth Of Environmental Permits, Impact Statements And "Environmental Totalitarianism."** "Historians have either overlooked or forgotten that sweeping Nazi environmental laws, all signed by Hitler and considered to be his pet projects, preceded the racially charged Nuremberg Laws, reflecting the fact that Nazi racism was rooted in ecology. By the summer of 1935, right before the Nuremberg laws were set up, Nazi Germany was by far the greenest regime on the planet. The Animal Protection laws were followed up by a strong hunting law for Hermann Goring in 1934. In 1935, Hitler also signed the Reich Nature Protection Act, the high water mark for Nazi environmentalism. Here is seen the birth of environmental permits, environmental impact statements and environmental totalitarianism." [High Plains Journal - Op Ed by Trent Loos, [4/3/21](#)]

Loos Served On President Trump's Agricultural Advisory Committee. "American Stewards also has ties to the Trump administration. Trent Loos, a Nebraska rancher and radio show host, served on former President Donald Trump's agricultural advisory committee and is now helping lead the anti-30x30 campaign." [Huffington Post, [5/5/21](#)]

Direct Lobbying Despite 501(c)3 Status

Protect The Harvest Spends Millions On "Influence And Lobbying Activities."

Protect The Harvest Spent \$4M On "Influence And Lobbying Activities" From 2012 To 2016. "Between 2012 and 2016, the latest year for which tax returns are available, Protect the Harvest Action Fund has spent close to \$4 million on influence and lobbying activities." [*Buzzfeed News*, [07/11/18](#)]

In 2019, The Protect The Harvest Action Fund Spent Nearly \$45,000 On Advocacy And Campaign Initiatives. [Protect The Harvest Action Fund, 2019 Form 990EZ, [07/14/20](#)]

Protect The Harvest Lobbied The Federal Government Annually From 2015 To 2018, Including Spending Over \$40,000 On Lobbying Despite Registering As A 501(c)3 With The IRS In 2015.

In 2015, Protect The Harvest Spent Over \$40,000 Lobbying For "Free Interstate Commerce In Agriculture Productions." [Senate Lobbying Database, Q1 Lobbying Report, [04/20/15](#)] [Senate Lobbying Database, Q2 Lobbying Report, [07/20/15](#)] [Senate Lobbying Database, Q3 Lobbying Report, [10/19/15](#)] [Senate Lobbying Database, Q4 Lobbying Report, [01/19/16](#)]

Protect The Harvest Registered With The IRS As A 501(c)3 In 2015. [Protect The Harvest, IRS Form 990 2015, [08/13/16](#)]

- **In 2015, Protect The Harvest Had \$74,829 In Revenue.** [Protect The Harvest, IRS Form 990 2015, [08/13/16](#)]

In 2018, Protect The Harvest Lobbied On "Free Interstate Commerce In Agriculture Products" In The First Three Quarters Of The Year. [Senate Lobbying Database, Q1 Lobbying Report, [05/23/18](#)] [Senate Lobbying Database, Q2 Lobbying Report, [08/07/18](#)] [Senate Lobbying Database, Q3 Lobbying Report, [12/05/18](#)]

In 2017, Protect The Harvest Lobbied On "Free Interstate Commerce In Agriculture Products" Every Quarter. [Senate Lobbying Database, Q1 Lobbying Report, [04/17/17](#)] [Senate Lobbying Database, Q2 Lobbying Report, [07/19/17](#)] [Senate Lobbying Database, Q3 Lobbying Report, [10/23/17](#)] [Senate Lobbying Database, Q4 Lobbying Report, [01/29/18](#)]

In 2016, Protect The Harvest Lobbied On "Free Interstate Commerce In Agriculture Products" Every Quarter. [Senate Lobbying Database, Q1 Lobbying Report, [04/16/16](#)] [Senate Lobbying Database, Q2 Lobbying Report, [07/20/16](#)] [Senate Lobbying Database, Q3 Lobbying Report, [10/20/16](#)] [Senate Lobbying Database, Q4 Lobbying Report, [01/19/17](#)]

Lobbying And Political Contributions Through Forest Lucas And Affiliated Businesses

Lucas Oil Gave \$60,000 To Conservative PACs In 2015.

In 2015, Lucas Oil Products Gave \$60,000 To Conservative Political Action Committees. [FEC, Lucas Oil, accessed [05/20/22](#)]

From 2017 To 2019, Lucas Oil Spent Close To \$300,000 Lobbying On Wild Horses And Electronic Logging Devices In Trucks.

In 2019, Lucas Oil Spent \$80,000 Lobbying On Electronic Logging Devices On Trucks. [Senate Lobbying Database, Q1 Lobbying Report, [05/23/18](#)] [Senate Lobbying Database, Q2 Lobbying Report, [08/07/18](#)]

In 2018, Lucas Oil Spent \$120,000 Lobbying On Wild Horses And Electronic Logging Devices On Trucks. [Senate Lobbying Database, Q1 Lobbying Report, [04/17/18](#)] [Senate Lobbying Database, Q2 Lobbying Report, [07/19/17](#)] [Senate Lobbying Database, Q3 Lobbying Report, [10/23/17](#)] [Senate Lobbying Database, Q4 Lobbying Report, [01/29/18](#)]

In 2017, Lucas Oil Spent \$95,000 Lobbying On Wild Horses And Electronic Logging Devices On Trucks. [Senate Lobbying Database, Q2 Lobbying Report, [06/30/17](#)] [Senate Lobbying Database, Q3 Lobbying Report, [10/28/17](#)] [Senate Lobbying Database, Q4 Lobbying Report, [01/11/18](#)]

Forrest Lucas Gave Nearly Half A Million Dollars To Candidates For Federal Office From 2010 To 2021.

In 2010, Forrest Lucas Gave \$7,400 To Candidates For Federal Office. [FEC, Forrest Lucas, accessed [05/20/22](#)]

In 2011, Forrest Lucas Gave \$15,000 To Candidates For Federal Office. [FEC, Forrest Lucas, accessed [05/20/22](#)]

In 2012, Forrest Lucas Gave \$52,079 To Candidates For Federal Office. [FEC, Forrest Lucas, accessed [05/20/22](#)]

In 2013, Forrest Lucas Gave \$22,600 To Candidates For Federal Office. [FEC, Forrest Lucas, accessed [05/20/22](#)]

In 2014, Forrest Lucas Gave \$40,050 To Candidates For Federal Office. [FEC, Forrest Lucas, accessed [05/20/22](#)]

In 2015, Forrest Lucas Gave \$29,100 To Candidates For Federal Office. [FEC, Forrest Lucas, accessed [05/20/22](#)]

In 2016, Forrest Lucas Gave \$49,300 To Candidates For Federal Office. [FEC, Forrest Lucas, accessed [05/20/22](#)]

In 2017, Forrest Lucas Gave \$65,400 To Candidates For Federal Office. [FEC, Forrest Lucas, accessed [05/20/22](#)]

In 2018, Forrest Lucas Gave \$15,625 To Candidates For Federal Office. [FEC, Forrest Lucas, accessed [05/20/22](#)]

In 2019, Forrest Lucas Gave \$89,250 To Candidates For Federal Office. [FEC, Forrest Lucas, accessed [05/20/22](#)]

- This included \$37,800 to Trump Victory PAC on April 22, 2019. [FEC, Trump Victory Form 3X, [04/03/19](#)]

In 2020, Forrest Lucas Gave \$48,125 To Candidates For Federal Office. [FEC, Forrest Lucas, accessed [05/20/22](#)]

In 2021, Forrest Lucas Gave \$39,500 To Candidates For Federal Office. [FEC, Forrest Lucas, accessed [05/20/22](#)]

Forrest Lucas, His Wife, And Their Affiliated Companies Funneled Over \$583,340 To State And Local Politicians From 2007 To 2022

Forrest Lucas And Lucas Oil Spent At Least \$114,100 On Politics In California From 2012 To 2020.

- **In 2016, Forrest Lucas Spent \$100,000 On Politics In California Through The California Water Alliance Initiative Fund.** [California Secretary Of State, Forrest Lucas, [06/02/16](#)]
- **From 2012 To 2020, Lucas Oil Gave \$14,100 To PACs And Politicians In California.** [California Secretary Of State, Lucas Oil, accessed [05/20/22](#)]

The Lucases And Their Companies Gave \$155,240 To Politicians In Indiana From 2007 To 2022.

- **Forrest Lucas And His Wife Gave \$97,000 To Politicians In Indiana From 2012 To 2022.** [Indiana Secretary Of State, Forrest Lucas, accessed [05/20/22](#)]

- **Lucas Oil And Its Affiliated Companies Gave \$58,240 To Politicians In Indiana From 2007 To 2020.** [Indiana Secretary Of State, Forrest Lucas, accessed [05/20/22](#)]

Forrest Lucas And Lucas Oil Spent \$196,500 On Politics In Massachusetts In 2016, The Same Year Lucas Was Fighting A Ballot Measure Banning Inhumane Cages In Egg And Pork Production.

- **In 2016, Forrest Lucas Spent \$195,000 On Politics In Massachusetts.** [OCPE, Forrest Lucas, accessed [05/20/22](#)]
- **In 2016, Lucas Oil Spent \$1,500 On Politics In Massachusetts.** [OCPE, Lucas Oil, [10/15/16](#)]
- **Forrest Lucas Spent \$200,000 To Block A Massachusetts Ballot Measure Designed To Ban Inhumane Cages In Egg And Pork Production.** “The two groups recently clashed over a Massachusetts ballot measure this fall to ban tight cages in egg and pork production. Lucas personally donated nearly \$200,000 to defeat the measure, and Klippenstein actively campaigned against it. The measure passed with overwhelming support on November 8.” [*Mother Jones*, [12/13/16](#)]

Forrest Lucas And Protect The Harvest Spent \$101,500 On Missouri Politicians From 2012 To 2021 On Top Of Funneling \$448,767 From Protect The Harvest To Its PAC In Missouri In 2014.

- **In 2012, Forrest Lucas Gave \$16,000 To Politicians In Missouri.** [Missouri Ethics Commission, Forrest Lucas, 2012, accessed [05/20/22](#)]
- **In 2014, Forrest Lucas Gave \$1,000 To Warren Love’s Election Campaign In Missouri.** [Missouri Ethics Commission, Forrest Lucas, 2014, [06/17/14](#)]
- **In 2016, Forrest And Charlotte Lucas Gave \$60,000 To Mike Parson’s Campaign For Lieutenant Governor.** [Missouri Ethics Commission, Forrest Lucas, 2016, [10/17/16](#)]
- **In 2018, Forrest Lucas Gave \$2,600 To Warren Love’s Election Campaign In Missouri.** [Missouri Ethics Commission, Forrest Lucas, 2018, [10/09/18](#)]
- **In 2020, Forrest Lucas Gave \$34,100 To Politicians In Missouri.** [Missouri Ethics Commission, Forrest Lucas, 2020, accessed [05/20/22](#)]
- **In 2021, Forrest Lucas Gave \$1,000 To Missouri State Rep. Curtis Trent.** [Missouri Ethics Commission, Forrest Lucas, 2021, [11/09/21](#)]

- **In 2013, Protect The Harvest Gave \$1,200 To The Missouri Pork PAC.** [Missouri Ethics Commission, Protect The Harvest, 2013, [08/19/13](#)]
- **In 2014, The Protect The Harvest Gave \$433,400 In Monetary Contributions And \$15,367 In In-Kind Contributions To Its PAC In Missouri.** [Missouri Ethics Commission, Protect The Harvest, 2014, accessed [05/20/22](#)]
- **Protect The Harvest Registered With The IRS As A 501(c)3 In 2014.** [Protect The Harvest Future Fund, IRS Form 990 2014, [08/17/15](#)]

Protect The Harvest And Charlotte Lucas Gave \$16,000 To Politicians In Oregon From 2018 To 2019.

- **In 2019, Protect The Harvest Action Fund Gave \$5,000 To The Oregon Republican Party.** [Oregon Secretary Of State, Protect The Harvest, [09/14/19](#)]
- **The Protect The Harvest Action Fund Gave \$1,000 To Oregon Sheriff Terry Rowan In 2019.** [Protect The Harvest Action Fund, 2019 Form 990 EZ, [07/14/20](#)]
- **In 2018, Charlotte Lucas Gave \$10,000 To Greg Wooldridge In His Run For Oregon Governor.** [Oregon Secretary Of State, Charlotte Lucas, [04/12/18](#)]