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Rubio Votes to Support Billions in Taxpayer Handouts to Big Oil

Boca Raton, FL – On Tuesday, Senator Rubio voted to protect billions of dollars in taxpayer subsidies to the nation’s most profitable oil companies.

Florida Conservation Alliance Executive Director Ilysia Shattuck released the following statement on Senator Rubio’s support for maintaining tax breaks for the richest oil companies while Florida families suffer at the pump:

“Even though Florida families are struggling to pay four dollars a gallon for their gas, Senator Rubio voted to protect billions in taxpayer handouts to the most profitable oil companies. These are the same companies who yet again reported tens of billions in profits last quarter -- and after accepting \$196,600 from the oil industry, it should come as no surprise that Senator Rubio would vote to protect the profits of his loyal campaign contributors. It’s time for Congress to eliminate these unnecessary subsidies that allow oil companies to profit off Florida consumers twice: once at the pump and again from their federal taxes.”

Senator Rubio has received \$196,600

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A recent NBC/*Wall Street Journal* poll found that 74 percent of voters support eliminating tax breaks to oil companies. [NBC/WSJ Poll, February 2011

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