



## An Open Letter to the American Environmental Community

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Jill Stein is running as the Green Party candidate for president, purporting to be an environmental advocate and a climate-hawk alternative to Vice President Kamala Harris. Do not be fooled. The reality is that Jill Stein is doing exactly what she did in 2016: running as a spoiler. Her performative candidacy could cost Harris a win in one or more battleground states in which she is on the ballot (PA, MI, WI, AZ, GA and NC) and thereby hand the presidency to Donald Trump. It would be a heartbreaking irony if the “green” candidate brought about environmental calamity by helping to return Trump to power. Before considering support for Stein, environmental and climate voters must understand two things: she’s running as a spoiler and she’s a hypocrite on issues of central importance to our movement.

**First, Jill Stein absolutely could serve as a spoiler who elects Trump.** She was key to Trump’s victory in 2016, garnering more votes than Trump’s margin of victory in a number of key states. Trump believes Stein can help him win again: Trump said “I like her also. Jill Stein. I like her very much. You know why? She takes 100% from [Democrats].” And the Trump campaign is working to make that happen. **Trump attorneys** are helping Stein with legal issues in states like **Pennsylvania**, and MAGA allies are even **running ads for Stein in battleground states**. As Trump ally Steve Bannon told the *New York Times*: “The path to victory here is clearly maximizing the reach of these left-wing alternatives .... The more exposure [Jill Stein and other third-party candidates] get, the better it is for us.”

Stein is using Bannon’s playbook to distort the Harris climate record, focus on fracking, and turn off climate voters. She has lied about the Inflation Reduction Act, the largest-ever investment in climate action and clean energy deployment in history, passed by Harris’s tie-breaking vote in the Senate, calling it a “fossil fuels-first bill” and that they “betrayed every voter who believed [their] climate promises.” This couldn’t be further from the truth; the Inflation Reduction Act has put America on a path towards net-zero emissions **and roughly 9 million jobs will be created over the next decade** thanks to its investments. Moreover, Harris has demonstrated time and again that she is a strong climate champion. She sued Exxon as Attorney General of California and has made clean energy a pillar of her opportunity economy that will lower costs and create good paying jobs for everyone.

**Stein is also a hypocrite on climate and the environment.** Even as Stein is running as the “green” candidate, she and her husband have millions invested in fossil fuels and other anti-environment stocks. During her 2016 presidential run, Stein was called out for her holdings in fossil fuel companies. Not only did she fail to correct course by moving her investments to socially responsible, clean-energy ESG funds, but Stein **kept and even expanded** her stake in stocks that, in her words, are “degraded...by the

fossil-fuel, defense, and finance industries.”

Voters who care about the future of the planet should beware: Jill Stein is a stalking horse for Trump, who has vowed to unravel the climate progress we’ve made and to reward his campaign contributors in the fossil fuel industry.

**We urge climate-first voters to cast their ballots for Vice President Harris, who with President Biden has led the most pro-climate administration in our history.**

Sincerely,

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