



September 25, 2020

Mrs. Jaime Gardner  
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Cc:  
The Honorable Cory Gardner  
United States Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
354 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mrs. Gardner,

Your husband, Sen. Gardner, has taken a bold stand against self-dealing in politics, telling Coloradans: “When it comes to any kind of supposed conflict of interest, there needs to be an investigation.”

At the Congressional Integrity Project, we could not agree more. We believe voters deserve full transparency when it comes to any overlap between a Senator’s official duties and their finances. That includes the business interests of their immediate families.

As I am sure you are aware, the energy clients you have served in various private-sector capacities have substantial interests in your husband’s public decisions. That is why we are writing to formally request a full list of your clients since your husband was first appointed to the Colorado House of Representatives in 2005.

Specifically, please provide a complete list of donors or clients, services performed, and payments and dates of said service for the following organizations:

- High Plains Communications, your energy consulting firm, from its inception in 2006 to present day.

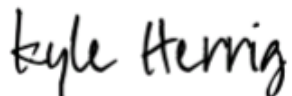
- The Colorado Resource Alliance, a regulatory monitoring service for natural resource policy, during your tenure as executive director from 2008 through 2014.
- The Consumer Energy Education Foundation, an advocacy group for the gas and oil industries, during your tenure as president and executive director from 2013 to 2014.

As a member of the Colorado House of Representatives, a U.S. Congressman, and now a U.S. Senator, your husband has taken positions and voted for measures that benefit energy and natural resource companies. This information will allow Coloradans to confirm for themselves that your work — and by extension, your family's bottom line — has not created a conflict of interest. It is also an opportunity to reassure the public that no state or federal ethics rules were violated.

As we are sure you agree, voters need basic information about their representatives' finances to judge whether those representatives are working in the public interest or their own.

We hope you will do your part to provide that information, and preserve the health of our democracy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kyle Herrig". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. Below the signature is a horizontal dashed line.

Kyle Herrig  
Executive Director, Congressional Integrity Project