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Sent: 10/6/2016 8:58:03 PM
To: Jeffers, Alan T [REDACTED]@exxonmobil.com]
Subject: RE: IRS Complaint Involving Exxon to be Filed

This is so great and I propose we all change our email signatures to include a link to the Energy Factor as well this statement: 'it is part of the activists' stated objective to delegitimize a company that obeys the law, provides a product we couldn't live without and generates significant jobs and economic activity for the country and the world.'

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Subject: FW: IRS Complaint Involving Exxon to be Filed

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No worries!

From: Jeffers, Alan T [REDACTED]@exxonmobil.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2016 8:56 AM
To: Wade, Terry (Reuters News)
Subject: RE: IRS Complaint Involving Exxon to be Filed

Sorry. Should have included my morning rant disclaimer and clearly need more coffee. Appreciate your listening. And sorry again for the rant.
Alan

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Subject: RE: IRS Complaint Involving Exxon to be Filed

Hey man, I just said somebody asked me to file on it. I didn't say a story was going to run.

From: Jeffers, Alan T [REDACTED]@exxonmobil.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2016 8:47 AM
To: Wade, Terry (Reuters News)
Subject: RE: IRS Complaint Involving Exxon to be Filed

Don't hear me. Kill the story. It's inaccurate and misleading to your readers and part of the activists' stated objective to delegitimize a company that obeys the law, provides a product we couldn't live without and generates significant jobs and economic activity for the country and the world.

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Subject: RE: IRS Complaint Involving Exxon to be Filed

Hey Alan,

I hear you.

Tks,

T.

From: Jeffers, Alan T [REDACTED]@exxonmobil.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2016 8:30 AM
To: Wade, Terry (Reuters News)
Subject: RE: IRS Complaint Involving Exxon to be Filed

Terry

On background, there's a statement below you can use on the record if Reuters is taking this crap seriously. A more relevant question is why isn't the IRS questioning the tax status of groups like the Rockefeller Family Fund, Rockefeller Brothers and Union of Concerned Scientists who have been caught meeting and lobbying attorneys general? Another possible angle is how tone deaf are these guys for asking the IRS to investigate a ALEC – an organization made up of more than 2,000 conservative state lawmakers -- after the IRS scandal last year?

Of course anything passes for news when you slap the "climate denier" label on it. But even with that their claim that we're running a multi-billion dollar denial campaign is laughable.

Sorry for the morning rant, but this is ridiculous and it makes me sad that Reuters would actually cover this as a straight news story just because they issue a press release and file a complaint for the third time. Maybe the algorithm can write it.

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Alan

ExxonMobil Statement

Allegations by the Center for Media Democracy and Common Cause are inaccurate -- and ridiculous -- when you consider that ExxonMobil has long acknowledged the risks of climate change. We are actively working to reduce emissions in our operations, helping consumers reduce their emissions, encouraging productive discussions on policy solutions such as a revenue-neutral carbon tax, and spending billions on research and technology to support lower emissions energy solutions.

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Subject: IRS Complaint Involving Exxon to be Filed

Hi Alan,

Do you have a comment on this please?

Somebody asked me to file on it, though I must say it sounds flimsy.

Tks,

T.

Exxon and ALEC Running Illegal Lobbying Scheme, Watchdog Groups Charge in IRS Complaint

Center for Media and Democracy and Common Cause file extensive new evidence in whistleblower tax fraud case against ALEC

ExxonMobil and the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) are running an illegal scheme to promote the oil giant's climate denial policies and legislative agenda in violation of U.S. tax law governing charitable organizations, the Center for Media Democracy (CMD) and Common Cause charged today.

In a new filing to the IRS – adding to an active investigation prompted by a 2012 complaint that ALEC is operating as a corporate lobbying group while registered as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity – the watchdog organizations detail for the first time how Exxon has used ALEC as a key asset in its explicit campaign to sow uncertainty about climate science, undermine international climate treaties and block legislation to reduce emissions. While ALEC purports to spend zero dollars on lobbying, Exxon has deliberately used ALEC for the past two decades to advance its legislative goals concerning cap-and-trade policies, fracking, the Keystone Pipeline and the Obama Administration's Clean Power Plan.

"It has become painfully obvious over the past few years that ALEC is corporate lobby front group masquerading as a charity—at taxpayer expense," said **Arn Pearson, general counsel at CMD**. "If the laws governing nonprofits are to mean anything, the IRS needs to take action to enforce them in this case."

"For years ALEC has been a key asset in Exxon's multi-billion dollar campaign to push a dangerous climate-denial agenda and secretly lobby politicians on anti-environmental legislation that pollutes the environment," said Karen Hobert Flynn, president of Common Cause. "It is time for the IRS to act and curb these blatant abuses."

Today, CMD and Common Cause provided the IRS Whistleblower Office with extensive evidence obtained through open records requests, original research and public financial documents detailing intentional misuse of ALEC by the Exxon to advance legislation of direct benefit to the company. Over a 17-year period, Exxon and its foundation spent more than \$1.7 million to finance lobbying activity by ALEC on legislation and public policies that benefit the corporation, while improperly and illegally claiming a tax deduction for those expenditures.

"ALEC acts as a nonprofit lobbying concierge, with Exxon its eager patron," said **Eric Havian, a partner at Constantine Cannon and a prominent whistleblower lawyer handling the case**. "It is corrupt to use the tax laws as a cover for corporate lobbying, but it's even worse in this case. Exxon uses ALEC's charitable status to fuel its disinformation campaign on climate change, so taxpayers are literally paying Exxon to lie to them."

Exxon has paid substantial sums to serve in a leadership capacity at ALEC, both on the group's corporate board and on energy-related issue task forces, where corporations introduce "model" legislation and hold de facto veto power over what bills are subsequently promoted by ALEC. Exxon's collusion with ALEC has helped introduce scores of coordinated bills in state houses across the country, including resolutions in 22 states to oppose EPA's plan to regulate greenhouse gases.

That activity constitutes a gross violation of federal tax laws by Exxon in its own right, and further reinforces the case against ALEC for abuse of its 501(c)(3) charitable status.

In a letter to IRS Commissioner John Koskinen, CMD and Common Cause urged the agency to expedite the Whistleblower Office's open and active investigation into potential civil and criminal liability for both ALEC and Exxon, revoke ALEC's 501(c)(3) status, impose any necessary civil and criminal penalties, and collect unpaid back and present taxes for nondeductible lobbying activities from both ALEC and its corporate donors.

Last month, CMD released notes from closed-door meetings between Republican attorneys general and fossil fuel industry lobbyists to coordinate on defending ExxonMobil as the company faces an ongoing investigation over allegations that it intentionally misled the public and its own shareholders about climate change.

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