

Jared Golden benefitted from hundreds of thousands of dollars in spending by groups trying to weaken the Maine lobster industry which employs thousands of hard-working Mainers.

BACKUP:

Jared Golden has been endorsed by and benefitted from nearly \$300,000 in spending by the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters Action Fund:

- **Jared Golden was endorsed by the League of Conservation Voters.** “The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) Action Fund, which works to elect pro-environment candidates, announced today the endorsement of 19 Environmental Majority Makers in key districts. Representatives Colin Allred (TX-32), Cindy Axne (IA-03), Anthony Brindisi (NY-22), Angie Craig (MN-02), Abby Finkenauer (IA-01), Jared Golden (ME-02), Deb Haaland (NM-01), Elaine Luria (VA-02), Ben McAdams (UT-04), Lucy McBath (GA-06), Joe Neguse (CO-02), Max Rose (NY-11), Kim Schrier (WA-08), Donna Shalala (FL-27), Elissa Slotkin (MI-08), Abigail Spanberger (VA-07), Haley Stevens (MI-11), Lauren Underwood (IL-14) and Jennifer Wexton (VA-10) comprise the second round of endorsements for the Environmental Majority Makers program, an effort by LCV Action Fund to defend the pro-environment House majority in the 2020 election cycle.” (Holly Burke, “LCV Action Fund Announces Second Round Of 2020 Environmental Majority Makers,” [League Of Conservation Voters](#), 8/15/19)
- **The Sierra Club endorsed Jared Golden in the 2020 election cycle.** (Sierra Club, [Facebook](#), 10/30/20)



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- **As of April 21, 2022, Jared Golden has taken more than \$30,000 from the League of Conservation Voters and the Sierra Club.** (Committee To Elect Jared Golden, Receipts, [Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 4/21/22)

Contributions to Jared Golden from the League of Conservation Voters and the Sierra Club

Recipient	Date	Amount
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	6/17/21	\$1,000.00
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	11/3/20	\$500.00
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	10/29/20	\$500.00
Sierra Club Political Committee	10/14/20	\$290.00
Sierra Club Political Committee	10/14/20	\$1,585.00
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	7/14/20	\$993.78
Sierra Club Political Committee	6/30/20	\$1,500.00
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	6/24/20	\$1,000.00
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	3/31/20	\$1,000.00
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	3/19/20	\$2,800.00
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	3/19/20	\$2,800.00
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	3/19/20	\$2,800.00
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	3/19/20	\$2,800.00
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	12/18/19	\$1,000.00
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	12/18/19	\$2,000.00
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	8/19/19	\$6.22
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	8/5/19	\$1,000.00
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	6/30/19	\$1,000.00
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	3/31/19	\$1,000.00
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	11/6/18	\$799.51
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	11/5/18	\$1,000.00
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	10/26/18	\$1,000.00
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	9/30/18	\$1,000.00
Sierra Club Political Committee	9/26/18	\$2,000.00
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	9/20/18	\$162.82
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	9/14/18	\$1,000.00
League of Conservation Voters Action Fund	8/28/18	\$37.67
	TOTAL	\$32,575.00

(Committee To Elect Jared Golden, Receipts, [Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 4/21/22)

- Jared Golden has benefitted from over \$260,000 in independent expenditures by the Sierra Club and League of Conservation Voters. (Federal Election Commission, Independent Expenditures, Regularly Scheduled Reports, Accessed: 4/21/22)

Independent Expenditures by the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters						
Spender	Support/ Oppose	Candidate	Description	Payee	Date	Amount
Sierra Club Independent Action	Support	Golden, Jared	Website Endorsement	Sierra Club	8/12/20	\$10.00

LCV Victory Fund	Oppose	Poliquin, Bruce L	Staff Time For Press Release (Via Drawdown)	League Of Conservation Voters, Inc.	10/30/18	\$22.79
LCV Victory Fund	Oppose	Poliquin, Bruce L	Tv Ad Production	Dixon/Davis Media Group	10/30/18	\$16,225.00
LCV Victory Fund	Oppose	Poliquin, Bruce L	Tv Ad Buy	Waterfront Strategies	10/29/18	\$246,450.00
Sierra Club Political Committee	Support	Golden, Jared	Website Endorsement	Sierra Club	9/14/18	\$10.00
TOTAL: \$262,717.79						

(Federal Election Commission, Independent Expenditures, [Regularly Scheduled Reports](#), Accessed: 4/21/22)

Maine lobstermen have protested the New England Aqua Ventus offshore wind project and have expressed concern, claiming that “wind development will end our fishing heritage:”

- **In March 2021, Maine lobstermen protested a floating offshore wind turbine near Monhegan island, rallying about 80 boats.** “Scores of Maine lobstermen left the docks Sunday morning to protest plans to build a floating offshore wind turbine near Monhegan Island. The protest rally included about 80 boats, according to several of the fishermen, and was held a dozen miles offshore, close to the spot where New England Aqua Ventus plans to build the huge wind turbine.” (Don Carrigan, “Dozens of lobster boats gather off Monhegan to protest floating wind turbine,” [News Center Maine](#), 3/21/21)
 - **The turbine is being built by New England Aqua Ventus.** “The protest rally included about 80 boats, according to several of the fishermen, and was held a dozen miles offshore, close to the spot where New England Aqua Ventus plans to build the huge wind turbine.” (Don Carrigan, “Dozens of lobster boats gather off Monhegan to protest floating wind turbine,” [News Center Maine](#), 3/21/21)
- **Maine fishing industries have expressed concern that “wind development will end our fishing heritage.”** “A statement from a fisheries industry group said its members are committed to clean, renewable energy and protecting the environment, but do not share Mills’ vision of achieving these goals ‘through rushed offshore wind development in the Gulf of Maine.’ ‘Maine’s fishing community is deeply concerned that wind development will end our fishing heritage which has sustained our coastal communities for centuries and is integral part of Maine’s identity,’ the statement from Responsible Offshore Development Association said. ‘Without dedicated research proving otherwise, we are skeptical that offshore wind can deliver on its promise of affordable clean energy as promised by global energy companies.’ The association is composed of the Maine Lobstermen’s Association, the Maine Coast Fishermen’s Association, the Maine Lobster Dealers Association, the Maine Lobstering Union, the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries and the Downeast Lobstermen’s Association.” (Tux Turkel, “Aiming to ease fishing industry’s concerns, Mills proposes moratorium on offshore wind,” [Portland Press Herald](#), 1/25/21)

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- **The Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters support projects like Aqua Ventus.** “Environmental groups like the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters, which back projects like Aqua Ventus, have been bankrolling Golden’s campaign since his first Congressional race in 2018.” (Staff, “Golden Backs Environmental Groups Despite Concerns Of Maine Lobstermen,” [Maine Examiner](#), 5/20/21)
 - **“Lobstering is a critical issue for Mainers and the Maine economy as a whole. Jared Golden appears to have forsaken the industry that pumps \$1.5 billion into the Maine economy and preserves thousands of Maine jobs since he has benefited from more than half a million dollars from the environmental groups that threaten Maine’s most iconic industry.”** (Staff, “Golden Backs Environmental Groups Despite Concerns Of Maine Lobstermen,” [Maine Examiner](#), 5/20/21)

The Maine commercial lobster industry employs approximately 6,000 Mainers, brought in over \$450 million in lobster sales in 2019 and pumps \$1.5 billion into the Maine economy:

- **The Maine lobster industry brought in \$458.4 million in lobster sales alone in 2019.** “Despite the slow start, Maine fishermen eked out a good year. A 20 percent increase in the per-pound boat price of lobster meant the overall value of Maine’s haul remained pretty stable, coming in at \$485.4 million, despite the double-digit decrease in 2019 total landings.” (Penelope Overton, “Though Maine’s lobster harvest was smallest in 9 years, value remained steady,” [Portland Press Herald](#), 3/6/20)
- **The lobster industry and its supply chain pump an estimated \$1.5 billion per year into the Maine economy.** “In Maine, where the lobster industry and its supply chain pumps an estimated \$1.5 billion a year into the state economy, the timing of the molt rises above a mere scientific observation and turns into an economic indicator that is discussed and documented all along the state’s 3,500-mile coast.” (Penelope Overton, “Though Maine’s lobster harvest was smallest in 9 years, value remained steady,” [Portland Press Herald](#), 3/6/20)
- **In 2020, there were approximately 6,000 commercial lobster fishermen in Maine.** “In recent years – prior to the ongoing pandemic that shut down much of the global economy in late winter and early spring, when many lobstermen typically do not fish – Maine’s 6,000 or so commercial lobster fishermen have benefited from continued demand for their catch, despite legal challenges over the industry’s impact on whales and trade policies promoted by President Donald Trump that have reduced overseas demand for Maine seafood.” (Bill Trotter, “Maine’s lobster industry has kept bringing in big money, but that could change with COVID-19,” [Bangor Daily News](#), 6/25/20)