# **THE NEW MEXICO OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY AND ITS ALLIES:**

# Oceans of Oil, Oceans of Influence

# A “Connect the Dots” Report From Common Cause New Mexico and New Mexico Ethics Watch

**Sample Social Media Content**

**Tweets:**

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“With this NM Oil and Gas report, we shed light on the question: is this industry operating at an unfair advantage, buying its way out of regulation and getting benefits that others with smaller pocketbooks would never get?” @heatherf66 of @commoncausenm [www.commoncause.org/nmoilgas](http://www.commoncause.org/nmoilgas)

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“Any correlation between contributions and voting behavior alone can erode trust in government.” @nmethicswatch's Kathleen Sabo on the public perception that the NM Oil and Gas lobby has more influence than everyday New Mexicans at the Roundhouse. #nmleg <http://nmethicswatch.org/oil-and-gas-report>

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“We hope this report allows for better scrutiny of the political activities of the oil and gas industry—in good times and bad—while encouraging specific actions to improve transparency and accountability.” @senatorfeldman #nmleg #nmpol [www.commoncause.org/nmoilgas](http://www.commoncause.org/nmoilgas)

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**Facebook Posts:**

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Common Cause New Mexico and New Mexico Ethics Watch examine the influence the oil and gas industry asserts upon New Mexico politics and legislation in a new report.

As with other reports on lobbying, we show how money spent by the industry may translate into favorable voting, legislation, and regulation, as well as the election of industry-supporting candidates. Find the full report and supplemental materials at [www.commoncause.org/nmoilgas](http://www.commoncause.org/nmoilgas) or <http://nmethicswatch.org/oil-and-gas-report>

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