

Colleagues:

The 2011 IEA Representative Assembly passed New Business Item 10 which directed the Communications Department,

“...to make known to members all Koch Brother Enterprises, Walton Foundation, as well as other entities that fund anti-teacher and anti-union campaigns...”

In the ensuing weeks, we have been researching the holdings of the Koch brothers and the Walton Foundation and, at the request of Wisconsin colleagues, awaiting development of a list of businesses “supportive of labor.”

In addition, there have been several requests by members for information about boycotting Wisconsin businesses due to the anti-union stance that state’s governor has taken.

After consulting with the Wisconsin Education Association Council, our neighbors to the north asked us to wait until they compile some sort of list. They do not want friendly businesses to be hurt by any kind of mass boycott. We are waiting for that list to be produced.

Below, you will find the information regarding the Koch brothers and the Walton Foundation we have compiled to date:

The “Koch connection:”

The site Inspirationgreen.com provided much of the following information.

The Koch Brothers are BIG in paper products through their company, Georgia-Pacific. You know their products:

The logo for Angel Soft, featuring the brand name in a blue, cursive, script font.



Georgia-Pacific also distributes paper towels, napkins and soap dispensing systems used in commercial settings. Some GP commercial toilet paper brands: Envision, Coronet®, SCA, Tork and Fort James. GP produces Pacific Garden liquid soaps...

Georgia-Pacific produces ink and office paper under the GP label and the Spectrum® family of office paper products.

Wood Products: Georgia-Pacific is the largest manufacturer of plywood in the U.S.. Including Plytanium Plywood®, DryPly® plywood, Ply-Bead®. Georgia-Pacific is one of the country's largest suppliers of corrugated boxes and containers. Various, numerous wood products, dimensional lumber and building materials. ToughRock®, Fireguard®, DensArmor and DensShield® gypsum board.

Chemicals for textiles and plastics via Invista Products:

- Stainmaster
- Dacron
- Lycra
- CoolMax

- Tactel
- SolarMax
- Polarguard
- Thermolite
- Comforel fiberfill
- Cordura fabric
- Antron
- DBE® dibasic esters
- Terathane
- ADI-Pure®
- Polyshield®
- Polyclear®
- Oxyclear™
- Performa®

Invista produces a large selection of products under this business, including polyethylene terephthalate (PET) polymers for carbonated soft drink, water, beer, juice, food and custom container applications. Production also includes polyester intermediate feedstocks, film products, fibers, and specialty polymers for a variety of applications, including PBT-based engineering polymer.

Chemicals, Coal & Oil: Through its subsidiaries Koch operates refineries in Alaska, Minnesota and Texas, with a combined crude oil **processing capacity of more than 800,000 barrels per day**. Koch Industries owns or operates about 4,000 miles of pipelines that transport crude oil, refined petroleum products, natural gas liquids and chemicals. Koch Minerals and its affiliates are among the world's largest dry-bulk commodity handlers, marketing and trading more than 40 million tons of coal, coke, cement and other related products annually. Flint Hills Resources produces about 9 billion pounds of building-block chemicals per year. Koch is a leading producer of paving and roofing asphalt.

www.kochind.com Koch Industries Produces: * Gasoline * Diesel *

Jet fuel * Naphtha * Asphalt * Benzene * Toluene *
 Metaxylene * Paraxylene * Orthoxylene * Cumene *
 Cycohexane * Heavy reformat * Pseudocumene * Sure Sol ® 100 *
 Sure Sol ® 150 * Purified Isophthalic Acid * Maleic Anhydride *
 Trimellitic Anhydride * Ethylene * Chemical Grade Propylene *
 Polypropylene * Polyethylene

"In **Flint Hills Resources** manufacturing plants, various hydrocarbon products are the basic feedstocks. At the refineries, the main feedstock is crude oil. The refineries produce a wide range of transportation fuels for motorists, truckers and the airline industry. In the **olefins** plants, the company processes natural gas liquids into ethylene and propylene. In the **polymers** plants, those two products are processed into various forms of polypropylene, which are key ingredients in products such as consumer and healthcare products, packaging and other plastic products. In the **aromatics** plant, products produced during the crude oil refining process become xylenes, cumenes and other light products. Those products are the building blocks for many other chemicals and plastics."* www.fhrstage.fhr.com

Koch Carbon, LLC and its affiliates globally trade and transport petroleum coke, coal, cement, pulp and paper, sulfur and other related commodities through a network of bulk import/export terminals in the United States and Europe. The C. Reiss Coal Company is a leading supplier of coal and related products typically used in industrial applications or to generate electricity.

Koch Exploration Company, LLC and its affiliates acquire, develop and trade petroleum and natural gas properties in the United States, Canada and Brazil.

Pipelines: **Koch Pipeline Company**, L.P. and its affiliates own or operate about 4,000 miles of pipelines that transport crude oil, refined petroleum products, natural gas liquids and chemicals.

Koch Alaska Pipeline Company, LLC owns an approximate 3 percent interest in the Trans Alaska Pipeline System. Another Koch company has a 28 percent interest in Colonial Pipeline Company, owner and operator of the world's largest-volume refined products pipeline.

Fertilizer: **Koch Fertilizer**, LLC and

its affiliates; have the capability to manufacture, market and distribute more than **10 million tons of nitrogen fertilizer products annually**. They distribute to dealers, so their product has many a label. "Fertilizer today is an intensely industrial business more akin to oil refining or chemical production."*

www.kochind.com **Equipment:** **Koch-Glitsch**, LP and its affiliates are global leaders in the design, manufacture and installation of mass transfer and mist elimination equipment. The company's products are found in refineries and chemical plants worldwide. **Koch Membrane Systems**, Inc. develops and manufactures membrane separation systems for a variety of applications worldwide, including membranes for microfiltration, ultrafiltration, Nano filtration and reverse osmosis. **John Zink Company**, LLC and its affiliates are global leaders in ultra-low emission process burners, boiler burners, duct burners, flares and thermal oxidizers. The companies are also global suppliers of flare gas/vapor recovery and vapor combustor systems. **Cattle:** **Koch Agriculture Company** operates three ranches with a total of 15,000 head of cattle in Kansas, Montana, and Texas. "Matador Ranch in Texas offers a number of hunting packages that include first-class accommodations. Everything is provided to ensure an enjoyable experience."

www.kochind.com **Services:** **Koch Supply & Trading** companies around the world trade and provide risk management services in crude oil; refined petroleum products; natural gas and gas liquids; gas, power and emissions; industrial metals; and other commodities and financial instruments. **Optimized Process Designs**, Inc. provides consulting, engineering, design, procurement, fabrication and construction services for the natural gas and gas processing industries worldwide. OPD has been the general contractor on some of the largest natural gas plants built in the U.S. **Koch Knight** LLC and its affiliates are leaders in acid proof solutions. The companies offer construction, engineering and services through a global network of manufacturing and outsourcing facilities. Their products, made from state-of-the-art ceramics and plastic materials, are available worldwide. **IPT** provides

the resources and know how to deliver world-scale technology for licensing to a growing portfolio of technologies in the polyester, polyurethane and nylon value chains. **European brands:**

- Colhogar®
- Delica®
- Demak'Up®
- Inversoft®
- Kitten Soft®
- Lotus®
- Moltonel®
- Nouvelle®
- Okay
- Tenderly®
- Tutto®

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Georgia-Pacific Products One more time:

- Angel Soft®
- Brawny® Coronet®
- Dixie®
- Mardi Gras® MD Bathroom Tissue
- Quilted Northern®
- Soft 'n Gentle®
- Sparkle® Vanity Fair®
- Zee®

For more information about the Koch brothers, see

- [Koch Industries Wikipedia page](#),
- [A very informative profile](#) from the *New Yorker*

- *Forbes*, ["Koch brothers behind Wisconsin effort to kill public unions"](#)

Walton Family Foundation

According to *Media Matters*, The Walton Family Foundation is operated by the three children of Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton. The foundation's primary focus is education reform.

However. The Walton Family Foundation has also donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to conservative organizations such as the Cato Foundation, American Enterprise Institute, and Americans for Tax Reform.

From Wikipedia, a summary of Walton Family Holdings

- Wal-Mart Stores U.S.
 - [Wal-Mart Discount Stores](#) (891)
 - [Wal-Mart Supercenters](#) (2,612)
 - [Wal-Mart Neighborhood Markets](#) (153)
 - Walmart.com
- [SAM'S CLUB](#) (602)
- Logistics
 - Wal-Mart Transportation LLC
 - Distribution Centers/Transportation Offices
- Wal-Mart Realty
- Wal-Mart Vacations
- Claims Management, Inc.
- Wal-Mart Portrait Studios was rebranded as [PictureMe! Portrait Studios](#) in late 2006. The Portrait Studios are operated by CPI Corp, Inc. under an agreement with Wal-Mart. Space is leased and they are independently owned and operated and only pay rent to Wal-Mart and a license fee to use the Wal-Mart brand. Also, most Doctors of Optometry are independent contractors and are not employees of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. but instead pay rent to use space in Wal-Mart and SAM'S Club Vision Centers.

The Wal-Mart Financial Services Network is a trade name for financial institutions which provide banking services including [checking](#), [savings](#) and

IRA accounts as well as various loan services from the convenience of a Wal-Mart store. In the Southeastern United States these banks are operated as Wal-Mart Money Center by [SunTrust](#). In other areas of the United States the banks are operated under agreements with state chartered or [Office of the Comptroller of the Currency](#) authorized banks. Certain account and services are insured by the [FDIC](#) for up to \$250,000.00 while other services such as brokerage account are not covered. Wal-Mart does not own or operate any of the banks inside of their stores because they currently do not possess a banking license.

The 2010 Wal-Mart annual report is [here](#).

The Walton family and the Koch brothers have much in common, including the funding of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy which, according to a [Mother Jones article](#), is a right-wing think tank that helped hatch some of the recent anti-union attacks in Michigan and elsewhere.