

Campaign contributions from oil industry executives to Sen. John McCain rose dramatically in the last half of June, after the senator from Arizona made a high-profile split with environmentalists and reversed his opposition to the federal ban on offshore drilling.

Oil and gas industry executives and employees donated \$1.1 million to McCain last month -- three-quarters of which came after his June 16 speech calling for an end to the ban -- compared with \$116,000 in March, \$283,000 in April and \$208,000 in May.

**TVNL Comment: Gee, what happened to the term "flip-flop"? Oh, that was reserved for Democrats.**

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