# **GOP Continues to Block Democrat's Effort to Send Funds to the Green Climate Fund**

#### Two Amendments from Democrats to Support Green Climate Fund

Proposed By	Vote	Amendment Details	Quote
Rep. Lowey (NY-17)	Failed 20-29	Part of a broader amendment, Lowey had an amendment that would overturn a provision on the State Department's spending bill that would prevent U.S. taxpayer dollars from being used towards the Green Climate Fund.	"Preventing the U.S. from making a contribution is short-sighted because we cannot solve climate change alone. It requires multilateral partnerships."
Rep. McCollum (MN-4)	Failed 19-29	McCollum offered an amendment that would have directly provided funding for the Green Climate Fund.	"The U.S. needs to be a leader in this global effort, and not prohibited from participating."

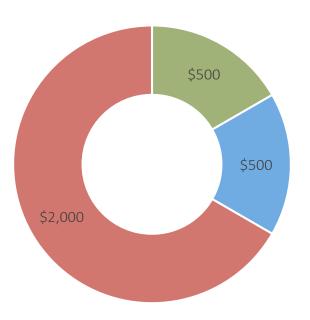
Sources: National Journal Research, 2016; Eric Wolff, "Politico's Morning Energy," Politico, July 13, 2016; Devin Henry, "GOP Votes Down Funding for Global Climate Fund," The Hill, July 12, 2016.

## The U.S. Has Only Contributed About 15% of its Pledged Amount to the Green Climate Fund

### **Background on the Green Climate Fund and U.S. Commitments**

Breakdown of Funding Allocated and Deposited by U.S., in Millions of Dollars





#### **Details on the Green Climate Fund**

- At the United Nations Conference of the Parties 16, the Green Climate Fund was established to channel the funding to be mobilized by advanced economies.
- Developed nations agreed to jointly contribute \$100 Billion annually by 2020 to help developing countries mitigate and adapt to climate change.
- The U.S. under the direction of President Obama pledged \$3 Billion to the fund by 2020, and so far the State Department took out \$500 million from its annual budget as the first U.S. contribution.
- So far, developed nations have already contributed \$10 billion to the Global Climate Fund.

Sources: Green Climate Fund, "The Big Picture," 2016; United Nations Framework Convention of Climate Change, "Green Climate Fund," 2016; Avaneesh Pandey, "US Deposits \$500M Into UN-Backed Green Climate Fund," International Business Times, March 8, 2016.