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Editorial Cited ‘Heartless’ Institute

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Another libertarian enterprise, the Heartland Institute, is referenced in an editorial as a source of information (“POTUS v. WOTUS,” July 6). Established in 1984, it is one of several primarily fossil-fuel-funded “think tanks” falsely proclaiming that regulation impedes industrial growth and profitability. Along with family members Cato Institute and Heritage Foundation, Heartland — more appropriately Heartless — has manufactured more than 80 percent of the anti-climate propaganda for the past 30 years. In 2012, this organization tried to link environmental advocates to Charles Manson and Ted Kaczynski.

Let’s set aside arguments regarding cause and effects of climate change. Is there anyone against clean water and air? Our memories and historical knowledge are lacking. Hundreds of examples in industry through the decades document that environmental regulations need to be increased and more severely enforced rather than scrapped.

Shall we strive to protect and preserve our environment, or led like lemmings by the ultra-wealthy to destruction?