

# How Lithium Lobbyists Bought Senators and Government Agency Leaders; A Study

## Ecobat president calls time on lithium lobbyists



**Ecobat Technologies president Ray Kubis used the ABC conference to plead with lithium lobbyists to end their efforts in calling for a lead ban as part of the End of Life vehicle directive.**

The directive sets targets for reuse, recycling and recovery of materials from vehicles ready to be scrapped, and forces manufacturers to produce new vehicles without so-called hazardous substances, including lead, although lead in batteries was exempted for a further five years at the end of 2014.

Kubis said lithium companies were lobbying to accelerate the ban, which would also block the use of improving sustainable lead battery solutions.

“I believe this is bad for the European environment, bad for the innovation agenda, plus investments and employment prospects in the EU,” he said.

In April, A123 Systems added fuel to the fire with its claim that it had developed a lithium-ion starter battery which had achieved 25% greater cold cranking power and could outperform the best lead-acid batteries in industry cranking tests.

Kubis emphasised the disadvantages of lithium-ion batteries, which he said used no recycled materials at all, compared with lead-acid batteries, which were largely made from secondary lead.

“It is hard enough to make these batteries with the highest grade of diverse NEW materials combined with the highest process control to avoid the known safety risks of contamination, and consequential thermal runaway or other effects,” he said.

“We are not advocating a lithium ban, rather encouraging a complete drop of End of Life regulation of lead batteries in Europe, based on the track record of the industry and benefits to society.”

### **[Lithium Batteries Banned as Cargo on Passenger Planes by ...](#)**

[www.nbcnews.com/.../lithium-batteries-banned-cargo-pas...](http://www.nbcnews.com/.../lithium-batteries-banned-cargo-pas...)

NBCNews.com

Over the fierce opposition of *lobbyists* for rechargeable batteries, ... Monday temporarily banned cargo shipments of *lithium* ion batteries on ...

### **[Foreign Lobbyists Fight Air Safety Proposal for Lithium ...](#)**

[www.fairwarning.org](http://www.fairwarning.org) › 2011 › January

A proposal to designate *lithium* batteries as hazardous cargo has sparked an intense *lobbying* effort, and has brought ...

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[www.bestmag.co.uk/industry.../ecobat-president-calls-time-lithium-lobby...](http://www.bestmag.co.uk/industry.../ecobat-president-calls-time-lithium-lobby...)

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### **[Lobbying Spending Database-Western Lithium Corp, 2009 ...](#)**

[www.opensecrets.org/lobby/clientlbs.php?...](http://www.opensecrets.org/lobby/clientlbs.php?...)

Center for Responsive Politics

Total number of *lobbyists*: 3. Total number of revolvers: 3 (100.0%) Revolving Door profile Revolving Door Profile Former Congressman ...

### **[Lithium batteries charge up lobbying fight - Washington Times](#)**

[www.washingtontimes.com/.../lithium-batteries-c...](http://www.washingtontimes.com/.../lithium-batteries-c...)

The Washington Times

The European Union, China, Japan, South Korea and Israel are *lobbying* against requiring air shipments of *lithium* batteries and products ...

### **U.S., Trade Allies Clash over Lithium Batteries - CBS News**

[www.cbsnews.com/.../us-trade-allies-clash-over-lithium-batteri...](http://www.cbsnews.com/.../us-trade-allies-clash-over-lithium-batteri...)

CBS News

*Lithium* batteries have been cited a fire hazards, and the ... The fight over the regulations is an example of how *lobbying* often works - out of ...

### **Obamanomics: How Barack Obama Is Bankrupting You and ...**

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1596986123>

[Timothy Carney](#) - 2009 - Political Science

The company began *lobbying* for *lithium*-battery subsidies on the 2007 energy bill.68 FMC's outside *lobbyists* included Glenn McCullough, a former chairman of

### **Foreign Lobbyists Fight Air Safety Proposal for Lithium ...**

[www.rscentral.org/Community/Industry-News/aft/5707](http://www.rscentral.org/Community/Industry-News/aft/5707)

*Lobbyists* Fight Air Safety Proposal for *Lithium* Battery Shipments By Patrick Corcoran An Obama administration proposal to designate ...

### **Did you know lobbyists are currently working on getting ...**

<https://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid...>

That doesn't mean there's a conspiracy by Republicans, the Pentagon, Obama or the "*Lithium lobby*"! That's an impressive leap, jump AND ...

### **Battery Cargo Lobbyists Victorious over Commercial ...**

[safetyforecast.com/.../battery-cargo-lobbyists-victorious-commercial-avia...](http://safetyforecast.com/.../battery-cargo-lobbyists-victorious-commercial-avia...)

Mar 24, 2014 - Though ticketed passengers did not suspect, battery *lobbyists* had been ... But hundreds of reported *lithium* battery related fires in flight related ...

### **Lobbyists at Work - Page 123 - Google Books Result**

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1430245611>

[Beth L. Leech](#) - 2014 - Business & Economics

One recent regulatory issue that Sony was involved in dealt with the transport of *lithium* ion batteries. These are the batteries that are in every smartphone.

### **Battery Safety Fight: Pilots Take On Big Business After ...**

[www.huffingtonpost.com/.../battery-safety-fight-ups...](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/.../battery-safety-fight-ups...)

The Huffington Post

Oct 26, 2010 - Industry *lobbyists* say the government already has enough rules to ensure ... *Lithium*

batteries are "a big safety concern," said Bob Chipkevich, ...

### **Cleantech Energy Lobbyists - Renewable Energy Lobbyists**

[liebman-associates.com/clean\\_energy.php](http://liebman-associates.com/clean_energy.php)

Renewable Energy *Lobbyists* | Cleantech Government Relations ... credits methane battery environmentally *lithium*-ion organic offshore steam *lobbyists*.

### **Turkey lobbyists bring Ankara's war with Gulen to Washington**

[www.al-monitor.com/.../turkey-lobby-gulen-movement-us.h...](http://www.al-monitor.com/.../turkey-lobby-gulen-movement-us.h...)

Al-Monitor

Dec 30, 2015 - A month later, Turkey's principal *lobby* shop, the Gephardt Group of .... Afghanistan has the largest deposits of *lithium* used in our electronic ...

### **Should we put lithium in the water? | Society | The Guardian**

[www.theguardian.com > Lifestyle > Depression](http://www.theguardian.com > Lifestyle > Depression)

The Guardian

Dec 5, 2011 - But anyone who has tangled with the anti-fluoride campaign will realise that *lithium* *lobbyists* will have a long, hard road to travel.

### **SCARY STUFF: Lobbyists work wonders**

[www.travelindustrytoday.com/2014-12-04-scary-stuff-lobbyists-work-w...](http://www.travelindustrytoday.com/2014-12-04-scary-stuff-lobbyists-work-w...)

Dec 4, 2014 - 04 DEC 2014: Dramatic government test results raise new concerns that bulk shipments of rechargeable *lithium* batteries carried as cargo on ...

### **Lobbyists in 2012: winners were losers, losers were winners ...**

<https://pcipciecard.wordpress.com/.../lobbyists-in-2012-winners-were-losers...>

Feb 1, 2013 - Geo Group spent between \$60000 and \$89997 on three *lobbying* firms-- ... in 2012: winners were losers, losers were winners – China *Lithium* ...

### **Washington lobbyists cashing in despite recession**

[www.jsonline.com/news/.../87999752.html](http://www.jsonline.com/news/.../87999752.html)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Mar 17, 2010 - Among the largest three-dozen companies in Wisconsin, 15 employed *lobbyists* in Washington. Of those, seven spent more on *lobbying* in ...

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