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### Obama Obfuscates on Fisker Bailout Deal — Again

This week, the Obama Department of Treasury released an [inspector general's report](#) showing that the controversial \$535 million loan guarantee to the now bankrupt energy giant Solyndra was "rushed" through in about one day in March 2009 because the Department of Energy simply wanted to issue a press release. This bailout is [riddled with scandal](#) owing in part to the fact that the company's chief backer is a big Obama campaign fundraiser.



All the more reason the Obama administration should be forthcoming with the American people concerning all of its other massive bailouts, including those handed out to so-called green energy companies. But that's not happening.

This week, the Obama administration informed Judicial Watch that it [refuses to release](#) details regarding the milestones missed by Fisker under the terms of its \$528.7 million bailout loan from the DOE.

Well that's not entirely true. In response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request filed February 14, 2012, by Judicial Watch, the DOE did release "in part" a [Microsoft PowerPoint document](#). The problem is that all of the key details were blacked out! It is well worth the click to so see it for [yourself](#).

Here's what we're after with our FOIA request:

Any and all records identifying, describing or setting forth the milestones that have been missed by Fisker Automotive under the terms of its \$528.7 million conditional loan from the U.S. Department of Energy.

The purpose of the Obama administration's Fisker loan was to use your tax dollars to help the company manufacture its Karma and Nina electric vehicles. (This was a deal tied to the Obama administration takeover of General Motors.)

In response to Judicial Watch's FOIA request, the DOE released three Microsoft PowerPoint slides entitled "Karma Milestones," "Nina Milestones," and "Funding Milestones," respectively. On the Karma and Nina records, there are three categories of information, "original," "status" and "revised." On the page regarding funding, the three categories are labeled, "Original," "\$ Mils," and "Status." The DOE redacted all key details printed on these three records under these categories, citing Exemption 4 of FOIA law related to "trade secrets."

The Obama administration's response to this simple FOIA request is not only dishonest, it is insulting to the American people. How dare the Obama Department of Energy use nearly \$200 million from the taxpayers and then tell them it's none of their business whether these funds were put to good use! In fact, the Obama gang had to [stop the taxpayer loan disbursements to Fisker](#) because the company was failing to meet these milestones that the Obama administration is keeping secret! I suspect the information on these blacked out pages of records is embarrassing to the Obama administration. But embarrassment is not a valid reason for withholding records.

The Fisker scandal is a debacle for taxpayers and the Obama administration is in cover-up mode. And this is not the first time either.

Remember, our FOIA over Fisker's missed milestones is just one component of a comprehensive Judicial



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