

Louise Linton sides with Greta Thunberg after husband Steve Mnuchin takes job at climate crisis activist

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Washington (CNN)Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin's wife [Louise Linton](#) on Saturday showed support for [climate activist Greta Thunberg](#), days after her husband took a job at the teenager.

Mnuchin was dismissive of the 17-year-old Swedish climate activist at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, and said Thunberg should [go study economics](#) in college before weighing in on US policies and how they relate to the climate crisis.

A post on Linton's verified Instagram account, which has since been deleted, reads, "I stand with Greta on this issue. (I don't have a degree in economics either) We need to drastically reduce our use of fossil fuels. Keep up the fight @gretathunberg."

CNN has reached out to Linton about the deleted post and the Treasury Department for comment from Mnuchin.

Linton has kept a relatively low profile since a [controversy in 2017](#) where she apologized after sustained backlash for a now-deleted Instagram post touting her wealth and her subsequent reply belittling a commenter.

Linton's support of Thunberg stands in stark contrast to comments made by her husband days prior.

In Davos, a reporter asked Mnuchin, "Greta Thunberg has called for a public and private sector divestment from fossil fuel companies. Does that pose a threat to US economic growth?"

"Is she the chief economist, or who is she? I'm confused," Mnuchin replied. "It's a joke. After she goes and studies economics in college she can come back and explain that to us."

Thunberg, who also [spoke](#) at the World Economic Forum in Davos, responded on Twitter, "My gap year ends in August, but it doesn't take a college degree in economics to realise that our remaining 1,5° carbon budget and ongoing fossil fuel subsidies and investments don't add up."

"So either you tell us how to achieve this mitigation or explain to future generations and those already affected by the climate emergency why we should abandon our climate commitments," Thunberg wrote.