

Corporate Support for Political Candidates in States With Post-Roe v. Wade Trigger Bans June 2022

Corporate donations to political campaigns from the 167 *Fortune* 250 companies shows striking support for state politicians who favor abortion bans, especially in the 26 states where abortion could soon be banned or restricted.

In five states where abortion bans are certain—Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Dakota and Utah—more than 95% of contributions went to anti-abortion candidates.

Companies tend to support the dominant political party but increasingly this means that in half the country they are supporting statehouse politicians who are passing laws that restrict not only reproductive health rights but also the right to participate in our democracy.

One-sided giving to anti-abortion state politicians: Of the more than \$26 million spent so far since the 2020 election cycle by *Fortune* 250 companies in all 26 states with impending restrictions, more than 80% went to state politicians who do not support abortion. (See Table 1.)

Table 1: Company-Associated Giving in States With Coming Restrictions				
State	Position		Total \$	Anti %
	Anti-Abortion Politicians	Reproductive Health Rights Supporters		
Coming Abortion Bans				
Alabama	\$54,000	\$2,000	\$56,000	96%
Arkansas	\$402,200	\$47,900	\$450,100	89%
Arizona	\$483,643	\$225,850	\$709,493	68%
Georgia	\$1,826,122	\$440,892	\$2,267,014	81%
Iowa	\$376,546	\$165,699	\$542,245	69%
Idaho	\$192,085	\$67,725	\$259,810	74%
Kentucky	\$596,745	\$18,250	\$614,995	97%
Louisiana	\$1,211,684	\$43,701	\$1,255,386	97%
Michigan	\$233,070	\$153,237	\$386,307	60%
Missouri	\$433,080	\$110,439	\$543,518	80%
Mississippi	\$732,500	\$62,150	\$794,650	92%
North Dakota	\$194,200	\$10,450	\$204,650	95%
Ohio	\$1,494,917	\$189,216	\$1,684,134	89%
Oklahoma	\$805,840	\$119,652	\$925,491	87%
South Carolina	\$610,140	\$134,310	\$744,450	82%
South Dakota	\$49,100	\$6,150	\$55,250	89%
Tennessee	\$902,500	\$148,300	\$1,050,800	86%
Texas	\$5,181,817	\$1,870,072	\$7,051,889	73%
Utah	\$958,004	\$48,500	\$1,006,504	95%
Wisconsin	\$210,650	\$75,800	\$286,450	74%
West Virginia	\$433,928	\$41,700	\$475,628	91%
Wyoming	\$43,050	\$14,025	\$57,075	75%
Likely Abortion Bans				
Florida	\$2,451,7562	\$524,889	\$2,976,646	82%
Indiana	\$1,332,372	\$159,638	\$1,492,010	89%
Montana	\$27,190	\$7,621	\$34,811	78%
Nebraska	\$389,162	\$31,050	\$420,212	93%
Total	\$21,624,303	\$4,718,965	\$26,343,268	82%
Trigger bans assessment from the Guttmacher Institute . Data for 2019/20 and 2022 election cycles through year-end 2021 collected by OpenSecrets . Sentiment analysis by The Sustainable Investments Institute (Si2) . Excludes 3% of giving to lawmakers where a position could not be identified.				

Top contributors: About 37% of contributions to abortion opponents in the 26 states came from just 10 companies, with the most coming from AT&T (\$1.4 million), Charter Communications (\$972,000), conglomerate Berkshire Hathaway (\$955,500) and Comcast (\$935,000). (See Table 2, p.5.)

New Restrictions and Company-Connected Funding

Louisiana

In early June, lawmakers in Louisiana [approved a new bill](#) that Governor John Bel Edwards is likely to sign. The bill will amend a 2006 “trigger ban” that goes into effect if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, as is widely expected. The law will prompt the immediate closure of the last three abortion clinics in Louisiana and ban nearly all abortion after “fertilization and implantation,” adding criminal penalties for doctors and allowing no exceptions for rape or incest.

Company contributions: As noted above, 97% of company campaign funding for Louisiana legislators has gone to abortion opponents, including from five firms where the total was more than \$50,000. (See Table 3.)

Table 3: Louisiana’s Top Anti-Abortion Contributors	
Company	Amount
Chevron	\$175,500
Exxon Mobil	\$105,750
Altria Group	\$104,500
AT&T	\$103,979
American Electric Power	\$53,656

Top recipients: The recipients most supported by company-connected money were Governor Edwards (\$107,000) and Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry (\$84,000). (See Table 4.)

Table 4: Top Louisiana Recipients and Supporters	
Recipient/Company	Amount
Governor John Bel Edwards	
Altria Group	\$10,000
Humana	\$10,000
AT&T	\$7,500
DaVita HealthCare Partners	\$5,500
Archer Daniels Midland	\$5,000
Walt Disney	\$5,000
Lyft	\$5,000
Pfizer	\$5,000
Occidental Petroleum	\$5,000
Bristol-Myers Squibb	\$5,000
UnitedHealth Group	\$5,000
Comcast	\$5,000
Waste Management	\$5,000
CVS Health	\$5,000
Eli Lilly	\$5,000
WestRock	\$3,500
Coca-Cola	\$3,000
Southwest Airlines	\$3,000
Capital One Financial	\$2,500
Amgen	\$2,500

Table 4: Top Louisiana Recipients and Supporters	
Recipient/Company	Amount
Merck	\$2,000
Aflac	\$1,500
Johnson & Johnson	\$1,000
Total for Governor Edwards	\$107,000
Attorney General Jeff Landry	
Pfizer	\$10,000
AT&T	\$7,500
Yelp	\$5,000
Marathon Petroleum	\$5,000
Facebook	\$5,000
Amazon	\$5,000
Anthem	\$5,000
Cigna	\$5,000
Comcast	\$5,000
Union Pacific	\$4,500
News Corporation	\$3,500
Citigroup	\$3,500
Occidental Petroleum	\$3,500
American Electric Power	\$3,000
Deere	\$2,500

Table 4: Top Louisiana Recipients and Supporters	
Recipient/Company	Amount
Microsoft	\$2,500
Alphabet	\$2,500
ConocoPhillips	\$2,500
Altria Group	\$1,000
Honeywell International	\$1,000

Table 4: Top Louisiana Recipients and Supporters	
Recipient/Company	Amount
Capital One Financial	\$1,000
Wells Fargo	\$500
Coca-Cola	\$250
Total for AG Landry	\$84,250

Oklahoma

On May 25, Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt signed a new law, the nation's [most restrictive](#), using the approach originated in Texas that allows private citizens to enforce the law by suing. It prohibits abortion after fertilization, with exceptions for rape, incest, and medical emergencies. While the new law faces a legal challenge, abortion in Oklahoma will be outlawed immediately if *Roe* is overturned. In early May, Governor Stitt also [signed a six-week abortion ban](#) into law.

Company contributions: As noted above, 87% of company-connected campaign funding for Oklahoma legislators has gone to abortion opponents, with the most coming from the PACs of four energy and utility companies plus AT&T. (See Table 5.)

Top recipients: The recipients most supported by company-connected money were Senator Greg Treat, who represents Oklahoma City and is the current president pro tempore of the Oklahoma Senate (\$54,550) and Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives Charles McCall, who represents the state's southeast area (\$41,501). (See Table 6.)

Table 5: Oklahoma's Top Anti-Abortion Contributors	
Company	Amount
NextEra Energy	\$161,500
Marathon Petroleum	\$107,750
American Electric Power	\$75,000
AT&T	\$46,000
Phillips 66	\$39,540

Table 6: Top Oklahoma Recipients and Supporters	
Recipient/Company	Amount
Senator Greg Treat	
Exelon	\$5,000
NextEra Energy	\$5,000
Centene	\$5,000
UnitedHealth Group	\$4,500
American Electric Power	\$4,000
Walmart	\$4,000
Anthem	\$2,500
Berkshire Hathaway	\$2,500
Duke Energy	\$2,500
Exxon Mobil	\$2,500
AT&T	\$2,000
Boeing	\$1,500
Union Pacific	\$1,500
Bristol-Myers Squibb	\$1,250

Table 6: Top Oklahoma Recipients and Supporters	
Recipient/Company	Amount
Phillips 66	\$1,001
Merck	\$1,000
Plains GP Holdings	\$1,000
International Paper	\$1,000
General Motors	\$1,000
Johnson & Johnson	\$1,000
JPMorgan Chase	\$1,000
Marathon Petroleum	\$1,000
Waste Management	\$750
Coca-Cola	\$750
Cigna	\$500
3M	\$500
Altria Group	\$300
Total for Senator Treat	\$54,550

Table 6: Top Oklahoma Recipients and Supporters	
Recipient/Company	Amount
House Speaker Charles A. McCall	
NextEra Energy	\$5,000
UnitedHealth Group	\$5,000
Exelon	\$5,000
Walmart	\$4,000
Marathon Petroleum	\$3,500
American Electric Power	\$3,000
Duke Energy	\$2,500
Energy Transfer	\$2,000
Boeing	\$1,500
AT&T	\$1,500
Phillips 66	\$1,001
Union Pacific	\$1,000
Plains GP Holdings	\$1,000
Berkshire Hathaway	\$1,000
CVS Health	\$1,000
International Paper	\$1,000
Exxon Mobil	\$1,000
Waste Management	\$750
JPMorgan Chase	\$500
Bristol-Myers Squibb	\$250
Total for Speaker McCall	\$41,501

Table 2: Largest Funders of Anti-Abortion Politicians in 26 States with Coming Abortion Restrictions

State	AT&T	Charter Comms.	Comcast	Berkshire Hathaway	American Electric Power	Marathon Petroleum	Altria Group	Centene	Union Pacific	Duke Energy	Total
AL	\$7,500			\$1,000			\$2,000				\$10,500
AR	\$33,200		\$78,000		\$24,550		\$16,000	\$9,500	\$32,000		\$193,250
AZ	\$9,600		\$19,050					\$47,750	\$23,000		\$99,400
FL	\$93,500	\$187,000	\$23,000	\$224,000		\$49,000		\$53,000		\$177,000	\$806,500
GA	\$166,350	\$25,200	\$12,700	\$77,750		\$18,750	\$156,300	\$130,450			\$587,500
IA	\$7,250		\$57,500				\$4,350	\$5,000	\$18,000		\$92,100
ID	\$21,700	\$3,750	\$19,750			\$6,000	\$46,000		\$17,300		\$114,500
IN	\$91,300	\$7,000	\$1,000	\$128,000	\$135,500	\$50,000	\$36,150	\$41,200		\$170,550	\$660,700
KY		\$109,500		\$8,000	\$44,000	\$58,000	\$8,500	\$6,000		\$16,250	\$250,250
LA	\$103,979			\$48,250	\$53,656	\$42,500	\$104,500	\$2,000	\$45,000		\$399,885
MI	\$10,750			\$14,000	\$4,750	\$6,000	\$11,000	\$2,000			\$48,500
MO	\$54,426	\$64,925	\$81,818	\$17,600				\$61,300	\$4,500		\$284,569
MS	\$151,050			\$141,000		\$6,000	\$10,700				\$308,750
MT		\$3,380	\$11,110				\$710				\$15,200
ND	\$4,350		\$27,950			\$56,650	\$500	\$2,500			\$91,950
NE	\$26,500	\$46,700	\$33,797				\$27,000	\$46,100	\$39,750		\$219,847
OH	\$31,100	\$139,077	\$38,000	\$7,500	\$104,000	\$83,850	\$18,750	\$23,950		\$60,500	\$506,727
OK	\$46,000		\$35,000		\$75,000	\$107,750	\$8,700	\$31,500	\$28,000	\$15,000	\$346,950
SC	\$30,650	\$33,000	\$15,000	\$12,000		\$13,850	\$16,000	\$54,500		\$64,750	\$239,750
SD	\$4,000		\$23,100								\$27,100
TN	\$76,750	\$37,500	\$20,000	\$64,950	\$12,000	\$11,750		\$17,250		\$14,000	\$254,200
TX	\$414,774	\$282,500	\$327,550	\$104,750	\$153,750	\$94,500	\$86,000	\$76,250	\$302,500	\$9,000	\$1,851,574
UT	\$31,200		\$106,250	\$77,800		\$26,800	\$74,500		\$37,500		\$354,050
WI		\$29,000	\$13,750			\$1,000	\$6,400	\$15,450	\$5,000		\$70,600
WV	\$8,250			\$8,050	\$90,550	\$31,600	\$9,250				\$147,700
WY		\$3,400	\$11,200			\$3,500	\$1,950		\$4,900		\$24,950
Total	\$1,424,179	\$971,932	\$955,525	\$934,650	\$697,756	\$667,500	\$645,260	\$625,700	\$557,450	\$527,050	\$8,007,003

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Source Notes

The Sustainable Investments Institute (Si2) prepared this memo. Si2 provides impartial information to investors and the public about controversial social and environmental issues affecting companies, tracking shareholder resolutions at U.S. companies and conducting related research outside the spring proxy season.

For this project, Si2 is curating a comprehensive database of all U.S. company-connected political giving from members of the *Fortune* 250, the 250 largest comp. (“Company-connected spending” assessed in this project includes both direct contributions from the company itself and that from company affiliated-PAC spending.) Data begins with the 2019/20 election cycle, but some giving started well before 2020; data in this memo is through Dec. 31, 2021. The vast majority of company-connected money supports the dominant party in individual states.

Data on spending from [OpenSecrets](#). Data on laws from [The Guttmacher Institute](#). Abortion rights positions attributed by Si2 from publicly available information.

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