



Speaker's Bureau:

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TRMPAC Donors Moved Another \$2 Million To Craddick PACs

Since Tom Craddick became House Speaker in 2003—with a little help from his friends at Tom DeLay's now-indicted Texans for a Republican Majority PAC (TRMPAC)—65 former TRMPAC donors have given almost \$2 million to the two main PACs defending Craddick's tenuous grasp on the Speaker's gavel.

Craddick's campaign committee and Stars Over Texas—a PAC operated by Craddick's daughter to elect Craddick-friendly House members—have received a total of \$1.9 million since 2003 from 65 donors who gave \$981,825 to TRMPAC. These donors accounted for a commanding 66 percent of TRMPAC's war chest.¹

Topping the list are eight donors who gave a total of at least \$110,000 to Craddick, Stars Over Texas and TRMPAC (see final table). School-voucher activist James Leininger led, giving almost \$400,000 to the Craddick machine. Homebuilder Bob Perry, the corporate sponsor of the Texas Residential Construction Commission, gave \$310,000 to the three PACs that built and maintain Craddick's House. Farmers Insurance, a champion of Texas' runaway homeowners premiums, ranked No. 3. Texas' largest lobby force, AT&T, came next, followed by natural-resources wheeler dealer T. Boone Pickens. Then came

the vice squad: gambling company Maxxam, Budweiser distributor Silver Eagle and nuclear-waste kingpin Harold Simmons.

While the top donors to the Craddick machine are hyperactive in the Texas legislature, corporate interests that wanted to curry favor with DeLay in Congress dominate the big TRMPAC donors who have not supported Craddick since 2003. Many of them have little interest in the Texas Speaker's race.

Top TRMPAC Donors Not Funding Craddick PACs

Total To TRMPAC	Contributor
\$100,000	Alliance for Quality Nursing Home Care
\$75,000	Americans for a Republican Majority
\$50,000	Diversified Collection Services, Inc.
\$50,000	Questerra Corp.
\$25,000	Old Country Store, Inc.
\$25,000	Preston Gates Ellis
\$25,000	Sears Roebuck & Co.
\$25,000	Westar Energy
\$25,000	Williams Companies, Inc.
\$20,000	Bacardi USA, Inc.
\$20,000	UPS, PAC
\$15,000	Perfect Wave Technologies
\$13,126	Texas Association of Business
\$10,000	John W. Barger (Barger Broadcast)

TRMPAC Donors Who Also Gave To Craddick or Stars Over Texas

Total To TRMPAC, Craddick & SOT PAC	TRM PAC Total	Craddick Campaign Total	Stars Over TX (SOT) PAC Total	Contributor	Interest
\$391,279	\$107,500	\$644	\$283,135	James Leininger	KCI, Inc.
\$310,000	\$170,000	\$50,000	\$90,000	Bob J. Perry	Perry Homes
\$220,000	\$150,000	\$45,000	\$25,000	Farmers Insurance PAC	Farmers Insurance
\$173,500	\$20,000	\$153,500	\$0	AT&T*	AT&T
\$152,674	\$55,000	\$97,674	\$0	T. Boone Pickens	BP Capital
\$125,000	\$5,000	\$25,000	\$95,000	Maxxam, Inc.*	Maxxam, Inc.
\$120,323	\$5,000	\$76,829	\$38,494	Silver Eagle/John Nau*	Silver Eagle Distributors
\$110,000	\$10,000	\$90,000	\$10,000	Harold Simmons/Contran*	Contran Corp.
\$106,000	\$51,000	\$40,000	\$15,000	Burlington Northern*	Burlington Northern
\$93,000	\$35,000	\$38,000	\$20,000	Louis Beecherl	Beecherl Companies
\$78,664	\$5,000	\$52,663	\$21,001	Locke Lord Bissell	Locke Lord Bissell
\$60,000	\$30,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	Belmont Oil/Ralph Ellis*	Belmont Oil
\$60,000	\$5,000	\$35,000	\$20,000	Peter O'Donnell, Jr.	O'Donnell Foundation
\$55,000	\$5,000	\$45,000	\$5,000	Robert B. Rowling	TRT Holdings, Inc.
\$54,000	\$50,000	\$4,000	\$0	El Paso Energy*	El Paso Energy
\$53,500	\$27,500	\$26,000	\$0	Constellation Energy*	Constellation Energy
\$50,250	\$250	\$30,000	\$20,000	Gulf States Toyota*	Gulf States Toyota
\$50,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	Reliant Resources*	Reliant Resources
\$44,000	\$25,000	\$19,000	\$0	Philip Morris/Altria*	Philip Morris/Altria
\$42,500	\$5,000	\$37,500	\$0	Ray L. Hunt	Hunt Oil Co.
\$37,500	\$10,000	\$7,500	\$20,000	Ben Streusand	Home Loan Corp.
\$33,000	\$3,000	\$30,000	\$0	Koch PAC	Koch Industries
\$26,000	\$16,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	James A. Elkins, Jr.	Elkins Investments
\$25,500	\$25,000	\$0	\$500	John V. Lattimore, Jr.	Lattimore Materials
\$24,500	\$10,000	\$13,500	\$1,000	Vance C. Miller	Harry S. Miller Co.
\$24,260	\$1,000	\$10,000	\$13,260	Peter Holt	Holt Cat; SA Spurs
\$24,250	\$250	\$0	\$24,000	Rep. Phil King	Texas House
\$21,000	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$5,000	Sam Wyly	Ranger Capital
\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	Charles Miller	Meridian Advisors
\$20,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Charles J. Wyly, Jr.	Ranger Capital
\$19,000	\$15,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	David M. Underwood	Wachovia Securities
\$17,500	\$1,500	\$13,500	\$2,500	TX Package Stores*	TX Package Stores Assn.
\$16,657	\$1,500	\$0	\$15,157	Rep. Geanie Morrison	Texas House
\$15,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$0	James D. Pitcock, Jr.	Wms. Bros. Construct.
\$15,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$0	RDM/Drayton McLane*	RDM Enterprises
\$14,937	\$1,000	\$8,937	\$5,000	Charlie Geren	Texas House of
\$12,500	\$10,000	\$0	\$2,500	Cornell Companies*	Cornell Companies
\$12,500	\$10,000	\$0	\$2,500	Houston H. Harte	Harte-Hanks Com.
\$12,000	\$10,000	\$2,000	\$0	U.S. Risk/Randy Goss*	U.S. Risk
\$11,001	\$1,000	\$0	\$10,001	Rep. Fred Hill	Texas House
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$9,000	Rep. Will Hartnett	Texas House
\$10,000	\$7,500	\$0	\$2,500	George C. Hixon	Hixon Properties
\$7,500	\$2,500	\$0	\$5,000	Walter M. Embrey	Embrey Partners Ltd.
\$7,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$5,000	Sen. Bob Deuell	Texas Senate
\$7,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$6,000	Rep. Robert E. Talton	Texas House
\$6,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$1,000	Ebby Halliday Acers	Ebby Halliday Acres Realty
\$6,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$5,000	Rep. Tony Goolsby	Texas House

\$6,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$5,000	Rep. Kennv Marchant	U.S. Congress
\$6,000	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$0	Frederick R. Meyer	Retired
\$5,200	\$200	\$0	\$5,000	Elvira Reyna	Ex-Texas House member
\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	PacifiCare Health*	PacifiCare Health
\$4,500	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$1,000	J.J. Collmer	Collmer Semiconductor
\$4,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$3,000	Arlene Wohlgenuth	Revolving-door lobbyist
\$3,850	\$100	\$0	\$3,750	Rep. Jerry A. Madden	Texas House
\$3,500	\$1,000	\$0	\$2,500	Rep. Larry Taylor	Texas House
\$2,750	\$2,500	\$0	\$250	B.J. 'Red' McCombs	Red McCombs Automotive
\$2,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	Rep. Betty Brown	Texas House
\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	Bruce LaBoon	Locke Lord Bissell
\$1,500	\$1,000	\$0	\$500	Rep. John E. Davis	Texas House Corp.
\$1,250	\$500	\$750	\$0	Dionel E. Aviles	Aviles Engineering
\$1,250	\$250	\$0	\$1,000	Patrick Oxford	Bracewell & Giuliani
\$750	\$250	\$500	\$0	Weldon R. Denman	Denman & Co.
\$400	\$200	\$200	\$0	George Strake, Jr.	Strake Foundation
\$325	\$225	\$0	\$100	Scott E. Kercheville	Tejas Anesthesia Assoc.
\$200	\$100	\$0	\$100	Barbara S. Patton	Volunteer
\$2,855,770	\$981,825	\$1,040,197	\$833,748	TOTALS	

Note: Covers contributions reported up until the eve of the November 2008 election.

*Corporate contributor to TRMPAC (an affiliated PAC or executive gave to Craddick and/or Stars Over Texas). Most corporate donations occurred in 2002 and were reported to the IRS but not to the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC). After the scandal over TRMPAC's corporate money broke, TRMPAC reported three corporate donations to the TEC in late 2003 and early 2004 (\$25,000 from Burlington Northern, \$10,000 from Contran and \$5,000 from Belmont Oil).

¹ TRMPAC reported \$894,126 to the Texas Ethics Commission and another \$602,300 in legally questionable corporate money to the Internal Revenue Service for a total of almost \$1.5 million.