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Prop. 12 Proponents Gave \$5.3 Million To Politicians

Austin, TX: PACs and businesses that support Proposition 12 contributed a total of \$5,315,767 to Governor Rick Perry, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst and current members of the legislature during the 2002 election cycle, a new Texans for Public Justice analysis found. With support from Perry and Dewhurst, the Texas Legislature placed Prop. 12 (HJR 3) on the September 13 ballot. This constitutional amendment would allow the legislature to limit damages on all civil lawsuits without judicial review.

In its analysis, TPJ just counted direct contributions from PACs, businesses and trade groups that have supported HJR 3 and the passage of Prop. 12. These donors include such medical industry advocates as insurance companies, HMOs, hospitals, nursing homes, doctor associations and pharmaceutical companies. They also include direct contributions from the pro-Prop 12 PACs of Texans for Lawsuit Reform, the Texas Civil Justice League, the Texas Apartment Association and the Texas Association of Business (this analysis does not include money from individuals and businesses that belong to these organizations nor does it include the \$1.9 million spent by TAB for its controversial “issue ads” supporting candidates for the legislature).

Key findings of this analysis of the 2002 election cycle include:

- Current members of the Texas Legislature received a total of \$4,491,595 from Pro-12 interest groups, with Governor Perry receiving another \$576,472 and Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst getting \$247,700.
- Taken together, lawmakers who voted for Prop. 12 (HJR 3) received four times as much money (\$3,612,676) as those who voted against the measure (\$863,869).
- The average lawmaker voting for Prop. 12 received twice as much money from the pro-Prop. 12 interests as those voting against the measure. The 22 senators who voted for Prop. 12 received an average of \$83,821 from pro-Prop. 12 donors, while the nine senators who voted against it received an average of \$45,414 from the same donors. The 101 House members who were elected in November 2002 and voted for Proposition 12 received an average of \$17,511 from pro-Prop. 12 sources, while their 45 House colleagues who opposed the measure received an average of \$10,114.
- PACs funded by trial lawyers contributed a total of \$464,944 to these politicians during the same period, or 9 percent of the \$5.3 million moved by the pro-Prop.12 interests.

“Proposition 12 reveals the raw power of special-interest campaign money,” said Texans for Public Justice Director Craig McDonald. “Legislation is for sale in Texas and these special interests know where to go to buy it.”

Detailed report findings, including the total received by each legislator, follow.

Contributions from Pro-Proposition 12 PACs/ Businesses During 2002 Election Cycle				
Pro-12 Interests	Gov. Perry	Lt.Gov. Dewhurst	Legislators	Total
Physician Associations & Clinics	\$98,250	\$72,500	\$1,383,267	\$1,554,017
Texans for Lawsuit Reform/TCJL	\$30,000	\$27,500	\$1,247,625	\$1,305,125
Insurance Companies & HMOs	\$268,222	\$65,000	\$839,477	\$1,172,699
Hospitals & Nursing Homes	\$75,500	\$42,000	\$335,150	\$452,650
Pharmaceutical Companies	\$58,000	\$16,700	\$343,226	\$417,926
Texas Apartment Association	\$40,500	\$19,000	\$269,350	\$328,850
BACPAC-Texas Assn. of Business*	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$73,500	\$84,500
Total	\$576,472	\$247,700	\$4,491,595	\$5,315,767

*This does not include the \$1.9 million the Texas Association of Business spent on controversial "issue ads" in key legislative races.

	Average Prop12 supporter money for YES voting legislator	Average Prop12 supporter money for NO voting legislator	Ratio
House	\$ 17,511	\$ 10,114	1.7:1
Senate	\$ 83,821	\$ 45,414	1.8:1

Yes Votes in the House		
Representative	District	Money Received from Prop 12 Supporters
Allen, Robert R.	106	\$8,900
Baxter, Todd A.	48	\$75,304
Berman, Leo	6	\$3,600
Bohac, Dwayne A.	138	\$33,772
Bonnen, Dennis H.	25	\$6,050
Branch, Daniel H.	108	\$9,300
Brown, Betty J.	4	\$22,142
Brown, Frederick H.	14	\$7,800
Callegari, William A.	132	\$6,400
Camobell. Scott E.	72	\$8.641

No Votes in the House		
Representative	District	Money Received from Prop 12 Supporters
Alonzo, Roberto R.	104	\$5,250
Bailey, Kevin E.	140	\$11,040
Burnam, Lon	90	\$8,050
Canales, Gabriella S.	35	\$1,550
Castro, Joaquin	125	\$4,300
Coleman, Garnet F.	147	\$16,550
Davis, Yvonne	111	\$3,300
Deshotel, Joseph D.	22	\$2,100
Dukes, Dawnna	46	\$5,850
Dunnam. James R.	57	\$6.800

Capelo, Jaime L.	34	\$28,300
Casteel, Carter	73	\$12,850
Chavez, Norma P.	76	\$5,450
Chisum, Warren D.	88	\$8,050
Christian, Walter W.	9	\$25,950
Cook, Byron Curtis	8	\$37,899
Cook, Robert L.	17	\$11,900
Corte, Frank J.	122	\$11,700
Crabb, Joe	127	\$12,450
Craddick, Tom	82	\$88,400
Crownover, Myra E.	64	\$5,550
Davis, John E.	129	\$9,700
Dawson, Glenda L.	29	\$7,600
Delisi, Dianne W.	55	\$22,600
Denny, Mary	63	\$10,200
Driver, Joe	113	\$11,870
Eissler, Rob	15	\$12,650
Elkins, Gary	135	\$8,650
Ellis, Daniel P.	18	\$10,250
Farabee, David L.	69	\$15,350
Flores, Ismael "Kino"	36	\$500
Flynn, Dan	2	\$13,750
Garza, Timoteo	80	\$7,550
Gattis, Dan	20	\$13,100
Geren, Charles L.	99	\$8,250
Giddings, Helen	109	\$12,250
Goodman, Toby	93	\$13,650
Goolsby, Tony	102	\$12,850
Griggs, Bob E.	91	\$10,425
Grusendorf, Kent	94	\$10,550
Gutierrez, Roberto	41	\$500
Haggerty, Patrick B.	78	\$2,600
Hamilton, Michael W.	19	\$62,475
Hamric, Peggy	126	\$6,800
Hardcastle, Richard L.	68	\$83,824
Harper-Brown, Linda L.	105	\$9,100
Hartnett, Will	114	\$4,850
Heflin, Talmadge L.	149	\$24,300
Hegar, Glenn A.	28	\$11,050
Hilderbran, Harvey R.	53	\$9,100
Hill, Fred	112	\$8,050
Homer, Mark S.	3	\$2,050

Dutton, Harold V.	142	\$6,050
Eiland, Craig	23	\$24,713
Farrar, Jessica	148	\$3,600
Gallego, Pete P.	74	\$15,100
Guillen, Ryan A.	31	\$4,800
Hochberg, Lindsey S.	137	\$11,600
Hodge, Gladys E.	100	\$4,500
Jones, Jesse W.	110	\$3,400
Laney, James E.	85	\$66,500
Lewis, Glenn O.	95	\$10,550
Luna, Vilma	33	\$9,650
Mabry, John P.	56	\$3,600
Martinez Fischer, Trey	116	\$10,900
McClendon, Ruth J.	120	\$10,850
McReynolds, James M.	12	\$9,800
Menendez, Jose	124	\$9,850
Moreno, Joe E.	143	\$11,600
Moreno, Paul	77	\$2,800
Naishtat, Elliott	49	\$10,350
Noriega, Richard J.	145	\$4,650
Oliveira, Rene O.	37	\$8,550
Olivo, Dora F.	27	\$8,550
Pena, Aaron	40	\$2,550
Pickett, Joseph C.	79	\$4,800
Puente, Robert R.	119	\$7,000
Quintanilla, Inocente	75	\$4,150
Raymond, Richard E.	42	\$20,022
Rodriguez, Eduardo R.	51	\$4,750
Solis, Jim	38	\$10,775
Telford, Barry B.	1	\$19,150
Thompson, Senfronia	141	\$22,850
Turner, Sylvester	139	\$9,600
Uresti, Carlos I.	118	\$14,944
Wilson, Ron	131	\$1,250
Wolens, Steven D.	103	\$16,550
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Total raised by 45 Reps voting no:		\$455,144
Average raised:		\$10,114

Hope, Ruben	16	\$14,000
Hopson, Charles L.	11	\$12,550
Howard, Charles F.	26	\$2,250
Hughes, D. Bryan	5	\$8,300
Hunter, Robert D.	71	\$4,850
Hupp, Suzanna G.	54	\$4,550
Isett, Carl H.	84	\$13,100
Jones, Delwin	83	\$7,800
Jones, Elizabeth A.	121	\$10,100
Keel, Terrence M.	47	\$8,400
Keffer, James L.	60	\$15,156
Keffer, William R.	107	\$9,021
King, Phillip S.	61	\$14,008
Kolkhorst, Lois W.	13	\$5,950
Krusee, Michael	52	\$13,400
Kuempel, Edmund P.	44	\$19,903
Laubenberg, Jodie A.	89	\$9,800
Madden, Jerry A.	67	\$19,800
Marchant, Kenny E.	115	\$22,050
McCall, James B.	66	\$44,967
Mercer, Kenneth B.	117	\$58,150
Merritt, Thomas C.	7	\$9,550
Miller, Sidney C.	59	\$120,144
Morrison, Geanie W.	30	\$7,450
Mowery, Anna	97	\$6,050
Nixon, Joe	133	\$8,900
Paxton, W. Kenneth	70	\$9,750
<i>Phillips, Larry*</i>	62	-
Pitts, James R.	10	\$7,500
Reyna, Elvira	101	\$750
Riddle, Deborah A.	150	\$9,600
Ritter, Allan B.	21	\$7,850
Rose, Patrick	45	\$5,750
Seaman, Eugene J.	32	\$72,200
Smith, Richard Wayne	128	\$12,300
Smith, Todd A.	92	\$9,700
Smithee, John T.	86	\$10,800
Solomons, Burt	65	\$18,200
Stick, Jack	50	\$37,721
Swinford, David A.	87	\$12,600
Talton, Robert E.	144	\$9,800
Taylor, Larry	24	\$38,096

Truitt, Vicki	98	\$8,900
Van Arsdale, J. Corbin	130	\$6,150
Villarreal, Michael U.	123	\$8,300
West, G. E.	81	\$8,550
Wohlgemuth, Arlene	58	\$43,812
Wong, Martha J.	134	\$81,530
Woolley, Beverly	136	\$5,650
Zedler, William W.	96	\$6,050
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Total raised by 101 Reps voting yes*:		\$1,768,610
Average raised*:		\$17,511

*Rep. Larry Phillips was not elected during the 2002 election, and so his money was not included in this study.

Yes Votes in the Senate		
Senator	District	Money
Armbrister, Kenneth	18	\$51,550
Averitt, Kip	22	\$129,987
Bivins, Teel	31	\$27,500
Brimer, Kenneth	10	\$90,730
Carona, John J.	16	\$90,000
Deuell, Robert F.	2	\$370,222
Duncan, Robert L.	28	\$51,328
Estes, Craig	30	\$99,453
Fraser, Troy	24	\$52,000
Harris, Chris	9	\$46,350
Jackson, James M.	11	\$33,750
Janek, Kyle	17	\$238,986
Lindsay, Jon S.	7	\$25,000
Lucio, Eduardo A.	27	\$41,250
Madla, Frank	19	\$47,025
Nelson, Jane	12	\$85,711
Ogden, Stephen E.	5	\$35,500
Ratliff, William R.	1	\$67,440
Shapiro, Florence	8	\$45,250
Staples, Todd	3	\$36,985

No Votes in the Senate		
Senator	District	Money Received from Prop 12 Supporters
Barrientos, Gonzalo	14	\$27,650
Ellis, Rodney G.	13	\$41,927
Gallegos, Mario V.	6	\$20,500
Hinojosa, Juan	20	\$85,000
Shapleigh, Eliot G.	29	\$28,250
Van De Putte, Leticia	26	\$57,898
Wentworth, E. Jeffrey	25	\$86,500
West, Royce	23	\$32,500
Whitmire, John	15	\$28,500
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Total raised by 9 Senators voting no:		\$408,725
Average raised:		\$45,414

Staples, Todd	3	\$36,985
Williams, Thomas D.	4	\$146,550
Zaffirini, Judith	21	\$31,500
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Total raised by 22 Senators voting yes:		\$1,844,066

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