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PAC FAQs

Our Political Action Committee - Your questions answered on why your contribution to the NH Retail PAC is important, no matter how big.

What is a PAC?

PACs are special organizations set up for the purpose of collecting contributions from large numbers of people, aggregating those contributions into one pool, and then making contributions from that pool to campaigns and political organizations. This is the most effective way for both the PAC and candidates. PACs are legal entities established under New Hampshire election law.

It is the only nonpartisan political action committee formed and governed by retailers in the State of New Hampshire. Our political action committee helps legislators who support retailing's position on legislation.

I already pay my NH Retail Assoc dues. Isn't that enough?

Laws prohibit the use of membership dues for contributions to political candidates. Voluntary contributions to the NH Retail PAC must be raised independent of membership dues.

Our lobbying effort is respected and effective, but contributions from the NH Retail PAC are the only way we can demonstrate our collective support for those that help us.

I can't afford to give big donations / my small donation won't make a difference.

There is no minimum donation! A donation of \$10, when put together with nine others, can be very useful for a candidate for State Representative. \$100 will buy 500 brochures or about three dozen lawn signs. *Contributing an amount equal to 10% of your annual dues is an efficient way to participate!*

Can I write a corporate check?

Yes, based upon a State Supreme Court decision in the mid-90's, corporate contributions are currently allowed in NH for the State Elections.