

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 the 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** non-partisan 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 Association 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 cannot afford to give big donations / my small donation will not be effective.

There is no minimum donation! A donation of \$1- when put together with nine others can be extremely useful for a candidate for State Representative. A contribution of \$100 will buy 500 brochures or about three dozen lawn signs. Contributing an amount equal to 10% of our 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-1990's, corporate contributions are currently allowed in NH for the state elections.