

PERC-WV

West Virginia People's Election Reform Coalition *2002 Primary Election Report*

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Highlights of the 2002 Primary Election

- Total contributions to legislative candidates have increased 24% since the 2000 Primary Election, out pacing the rate of inflation by nearly six times.
- Legislative candidates raised over \$3.7 million dollars during the primary election. 76% of all contributions went to candidates who won the election. 55% went to incumbents, 34% went to challengers and 11% went to candidates for open seats in the legislature.
- Contributions to candidates from themselves and family members continue to be the biggest source of funding for campaigns, accounting for 22% of all identified contributions to legislative candidates.
- Contributions from health care providers have increased 159% since the 2000 primary election. Other special interest groups on both side of the battle over so-called “tort reform,” have also seen significant increases since the previous election.
- Many of the top fundraisers were opponents during the primary election, or are facing off in the up-coming general election. For example, four of the 10 house candidates who raised the most money are running in the 27th district.
- For the first time since WV-PERC has been tracking campaign contributions to candidates, House Speaker Bob Kiss is not the top fundraiser.

About The WV People’s Election Reform Coalition

PERC-WV’s primary mission is to focus attention on how special interest money influences our democratic institutions in West Virginia. By maintaining a database of special interest contributions to political campaigns, tracking significant bills in the legislature, and issuing reports on our research, PERC-WV educates the public on the significant influence that special-interest money plays in West Virginia politics. PERC-WV underscores problems and proposes solutions based on its research.

People across the political spectrum agree that **special interest money dominates West Virginia politics, affecting everyone’s issues.** By focusing attention on the source of this campaign cash, PERC-WV encourages changes that can help shift the balance of power from the special interests to the public interest.

The West Virginia People’s Election Reform Coalition (PERC-WV) is a non-partisan coalition made up of labor organizations, good government advocates, environmental groups and others working together to raise awareness on the need for campaign finance reform. PERC-WV members include current political office holders and candidates from the Republican, Democratic, Mountain and Libertarian parties.

Comparison of Special Interest Contributions to Legislative Candidates During the Primary Election

	2000	2002	% Increase Since 2000
Total Contributions	\$3,012,390	\$3,720,785	24%
Identified Special Interest Contributions	\$2,324,140	\$3,003,800	29%

Special Interest Groups Contributing the Most to Legislative Candidates

2002 Primary Election			
SPECIAL INTEREST	Contributions	% of Identified Contributions	% Increase Since 2000
Self & Family	\$646,236	22%	-16%
Health Care	\$444,120	15%	159%
Labor	\$284,491	9%	77%
Coal	\$186,520	6%	38%
Consumer Lawyers	\$176,380	6%	84%
Other Lawyers	\$122,292	4%	135%
Real Estate & Construction	\$112,605	4%	33%
Education	\$109,655	4%	18%
Other Candidates	\$102,219	3%	77%
Banking & Finance	\$101,723	3%	57%
TOP TEN TOTAL	\$2,253,241	75%	

2000 Primary Election		
SPECIAL INTEREST	Contributions	% of Identified Contributions
Self & Family	\$770,795	33%
Health Care	\$171,184	7%
Labor	\$161,025	7%
Coal	\$134,968	6%
Gambling	\$126,147	5%
Consumer Lawyers	\$96,027	4%
Education	\$93,030	4%
Real Estate & Construction	\$84,528	4%
Other Business	\$65,141	3%
Banking & Finance	\$64,629	3%
TOP TEN TOTAL	\$1,767,474	76%

Comparison of Special Interest Contributions to Legislative Candidates During the Primary Election

SPECIAL INTEREST	2000	2002	% Increase Since 2000
Political Party	\$2,985	\$13,368	348%
Religion	\$535	\$1,895	254%
Health Care	\$171,184	\$444,120	159%
Other Lawyers	\$52,113	\$122,292	135%
Railroad	\$625	\$1,425	128%
Pharmaceuticals	\$17,000	\$33,275	96%
Consumer Lawyers	\$96,027	\$176,380	84%
Other Candidates	\$57,625	\$102,219	77%
Labor	\$161,025	\$284,491	77%
Tobacco	\$10,300	\$18,100	76%
Chemicals & Manufacturing	\$31,930	\$51,002	60%
Banking & Finance	\$64,629	\$101,723	57%
Social Issues	\$15,913	\$24,340	53%
Coal	\$134,968	\$186,520	38%
Real Estate & Construction	\$84,528	\$112,605	33%
Insurance	\$22,770	\$29,625	30%
Corporate Lawyers	\$63,426	\$80,199	26%
Business Lobbyists	\$46,755	\$55,998	20%
Education	\$93,030	\$109,655	18%
Beverage	\$49,675	\$57,850	16%
Oil & Gas	\$63,939	\$73,850	16%
Public Employees	\$15,867	\$17,945	13%
Tourism	\$6,800	\$7,350	8%
Transportation	\$43,740	\$45,709	5%
Communications	\$13,785	\$14,345	4%
Other Business	\$65,141	\$62,604	-4%
Timber	\$14,650	\$12,650	-14%
Self & Family	\$770,795	\$646,236	-16%
Gambling	\$126,147	\$101,170	-20%
Agriculture	\$12,259	\$9,300	-24%
Environment	\$6,974	\$3,085	-56%
Solid Waste	\$4,200	\$1,800	-57%
Electric Power	\$2,800	\$675	-76%
Identified Special Interest Contributions	\$2,324,140	\$3,003,800	29%
Unidentified Contributions	\$688,250	\$716,985	
Total Contributions	\$3,012,390	\$3,720,785	24%

Special Interest Contributions to Legislative Candidates During the 2002 Primary Election

SPECIAL INTEREST	House	Senate	Total Contributions	% of Identified
Self & Family	\$309,088	\$337,148	\$646,236	22%
Health Care	\$193,542	\$250,578	\$444,120	15%
Labor	\$196,215	\$88,275	\$284,491	9%
Coal	\$103,795	\$82,725	\$186,520	6%
Consumer Lawyers	\$103,405	\$72,975	\$176,380	6%
Other Lawyers	\$62,327	\$59,965	\$122,292	4%
Real Estate & Construction	\$45,870	\$66,735	\$112,605	4%
Education	\$72,530	\$37,125	\$109,655	4%
Other Candidates	\$52,278	\$49,941	\$102,219	3%
Banking & Finance	\$56,918	\$44,805	\$101,723	3%
Gambling	\$62,695	\$38,475	\$101,170	3%
Corporate Lawyers	\$31,756	\$48,442	\$80,199	3%
Oil & Gas	\$40,450	\$33,400	\$73,850	2%
Other Business	\$23,574	\$39,031	\$62,604	2%
Beverage	\$29,750	\$28,100	\$57,850	2%
Business Lobbyists	\$21,550	\$34,448	\$55,998	2%
Chemicals & Manufacturing	\$22,077	\$28,925	\$51,002	2%
Transportation	\$25,659	\$20,050	\$45,709	2%
Pharmaceuticals	\$12,575	\$20,700	\$33,275	1%
Insurance	\$13,975	\$15,650	\$29,625	1%
Social Issues	\$14,065	\$10,275	\$24,340	1%
Tobacco	\$11,500	\$6,600	\$18,100	1%
Public Employees	\$6,838	\$11,107	\$17,945	1%
Communications	\$4,605	\$9,740	\$14,345	*
Political Party	\$4,865	\$8,503	\$13,368	*
Timber	\$2,250	\$10,400	\$12,650	*
Agriculture	\$2,450	\$6,850	\$9,300	*
Tourism	\$600	\$6,750	\$7,350	*
Environment	\$1,285	\$1,800	\$3,085	*
Religion	\$1,050	\$845	\$1,895	*
Solid Waste	\$825	\$975	\$1,800	*
Railroad	\$725	\$700	\$1,425	*
Electric Power	\$200	\$475	\$675	*
Identified Special Interest Contributions	\$1,531,288	\$1,472,513	\$3,003,800	
Unidentified Contributions	\$377,913	\$339,072	\$716,985	
Total Contributions	\$1,909,201	\$1,811,585	\$3,720,785	

Candidates with the Most Contributions

House Candidates		Senate Candidates	
FOSTER, DAN	\$76,773	CRAIGO, OSHEL B	\$167,831
SUSMAN, SALLY	\$51,087	STOLLINGS, RON*	\$140,814
WARNER, BARBARA BOBBIE (R)	\$50,495	REDD, MARIE*	\$131,540
KISS, ROBERT S	\$49,585	CHAFIN, H TRUMAN	\$121,201
MCGRAW II, WARREN R	\$47,632	DEMPSEY, TRACY	\$108,840
WEBSTER, CARRIE	\$45,533	OLIVERIO, MIKE	\$103,607
KEENER, RAY	\$38,162	SMITH, LISA D (R)	\$100,466
STATON, W RICHARD (RICK)	\$35,220	JENKINS, EVAN H	\$78,170
EASTERLY, TOM (R)*	\$33,624	BOWMAN, EDWIN J	\$68,843
FLEISCHAUER, BARBARA EVANS	\$33,055	MCCABE JR, BROOKS	\$67,635

Candidates Receiving the Most Contributions from Selected Special Interest Groups

SELF-FINANCING \$646,236 Total

House Candidates		Senate Candidates	
SUSMAN, SALLY	\$44,977	SMITH, LISA D	\$78,000
EASTERLY, TOM (R)*	\$33,000	CHAFIN, H TRUMAN	\$50,200
MCGRAW II, WARREN R	\$20,241	DEMPSEY, TRACY	\$43,425
MATHEWS, REBECCA*	\$14,600	BAUGHMAN, JAMES A	\$23,162
HRUTKAY, LIDELLA WILSON	\$12,500	STOLLINGS, RON*	\$21,000

HEALTH CARE \$444,120 Total

House Candidates		Senate Candidates	
FOSTER, DAN	\$29,905	STOLLINGS, RON*	\$55,835
KISS, ROBERT S	\$10,950	JENKINS, EVAN H	\$35,424
WARNER, BARBARA BOBBIE (R)	\$9,600	OLIVERIO, MIKE	\$26,255
LONG, MARSHALL C	\$8,900	CRAIGO, OSHEL B	\$16,120
EBBITT, DAVE (R)	\$8,700	BOWMAN, EDWIN J	\$14,468

LABOR \$284,491 Total

House Candidates		Senate Candidates	
BOGGS, BRENT	\$13,900	REDD, MARIE*	\$19,200
MONTONEY, STEVE*	\$7,380	COMPTON, MARY PEARL	\$11,400
SWISHER, VERN*	\$6,050	MARSHALL, CHARLENE*	\$11,200
PERDUE, DON	\$6,050	WHITE, C RANDY	\$11,046
CAPUTO, MIKE	\$5,610	DEMPSEY, TRACY	\$9,700

*Defeated in Primary Election

**Candidates Receiving the Most Contributions
from Selected Special Interest Groups (continued)**

COAL \$186,520 Total

House Candidates		Senate Candidates	
KOMINAR, K STEVEN	\$12,050	CRAIGO, OSHEL B	\$9,550
CALLAGHAN, DAVE*	\$7,650	ANDERSON, LEONARD W*	\$8,200
KISS, ROBERT S	\$5,500	OLIVERIO, MIKE	\$7,300
MULLINS, JIM (R)	\$5,100	MCCABE JR, BROOKS	\$6,800
WARNER, BARBARA BOBBIE (R)	\$4,250	CHAFIN, H TRUMAN	\$5,250

CONSUMER LAWYERS \$176,380 Total

House Candidates		Senate Candidates	
WEBSTER, CARRIE	\$11,345	REDD, MARIE*	\$17,025
FLEISCHAUER, BARBARA EVANS	\$9,285	CHAFIN, H TRUMAN	\$15,550
FLANIGAN, RICHARD D*	\$7,600	COMPTON, MARY PEARL	\$8,825
MCGRAW II, WARREN R	\$6,500	MITCHELL JR, JOHN R	\$7,675
KEENER, RAY	\$5,075	DEMPSEY, TRACY	\$6,950

CORPORATE LAWYERS \$80,199 Total

House Candidates		Senate Candidates	
FOSTER, DAN	\$3,800	MCCABE JR, BROOKS	\$10,770
PALUMBO, COREY L	\$3,425	CRAIGO, OSHEL B	\$6,200
WEBSTER, CARRIE	\$2,050	STOLLINGS, RON*	\$4,440
CRAIG, KEVIN J	\$1,600	CHAFIN, H TRUMAN	\$3,800
SADD, MARK A (R)	\$1,400	OLIVERIO, MIKE	\$2,957

OTHER LAWYERS \$122,292 Total

House Candidates		Senate Candidates	
FUCILLO, R S (ROCCO)*	\$19,228	CHAFIN, H TRUMAN	\$11,100
MCGRAW II, WARREN R	\$8,750	REDD, MARIE*	\$9,940
THOMPSON, RICHARD	\$5,197	BOWMAN, EDWIN J	\$7,775
WEBSTER, CARRIE	\$4,485	DEMPSEY, TRACY	\$6,000
FLEISCHAUER, BARBARA EVANS	\$2,880	COMPTON, MARY PEARL	\$4,500

REAL ESTATE & CONSTRUCTION \$112,605 Total

House Candidates		Senate Candidates	
WARNER, BARBARA BOBBIE (R)	\$5,050	CRAIGO, OSHEL B	\$14,000
SADD, MARK A (R)	\$3,260	MCCABE JR, BROOKS	\$7,750
CANN, SAMUEL J	\$3,100	OLIVERIO, MIKE	\$6,200
CALLAGHAN, DAVE*	\$2,250	MARSHALL, CHARLENE	\$4,910
PALUMBO, COREY L	\$1,690	MINEAR, SARAH M (R)	\$3,900

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**Candidates Receiving the Most Contributions
from Selected Special Interest Groups (continued)**

EDUCATION \$109,655 Total

House Candidates		Senate Candidates	
POLING, MARY M	\$2,550	REDD, MARIE*	\$9,200
DUKE, WALTER E (R)	\$2,025	COMPTON, MARY PEARL	\$4,100
FRAGALE, RON	\$2,000	UNGER, JOHN	\$3,000
BARBERIO, ANTHONY J (TONY)*	\$2,000	MARSHALL, CHARLENE*	\$2,975
PERRY, DAVID G	\$1,800	WHITE, C RANDY	\$2,600

OTHER CANDIDATES \$102,219 Total

House Candidates		Senate Candidates	
MAHAN, VIRGINIA	\$8,966	CRAIGO, OSHEL B	\$10,975
HOUSTON, NANCY J	\$3,620	REDD, MARIE	\$6,105
KEENER, RAY	\$2,695	DEMPSEY, TRACY	\$4,430
CALLAGHAN, DAVE*	\$2,600	CHAFIN, H TRUMAN	\$3,270
WEBSTER, CARRIE	\$2,080	WOOTON, WILLIAM R (BILL)	\$2,900

BANKING & FINANCE \$101,723 Total

House Candidates		Senate Candidates	
ONEAL, LELAND D*	\$5,349	CRAIGO, OSHEL B	\$8,950
FOSTER, DAN	\$3,255	OLIVERIO, MIKE	\$2,940
WHITE, HARRY KEITH	\$3,000	STOLLINGS, RON	\$2,500
KISS, ROBERT S	\$2,900	GUILLS JR, JESSE O	\$2,500
WARNER, BARBARA BOBBIE (R)	\$2,450	CHAFIN, H TRUMAN	\$2,400

GAMBLING \$101,170 Total

House Candidates		Senate Candidates	
KISS, ROBERT S	\$3,750	DEMPSEY, TRACY	\$11,600
WELLS, DANNY*	\$3,550	REDD, MARIE	\$6,250
WARNER, BARBARA BOBBIE (R)	\$3,500	CRAIGO, OSHEL B	\$3,750
WEBSTER, CARRIE	\$3,250	ANDERSON, LEONARD W	\$3,450
SWARTZMILLER, RANDY	\$3,100	BOWMAN, EDWIN J	\$3,075

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**Candidates Receiving the Most Contributions
from Selected Special Interest Groups (continued)**

OTHER BUSINESS \$62,604 Total

House Candidates		Senate Candidates	
MEZZATESTA, JERRY L	\$2,400	CRAIGO, OSHEL B	\$10,175
FUCILLO, R S (ROCCO)*	\$1,900	MARSHALL, CHARLENE	\$7,075
CANN, SAMUEL J	\$1,650	SCOTT, THOMAS F	\$3,425
HOUSTON, NANCY J	\$1,284	OLIVERIO, MIKE	\$2,450
SHELTON, JOHN W	\$1,100	CHAFIN, H TRUMAN	\$2,300

OIL & GAS \$73,850 Total

House Candidates		Senate Candidates	
CANN, SAMUEL J	\$4,500	CRAIGO, OSHEL B	\$7,450
KISS, ROBERT S	\$3,000	OLIVERIO, MIKE	\$5,500
WARNER, BARBARA BOBBIE (R)	\$2,050	ANDERSON, LEONARD W*	\$4,100
VARNER, SCOTT G	\$1,900	MINARD, JOE	\$2,100
THOMPSON, RON	\$1,750	MINEAR, SARAH M (R)	\$1,350

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In previous reports, PERC-WV has identified blocks of special interest groups that unite to advocate for, or oppose, specific legislation. One of these groups is advocates for so-called "tort reform." A perennial legislative issue is some form of tort reform, and the upcoming legislative session will be no exception. Advocates for tort reform include virtually every all members of the **business community, health care providers, the insurance industry and corporate lawyers** who are seeking to put a limit on liabilities of manufacturers and the medical profession. Another special interest block is the "progressive coalition." **Organized labor, education organizations, trial (consumer) lawyers, environmentalists and social justice advocates** often align themselves on issues, including opposing tort reform.

Comparison of Contributions from "Tort Reform" Advocates to Legislative Candidates During the Primary Election

	2000	2002	% of Identified Contributions	% Increase Since 2000
House Candidates	\$739,465	\$706,742	24%	
Senate Candidates	\$466,619	\$787,803	26%	
Legislative Total	\$1,206,084	\$1,494,545	50%	24%

Comparison of Contributions from "Progressive" Special Interest Groups to Legislative Candidates During the Primary Election

	2000	2002	% of Identified Contributions	% Increase Since 2000
House Candidates	\$329,303	\$373,435	12%	
Senate Candidates	\$68,283	\$200,175	7%	
Legislative Total	\$397,586	\$573,610	19%	44%

The increase in contributions from individual members of these special interest block since the last election is more substantial than the increase in contributions from the blocks as a whole.

Contributions from Primary "Tort Reform" Advocates to Legislative Candidates During the Primary Election

SPECIAL INTEREST	2000	2002	% of Identified Contributions	% Increase Since 2000
Health Care	\$171,184	\$444,120	15%	159%
Insurance	\$22,770	\$29,625	1%	30%
Corporate Lawyers	\$63,426	\$80,199	3%	26%

These three groups account for 19% of all identified special interest contributions to legislative candidates and 37% of all contributions from "tort reform" advocates.

Contributions from Major "Tort Reform" Opponents to Legislative Candidates During the Primary Election

SPECIAL INTEREST	2000	2002	% of Identified Contributions	% Increase Since 2000
Consumer Lawyers	\$96,027	\$176,380	6%	84%
Labor	\$161,025	\$284,491	9%	77%

These two groups account for 15% of all identified special interest contributions to legislative candidates and 80% of all contributions from "tort reform" opponents.