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# LAIPAC Contribution Dos and Don'ts

Political participation has and remains a crucial requirement to the future success of providing the highest quality senior living. The purpose of LAIPAC is to raise and spend money to elect candidates that are interested and understand issues important to senior living. An effective PAC creates visibility, credibility and influence with elected officials. To maximize participation, the Contribution Dos and Don'ts have been established to guide LeadingAge Indiana membership in their efforts to fully support the LAIPAC.

## WHO CAN CONTRIBUTE TO LAIPAC?



Under Indiana law, individuals may make an **unlimited amount** of contributions to candidates, political parties and other campaign finance committees, **including political action committees** during each calendar year.



In addition to individuals, certain business organizations are eligible to contribute. See the chart below for further information and contribution limitations.

**NON-PROFIT ENTITIES** Under Indiana law, nonprofit corporations are subject to the same limitations concerning contributions. **Questions regarding the tax-exempt status of a nonprofit corporation which makes a political contribution are determined by the IRS and not the Indiana State Election Commission, the Election Division or county election board. Contact the IRS for more information on your 501(c) status and eligibility.** Additionally, LeadingAge National has created **this** document to help you decide what election and lobbying involvement you can have.

**CORPORATE AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS** Are permitted to make contributions to candidate committees, regular party committees, legislative caucus committees and political action committees, they must comply with the maximum amounts for contributions and may not exceed these total contributions during any calendar year (see chart on next page).

**LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES AND PARTNERSHIPS** May make an unlimited amount of contributions to candidates, political parties and other campaign finance committees during each calendar year. A partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, sole proprietorship, a trustee or receiver of an unincorporated firm or entity are not subject to the limits on corporate contributions.

## CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS (corporations, Labor Orgs, PACs)

- ✓ \$5,000 apportioned in any manner among all Statewide Candidates
  - ✓ \$5,000 apportioned in any manner among all State Central Committees
  - ✓ \$2,000 apportioned in any manner among all candidates for State Senate
  - ✓ \$2,000 apportioned in any manner among all candidates for State House of Representatives
  - ✓ \$2,000 apportioned in any manner among all State Senate legislative Caucuses
  - ✓ \$2,000 apportioned in any manner among all State House of Representatives Legislative Caucuses
  - ✓ \$2,000 apportioned in any manner among all Candidates for County, Local and School Board offices
  - ✓ \$2,000 apportioned in any manner among all Political Party Committees (*other than state central committees*)
- Contributions must be earmarked, meaning designated by the corporation to go to one or more of the above categories.
  - Corporations may contribute a total of \$22,000 per year to campaign finance committees, including contributions made to a political action committee.

**WHO CANNOT CONTRIBUTE TO LAIPAC** Foreign nationals, national banks, federally chartered corporations, gaming industry and individuals who seek to contribute on behalf of another.

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*Contributions to LAIPAC are voluntary, not tax deductible and will be used for political purposes. You have the right to refuse to contribute without reprisal. Any contribution amount provided is merely a suggestion. LeadingAge Indiana facility members that are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations cannot contribute to a PAC, donate nonmonetary items, sponsor events, allow staff to volunteer at events (unless it is on their own time) or pay registration fees for events.*