

"Why do I contribute to CornPAC? Because it's one way I can help keep good elected officials in office. I believe giving back is important, whether to charities or the organization that defends and promotes my livelihood as a grower. CornPAC allows me to engage in our political system and make a difference toward electing officials who understand and support the corn industry."

## HOW DOES CORNPAC BENEFIT ME?

Each elected official has a philosophy and belief system, and corn grower issues can manifest themselves within those belief systems. As a CornPAC contributor, you'll know that you're helping advance understanding of our issues and most importantly, keeping lawmakers in office who have demonstrated support for grower policies.

### Depending on your giving level, you receive:

- Invitations to participate in quarterly calls with the NCGA Government Affairs team for insider information on legislative initiatives, elections, and NCGA advocacy efforts
- Contributor-only invitations to meet with PAC-endorsed candidates in your district and/or D.C.
- Recognition in Annual Report and website
- For those giving over \$1000, a CornPAC pin and two tickets to the Commodity Classic Auction
- \$5,000 givers receive all benefits above and a reserved table at the Commodity Classic Auction
- For a full list of perks, please see the CornPAC website [cornpac.ncga.com](http://cornpac.ncga.com).



"The CornPAC Board and NCGA's Government Affairs team does the research that I can't and frankly don't have the time to do. The CornPAC Board is made up of people like me and I trust their judgment. They make sure our money is spent wisely."

## WHAT IS CORNPAC?

CornPAC is a voluntary, non-partisan political contribution fund dedicated to helping elect candidates who best represent the interests of corn growers and those they serve.

[cornpac.ncga.com](http://cornpac.ncga.com)



No matter your political affiliation, we all benefit from legislation that protects our existing markets and expands market access. Members of the U.S. Congress will make decisions on market access and many other grower issues. All of us have a responsibility to make sure they understand, and most important, support our growers.

## AMPLIFYING YOUR VOICE TELLING YOUR STORY

"CornPAC helps protect my business from laws that damage U.S. agriculture competitiveness. I encourage all NCGA members to join."



# WHY DO WE NEED CORNPAC?

Fair or unfair, elected officials are our ad-hoc business partners. They frame the issues, and make decisions that impact the demand for our crops, ethanol utilization, and transportation system improvements. It's also vital that we monitor and influence their ability to integrate science into public policy debates.

The legislative system is a highly competitive one, and we need our voice in that system. Let's look at the numbers:



535 Members of Congress

67 Members of Congress  
Serving on House and Senate Ag Committees

6% (34) Members of Congress  
have an Agricultural Background

\*www.opensecrets.org This number represents registered lobbyists. There are hundreds of "advisors" and "strategists" who lobby the Congress but have not registered as a lobbyist.

# HOW DO WE COMPARE?

As you can see in the chart below, CornPAC has raised less PAC money than other agriculture sector PACs. We need to have a Political Action Committee that is consistent with our marketplace presence and importance.

The following represents 2018 election cycle receipts from the following agriculture industry Political Action Committees:

National Cattlemen's Beef Association	\$865,285
Bayer	\$737,284
American Soybean Association	\$311,475
National Corn Growers Association	\$259,498
CHS, Inc.	\$314,434
National Association of Wheat Growers	\$80,140

- Based on data released by the FEC on Jan. 04, 2019/ www.opensecrets.org



The National Cattlemen's Beef Association has 25,000 members, and the American Soybean Association has 21,000 members. With nearly 40,000 members, the NCGA PAC receipts are not consistent with corn grower prominence in the agriculture industry.

# WHO MAKES THE DECISIONS?

CornPAC is overseen by NCGA's Government Affairs team, with input from a diverse group of NCGA members who are also CornPAC contributors.

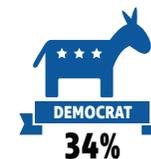
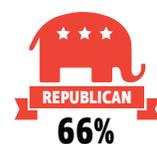
## CornPAC Grassroots Directed

CornPAC is a grassroots directed PAC. The PAC is governed by a set of bylaws and supervised by the CornPAC Committee, which is made up of grower members. The committee is comprised of five members selected by the NCGA President, one grower from the Corn Board, one grower from the Membership and Consumer Engagement Action Team, one member from the Risk Management and Transportation Action Team, and one selected by the state executives of the state affiliates with federal PACs of their own.

## Who does CornPAC support?

The CornPAC Board and Government Affairs staff are guided by a CornPAC Rating Card, which assigns a point value to our priority legislative issues, regulatory matters, committee assignments and leadership positions. Points are allocated based on a candidate's support of our issues and the candidate's role in the legislature.

In the 2018 election cycle, CornPAC contributed to 41 U.S. House and Senate candidates.



66% went to Republicans and 34% to Democrats.

## How can I become a CornPAC contributor?

Fill out the CornPAC contribution card below, indicating your contribution level, and return it to NCGA. Or visit the CornPAC website at [cornpac.ncga.com](http://cornpac.ncga.com) for more information and to contribute online.

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

### Enclosed is a check for:

- \$20     \$50     \$200     \$500
- Max Club \$5000 annually
- CornPAC Crusader \$2,500 annually
- ACRE Club Member \$1000 annually
- Corn PAC Champion \$500 annually
- CornPAC Advocate \$250 annually
- Contributor \$25 and up annually
- Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your contribution is used for political purposes, and is not tax deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes. Participation in CornPAC is voluntary and you may refuse to contribute without reprisal. You must be a U.S. citizen or carry a green card to contribute to CornPAC.

**Return to:** National Corn Growers Association  
Attn: Kendra Ricks  
20 F Street, NW, Suite 900  
Washington, DC 20001

Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year.