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REALTORS, HOMEBUILDERS SATURATE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH CONTRIBUTIONS

In the context of the debate in the NC General Assembly about the transfer tax, we've been asked for more details about the political giving of the NC Realtors PAC (sponsored by the NC Realtors Association). Others have asked about the NC Home Builders PAC because it is closely allied with the Realtors in the fight to stop legislation about a transfer tax.

Here are several factoids that focus primarily on these two PACs' donations during the 2005-2006 period, including the split in receipts between Senate and House:

- The NC Realtors PAC gave \$615,000 to legislative candidates (winners and losers) in the two-year period 2005-2006, more than any other PAC in the 2006 election period.
- That amount is almost three times the \$235,000 it gave just four years earlier, during the 2002 election, when it was also ranked number one for giving to state legislative candidates.
- For the 3 elections cycles – 2002 through 2006 – the NC Realtors PAC gave a total of \$1.1 million to legislative candidates (winners and losers). Their close allies, the NC Home Builders PAC, donated a total \$760,000 during the same period. Combined, the two PACs gave \$1.9 million in the past three elections. The Home Builders PAC ranked 4th in 2006 and 2nd in 2002.
- The Realtors and Home Builders spread their PAC donations broadly among many members, as do many PACs in North Carolina. Overall, 156 of the 170 members elected to the General Assembly in 2006 got a contribution from the Realtors PAC or the Home Builders PAC – 92% of those elected.
- The split between the House and Senate leadership on the transfer tax perhaps mirrors the split in levels of support from the Realtors PAC in 2006. Senate races can be more expensive, but it's instructive to see that 64% of the Senators now in office got at least \$3,500 from the NC Realtors PAC in 2006 election, compared to 37% of House members receiving that much.

TOP RECIPIENTS OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE NC REALTORS PAC AND NC HOME BUILDERS PAC, 2005-2006

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>LEGISLATOR</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>LEGISLATOR</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>
\$20,500	WALTER DALTON	SENATE	\$12,500	R. C. SOLES	SENATE
16,000	DAVID HOYLE	SENATE	12,000	THOMAS WRIGHT	HOUSE
16,000	MARC BASNIGHT	SENATE	11,500	JULIA HOWARD	HOUSE
16,000	TONY RAND	SENATE	11,000	CLARK JENKINS	SENATE
15,500	FRED SMITH	SENATE	11,000	JIM HARRELL	HOUSE
15,500	PHIL BERGER	SENATE	10,500	TOM APODACA	SENATE
14,500	A. B. SWINDELL	SENATE	9,750	JEAN PRESTON	SENATE
14,500	BRUCE GOFORTH	HOUSE	9,700	PAUL STAM	HOUSE
14,000	HAROLD BRUBAKER	HOUSE	9,000	BILL OWENS	HOUSE
13,750	NELSON DOLLAR	HOUSE	9,000	MITCH GILLESPIE	HOUSE
13,250	JIM CRAWFORD	HOUSE	8,500	LINDA GARROU	SENATE

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>LEGISLATOR</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>			
			\$4,500	MITCH SETZER	HOUSE
\$8,500	PRYOR GIBSON	HOUSE	4,500	JIM JACUMIN	SENATE
8,500	RICHARD STEVENS	SENATE	4,500	LORENE COATES	HOUSE
8,000	DANNY MCCOMAS	HOUSE	4,500	STAN BINGHAM	SENATE
8,000	DEWEY HILL	HOUSE	4,500	TRACY WALKER	HOUSE
8,000	DREW SAUNDERS	HOUSE	4,250	BOBBY ENGLAND	HOUSE
8,000	HUGH HOLLIMAN	HOUSE	4,250	MARK HILTON	HOUSE
8,000	NELSON COLE	HOUSE	4,250	MALCOLM GRAHAM	SENATE
8,000	JOE KISER	HOUSE	4,250	LAURA WILEY	HOUSE
7,500	DAN CLODFELTER	SENATE	4,250	JOHN BLUST	HOUSE
7,500	NEAL HUNT	SENATE	4,250	LINDA JOHNSON	HOUSE
7,250	WILLIAM PURCELL	SENATE	4,250	RAY RAPP	HOUSE
7,000	KAY HAGAN	SENATE	4,250	TIMOTHY SPEAR	HOUSE
7,000	MARTIN NESBITT	SENATE	4,250	PHILIP FRYE	HOUSE
6,750	AUSTIN ALLRAN	SENATE	4,150	JOHN SNOW	SENATE
6,750	ROBERT GRADY	HOUSE	4,000	DAVID ALMOND	HOUSE
6,500	DEBBIE CLARY	HOUSE	4,000	DAN BLUE	HOUSE
6,500	JERRY DOCKHAM	HOUSE	4,000	BEVERLY EARLE	HOUSE
6,500	JOE TOLSON	HOUSE	4,000	JEFF BARNHART	HOUSE
6,500	RUSSELL TUCKER	HOUSE	4,000	ROBERT ATWATER	SENATE
6,500	TIM MOORE	HOUSE	3,800	JOE SAM QUEEN	SENATE
6,250	BILL FAISON	HOUSE	3,750	DOUG YONGUE	HOUSE
6,250	KAREN RAY	HOUSE	3,750	BRYAN HOLLOWAY	HOUSE
6,250	VERNON MALONE	SENATE	3,750	JEAN FARMER-B'FIELD	HOUSE
6,000	BILL DAUGHTRIDGE	HOUSE	3,750	MARGARET DICKSON	HOUSE
6,000	LEO DAUGHTRY	HOUSE	3,750	RONNIE SUTTON	HOUSE
5,750	EDDIE GOODALL	SENATE	3,750	THOM TILLIS	HOUSE
5,750	HARRY BROWN	SENATE	3,650	LARRY BROWN	HOUSE
5,500	HARRIS BLAKE	SENATE	3,500	GEORGE HOLMES	HOUSE
5,500	JAMES FORRESTER	SENATE	3,500	JAMES LANGDON	HOUSE
5,500	DAVID LEWIS	HOUSE	3,500	RIC KILLIAN	HOUSE
5,500	EDITH WARREN	HOUSE	3,500	PETE CUNNINGHAM	HOUSE
5,500	JULIA BOSEMAN	SENATE	3,250	CURTIS BLACKWOOD	HOUSE
5,500	WALTER CHURCH	HOUSE	3,250	CARY ALLRED	HOUSE
5,400	ROGER WEST	HOUSE	3,250	MARVIN LUCAS	HOUSE
5,250	CAROLYN JUSTUS	HOUSE	3,000	ARTHUR WILLIAMS	HOUSE
5,250	ANDREW BROCK	SENATE	3,000	EARLINE PARMON	HOUSE
5,250	DAVID WEINSTEIN	SENATE	3,000	MARTHA ALEXANDER	HOUSE
5,250	MICHAEL WRAY	HOUSE	3,000	PETE BRUNSTETTER	SENATE
5,000	FLETCHER HARTSELL	SENATE	2,750	GEORGE CLEVELAND	HOUSE
5,000	MARIAN MCLAWHORN	HOUSE	2,750	JOE BOYLAN	HOUSE
4,750	FRED STEEN	HOUSE	2,750	LARRY SHAW	SENATE
4,750	DON EAST	SENATE	2,750	PAT MCELRAFT	HOUSE
4,750	JERRY TILLMAN	SENATE	2,750	WILLIAM MCGEE	HOUSE
4,750	JIM GULLEY	HOUSE	2,500	EARL JONES	HOUSE
4,750	ROBERT PITTENGER	SENATE	2,500	BECKY CARNEY	HOUSE
4,750	WILLIAM WAINWRIGHT	HOUSE	2,500	KATIE DORSETT	SENATE
4,750	TRUDI WALEND	HOUSE	2,500	JIMMY LOVE	HOUSE
4,500	EDGAR STARNES	HOUSE	2,500	LUCY ALLEN	HOUSE
4,500	LOUIS PATE	HOUSE	\$816,400	TOTAL FROM 2 PACs	

SOURCE: Based on reports of the PACs filed with the State Board of Elections. Compiled July 2007