Candidate Contributions

The political action committee of the American Physical Therapy Association (PTPAC) disbursed more than $1.1 million in direct contributions to federal candidates, leadership PACs, and national political party committees. Direct contributions made by PTPAC were given to both Democratic (52%) and Republican candidates (48%) - the most bipartisan major health care PAC in the country. 94% of the candidates that PTPAC supported won on Election Day.

Of the 34 Senate races, PTPAC supported:

- 17 candidates for election (17 won - 100%)
- Key Senate Leaders on PT Issues Won - Senators Susan Collins (R-ME), Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Richard Durbin (D-IL), Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), Mark Kelly (D-AZ), Mike Rounds (R-SD), Tina Smith (D-MN), and Thom Tillis (R-NC).

Of the 435 House races, PTPAC supported:

- 251 candidates for election (237 candidates won)
- 25 newly elected Representatives to Congress

APTA Member Participation and Donations

PTPAC raised almost $1.5 million in the 2019-2020 election cycle. Personal contributions to PTPAC in the cycle decreased by 2.1% compared to 2017-2018 cycle and business contributions decreased by 0.8%. Business contributions to PTPAC over the 2019-2020 election cycle represents 23% of the overall contributions (no change from the previous election cycle).

In 2020, 4.7% of APTA members contributed to PTPAC (6.6% PTs, 3.3% PTAs, and 0.98% Students). Overall participation decreased by 1.1% from last year, the average contribution to PT-PAC is $145.76. PTPAC Eagle club participation continues to enhance PTPAC’s efforts on Capitol Hill with 459 individuals participating.
Top 10 Health Care Provider PACs in 2019-2020 Election Cycle
Contributions to Campaigns
1. American Society of Anesthesiologists
2. American Optometric Association
3. American Dental Association
4. American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons
5. American Medical Association
6. American College of Emergency Physicians
7. American Physical Therapy Association
8. American Academy of Radiology
9. American Academy of Dermatology Association
10. American Association of Nurse Anesthetists