

BIG BUSINESS INFLUENCE ON CONGRESSIONAL ERGONOMICS OPPONENTS

Election Cycle 2000 Political Contributions

The main opponents of the ergonomics standard have contributed millions to Republican lawmakers who killed ergonomics protections for workers.

	TOTAL	Democrats		Republicans		
		Amount	%	Amount	%	
UPS	\$ 2,918,969	\$ 846,501	29%	2900%	\$ 2,072,468	71%
FedEx	\$ 2,578,978	\$ 876,853	34%	3400%	\$ 1,676,336	65%
National Beer Wholesalers	\$ 2,124,911	\$ 403,733	19%	1900%	\$ 1,721,178	81%
Anheuser-Busch	\$ 1,681,075	\$ 823,727	49%	4900%	\$ 857,348	51%
American Trucking Association	\$ 1,097,563	\$ 241,464	22%	2200%	\$ 856,099	78%
NFIB	\$ 1,062,142	\$ 31,864	3%	300%	\$ 1,030,278	97%
Food Marketing Institute	\$ 795,233	\$ 55,666	7%	700%	\$ 739,567	93%
National Restaurant Association	\$ 791,034	\$ 118,655	15%	1500%	\$ 672,379	85%
U.S. Chamber of Commerce	\$ 516,249	\$ 30,975	6%	600%	\$ 485,274	94%
American Insurance Association	\$ 490,386	\$ 44,135	9%		\$ 446,251	91%
National Softdrink Association	\$ 313,644	\$ 65,865	21%	700%	\$ 247,779	79%
Food Distributors International	\$ 365,813	\$ 7,316	2%	200%	\$ 358,497	98%
American Bakers Association	\$ 143,300	\$ -	0%	900%	\$ 143,300	100%
Total/Average	\$ 14,879,297	\$ 3,546,754	17%	17	\$ 11,306,753	83%

Source: Center for Responsive Politics, 1999-2000 election cycle.