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Legislators Received Over \$500,000 from Gambling and Pro-Marijuana Donors While Debating Changes This Year

A new analysis of political fundraising in North Carolina reveals that during the first half of 2023, while state legislators debated legalizing various forms of gambling and marijuana use, they also collected \$530,000 in campaign contributions from political donors tied to those activities.

Much of the political money came from outside the state, as well as from donors sanctioned in the past for illegal gambling and drug operations, according to Bob Hall, a longtime analyst of campaign finances. He provided profiles of a dozen donors who have been arrested for illegal slot machines, fined \$1 million for bribes, described by state regulators as “not persons of good character,” or forced to destroy \$1 million worth of illegally produced drugs. (See profiles below.)

“It’s hard to understand why legislative leaders would want to help these shady characters, particularly in the gambling industry, until you see all the money they give politicians,” said Hall.

He pointed out that a contribution from a donor in the gambling or marijuana business was the largest donation for 40 percent of the legislators who raised at least \$10,000 from individuals between January 1 and June 30, 2023.

The top recipients – all Republicans – are Rep. Jason Saine (\$42,200 from gambling and cannabis related donors), Sen. Brent Jackson (\$34,800), Rep. John Bell (\$29,000), Sen. Jim Perry (\$25,100), Sen. Bill Rabon (\$23,400), and Rep. Destin Hall (\$16,200).

House Democratic leader Rep. Robert Reives received a bundle of nine donations on the same day totaling \$8,100 from donors with the recently revived NC Coin Operators Association, a trade group for video poker vendors.

Hall noted that more than half the \$530,000 came from individuals who had never given to a North Carolina legislator before 2022. “Suddenly, they’re writing checks for \$2,000 or \$5,000 to a legislator. It looks like a lobbyist or somebody told them that this is a pay-to-play state – you need to put in the money if you want your bill passed this year or next.”

North Carolina law bans lobbyists from giving or delivering contributions to a legislator, but it’s not illegal for someone who hires a lobbyist to donate to legislators while they are deciding how to vote on a bill promoted by the lobbyist. “People might call that bribery,” said Hall, “but the US Supreme Court says the donation is a form of free speech.”

According to Hall’s review of the [NC Secretary of State’s records](#), 38 gambling-related businesses and associations – including 29 based outside North Carolina – are paying 71 different lobbyists to promote their agenda this year to 170 state legislators. The list ranges from Las Vegas-based casino chains to local sweepstakes machine vendors. (See list below; sports organizations and NC sports venues that helped pass online sports betting are not included.)

Thirteen pro-cannabis firms and groups also have registered 29 lobbyists.

Hall believes more money than the \$530,000 he could identify is flowing into political committees that benefit legislative leaders. “There are so many wealthy interests involved in this all-out push for legalization, and so many secretive ways to move political money, I’m just showing you a slice here – and this just covers a six-month period,” he added. “They’re raising more money every day.”

He said the \$530,000 received since January is in addition to the \$885,000 that lawmakers received before January from a network of video sweepstakes donors. Hall filed a complaint in May with the State Board of Elections regarding those donations. His complaint [called for an investigation](#) of possible illegal bundling by donors tied to the NC Coin Operators Association and possible illegal activity by lobbyists coordinating the delivery of donations.

“I’m sending this new research to the State Board as well,” he said, “because it shows more bundling and indicates more involvement of lobbyists, possibly in soliciting or delivering campaign money to legislators during the legislative session, which would be illegal.”

He pointed out that the largest donor in the first half of 2023, Clint Patterson of Owasso, Oklahoma, gave a total of \$137,900 to 26 legislators and their caucus committees. Most recipients listed Patterson on their campaign reports as an attorney or left his occupation blank; none identified him as the chief executive of Mockingbird Cannabis, a national marijuana distributor that hired lobbyists in Raleigh shortly before the NC General Assembly convened in January. Campaign reports show most of his donations were received just before the legislative session began, but some legislators recorded receiving his donation during the session.

“It’s all very curious – the odd description of so many checks from an Oklahoma donor who obviously needed help about who to support, the timing of the donations, and the apparent coordination with lobbyists,” said Hall.

He also noted that a [report by Carolina Public Press](#) revealed that executives with The Cordish Companies gave \$32,400 to state legislators in 2022, which is not included in his data about video poker. Cordish owns the national chain of Live! Casinos and is seeking to develop an entertainment district in Rockingham County. Many area residents [strongly oppose the project](#), but it’s backed by the county’s state senator, Senate leader Phil Berger, who received a Cordish donation, and by his son, Rockingham County commissioner Kevin Berger.

Former Congressman Mark Walker, who is helping opponents of the Cordish development, recently [told a reporter](#) with WFAE radio, “So, there’s a lot of things here that just don’t pass the smell test.” Then he explained, “I was blessed to serve in the fourth-highest position in Congress on the Republican side – I know how some of this stuff works. And when people [lawmakers] start cashing checks, they’re feeling like they’re getting to a place of a point of no return.”

“The donors’ checks are crucial for understanding what’s going on,” Hall said. “This sudden embrace by legislative leaders of big time gambling in particular is so strange, given North Carolina’s conservative history and longstanding opposition from law enforcement and pastors. You have to follow the money.”

“All the old reasons about addiction, crime, social decay and victimizing the poor are suddenly no longer very important,” Hall added. “It’s now all about the money – the money received and the money to be gained.”

DONOR PROFILES: A DISMAL DOZEN

Robert E. (Bobby) Huckabee III, president of Wilmington-based Southland Amusement, gave a total of \$37,000 during the first six months of 2023. In the previous four years, he and his wife donated \$187,000 to dozens of legislators, other candidates and party committees. Twenty years ago, Huckabee was in the middle of a scandal involving more than \$100,000 from video poker donors to House Speaker Jim Black. Much of that [money was tied to Southland Amusement](#), but before Huckabee could be subpoenaed to testify in the Black investigation, he left for an extended stay in the Virgin Islands, where he owns Southland Gaming. More recently, in the Virgin Islands, Southland Gaming [was sued](#) for making millions of dollars from illegal slot machines. Federal auditors have also found [serious accounting problems](#) with how the company manages the Virgin Island Lottery and calculates the government's correct share of revenues.

Clint Patterson of Owasso, Oklahoma, is the largest individual donor to NC legislators in the first six months of 2023; he gave a total of \$137,900 to 26 lawmakers and their 4 caucus committees. Patterson is listed on most campaign reports as an attorney. He is also chief executive officer of Mockingbird Cannabis, a leading grower and distributor of marijuana. Soon after Mockingbird [successfully lobbied](#) Mississippi to approve regulations for the sale of medical marijuana in 2022, it became the largest supplier of the drug in the state. But Mississippi regulators [cited the company](#) for growing marijuana plants in illegal greenhouses, which gave Mockingbird a significant cost advantage over its competitors, according to news reports. The regulators later [ordered Mockingbird](#) to destroy over \$1 million worth of its illegally-produced plants.

Campaign reports show Patterson gave either \$2,500 or \$5,600 to 26 North Carolina legislators in the first two months of 2023, his first contributions in the state. As the scale of his donations indicates, Patterson and Mockingbird Cannabis are pushing hard to legalize medical marijuana in North Carolina. They have [partnered with SkyRidge Unlimited](#), a start-up based in Cullowhee, which is co-led by an official from Mockingbird's operation in Mississippi. SkyRidge and Mockingbird Holding each hired the same four lobbyists to advocate for drug reforms in the General Assembly, according to records with the NC Secretary of State. Two of the lobbyists registered in late December 2022; Patterson's donations to targeted legislators began showing up a few weeks later.

Brett Blanks of Lexington, South Carolina, contributed a total of \$9,000 to House Majority Leader John Bell and Rep. Ray Pickett. He continued to distribute video poker gambling machines in South Carolina after the games were outlawed there, [according to the state's court of appeals](#). Even after that court's ruling, Blanks continued to [supply machines to stores](#), including one owned by a Lexington town council member [who was indicted](#) in 2014 for paying a police chief to release seized gambling machines.

Michael Gelatka, now of St. John, Indiana, and longtime co-owner of G3 Gaming LLC donated \$6,400 to House Appropriations Committee Senior Chair Jason Saine. He's the former president of the Illinois Gaming Machine Operators Association (IGMOA) and helped video gambling machines [proliferate across the state](#) after they became legal in 2009. In fact, their rapid expansion siphoned so much gambling money from the state's multiple casinos that casino companies began investing in video poker companies, effectively merging the two businesses. Gelatka stepped down from his position as president of the IGMOA soon after the Illinois Gaming Board [filed a complaint](#) against

G3 Gaming LLC which said “he knowingly entered fictitious numbers” on a gaming license and the company’s violations demonstrated that its owners “are not persons of good character, honesty and integrity.” Gelatka is now [director of strategic initiatives](#) for Accel Entertainment Group, the “[largest \[gambling\] terminal operator in the nation.](#)”

Michael Pappas of Orlando Park, IL, is executive vice president for business development for the Accel Entertainment Group. He donated the maximum \$6,400 to Senate Appropriations Committee Co-Chair Brent Jackson in mid-March; like Gelatka, it was his first donation to a NC legislator. Accel was the [largest distributor of video poker terminals in Illinois](#) when Rivers Casino announced a \$32.5 million investment in the company in 2014. It has operations in 11 states, and a [section of its website](#) is already promoting its video terminals in North Carolina: “Should the State approve regulated VTLs, you’ll want to be prepared to take advantage. There’s no better way to prepare than partnering with Accel Entertainment.” The company has been involved in numerous legal troubles, including paying a [\\$1 million fine](#) in June 2023 to the Illinois Gaming Board for paying illegal commissions or “essentially brib[ing] businesses into working with them.” Accel Entertainment has four lobbyists registered in North Carolina.

Richard Frye of Pinehurst owns Sandhills Amusement and Sanstar Enterprises; he gave \$6,000 to two legislators in 2023, Senators Bill Rabon and Tom McInnis. Ten years ago, the Onslow County Sheriff seized several of Frye’s video poker machines as illegal gambling devices. [Frye filed suit](#), claiming his machines did not violate North Carolina’s law against games of chance. His attorneys scored some successes as the case slowly made its way through the courts, but in 2022, the [NC Supreme Court finally ruled](#) his machines were illegal. Meanwhile, Frye hired lobbyists to change the law and donated \$53,100 to North Carolina politicians and party committees in that period from 2013 through 2022; he also served as president of one of the industry’s sequence of lobbying associations, the Entertainment Group of NC. His company, Sanstar Enterprises, continues to retain one lobbyist, Rufus Edmisten.

Michael Macke of Duluth, Georgia, is [chairman of Primero Games LLC](#) and owner of Tellico Coin, two suppliers of video poker and other gambling machines in North Carolina and elsewhere. Macke gave \$1,000 apiece to House Speaker Tim Moore and four other legislators in the first six month of 2023 – plus \$46,900 in NC campaign contributions in the previous four years. Although he lives in Georgia, Macke’s companies belong to the North Carolina Coin Operators Association (NCCOA), and like some others in NCCOA, he’s [been indicted](#) in this state for distributing illegal gambling machines. Like other NCCOA members, he has ramped up his lobbying effort to legalize his gambling devices. Macke’s Primero Games hired five lobbyists in 2023 (up from two in 2019), including a former majority leader of the NC House and former chair of the NC Republican Party.

Matthew Penley of High Point and **Anthony Kearey** of Charlotte are principals in a new North Carolina partnership that is licensed to [distribute marijuana in Michigan](#) – although the men don’t publicize that business on their LinkedIn pages. [Kearey](#) owns Jant Industries and the [Mason Jar Group](#), a network of restaurants and bars in the Charlotte area. He gave \$6,400 in April to Rep. Tricia Cotham (her campaign report misspells his name as Keary) and \$72,000 in 2022 to 11 legislators, including \$11,200 each to Senate Rules Chair Bill Rabon and House Majority Leader John Bell. [Penley](#) is a member of the family that began Old Dominion Freight Line and that owns [a large share of Carolina Core](#), the Triad’s new men’s soccer team. Penley gave \$6,400 each to nine legislators in the first half of 2023 for a total of \$57,600, plus \$22,400 in 2022 to four legislators.

State Board of Elections records show that neither Kearey nor Penley had donated to any NC legislator before 2022, the year they formed their marijuana partnership. Kearey’s Jant Industries has three lobbyists in Raleigh devoted to “agriculture, horticulture” issues, aka cannabis.

Gordon Blackwelder is president of the Grover Gaming, based in Greenville, NC. He contributed a total of \$7,500 in January 2023 to Senators Jim Perry and Paul Newton. [Grover Gaming’s](#) website says it develops online and land-based gambling games, markets a casino management system and distributes video terminals in six states. Blackwelder and other company officials donated a total of \$48,900 during 2019-2022 to NC candidates and political committees. “We are proud to call North Carolina home, and although we employ over 300 people at our headquarters here in Greenville, our five facilities in Pitt County, and our game studio in Wilmington – we do zero business in our home state because of current laws,” company attorney [Marc Downing told](#) Greenville’s *Daily Reflector* in June. “We’re confident changing those laws to allow licensed video gaming would create hundreds more jobs in eastern North Carolina, generate millions in new tax revenue for local communities like ours and provide countless economic and public safety benefits across our state.” The company has two lobbyists in Raleigh.

Jonathan Sutton, also based in Greenville, is president of Sutton Amusement and a NCCOA member. He spread \$16,000 in donations among 12 legislators in the first six months of 2023, including House Speaker Tim Moore and House Democratic Leader Robert Reives. The Sutton family has been involved in video gaming for decades and has suffered a number of setbacks, including [seizure of their machines](#), the [arrest of \(Anthony\) Todd Sutton](#) for operating illegal games, and a [fire this month](#) that destroyed Jonathan Sutton’s headquarters building in Greenville. A sweepstakes parlor that Todd owned in Chicago was [cited in 2018 for “facilitating gambling,”](#) and in April 2022, Todd [pled guilty](#) to conducting illegal gambling operations in Michigan. Since 2019, Jonathan, Todd and other Sutton family members have donated a total of \$54,000 to the campaigns of NC legislators.

LIST OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS IN NC AND THEIR CLIENTS/PRINCIPALS

GAMBLING INTERESTS BASED OUTSIDE NORTH CAROLINA

- **Accel Entertainment** - Burr Ridge, IL
Lobbyists: Henley, Cameron L.; Sloan, Mary Stuart; Pittman, Christopher; Baum, Daniel
- **Aristocrat Technologies, Inc.** - Las Vegas, NV 89135
Lobbyists: Wall, Chris; Wilkinson, Kevin
- **BetMGM, LLC** - Jersey City, NJ 07311
Lobbyists: Ostrow, Sean; Ward, Scott
- **BMM North America, Inc.** - Las Vegas, NV 89119
Lobbyists: Martin, Lisa D.; Kostrzewa, Theresa
- **Catawba Indian Nation** - Rock Hill, SC 29730
Lobbyists: Tillett, Johnny L.; Barnhart, Jeff; Deans, Jason; Freeman, Franklin; Reel, Dylan
- **CAESARS Enterprise Services, LLC** - Las Vegas, NV 89109
Lobbyists: Sands, Alexander P. III; Barnhardt, Ross
- **Churchill Downs Inc.** - Louisville, KY 40222
Lobbyists: Freeman, Nelson; Charles Franklin; Easterling, John Carry III
- **The Cordish Companies** - Baltimore, MD 21202

- Lobbyists: Copeland, Tony; Almond, Zachary Dean; Harrell, James A. III; Kimbrell, Tracy W.; Moretz, Drew
- **DraftKings Inc.** - Boston, MA 02116
Lobbyists: Ostrow, Sean; Ward, Scott; Mohrmann, John; London, Rebecca
 - **E-Max Gaming Corporation** - Cleveland, OH 44144
Lobbyist: King, Joseph Wayne II
 - **Entertainment Software Association** - Washington, DC 20001
Lobbyists: Robinson, Elizabeth; Ellen, Andy
 - **FanDuel Group** - New York, NY 10010
Lobbyists: Ostrow, Sean; Tremblay, Matthew; Ward, Scott; Fernandez, Cesar
 - **Fantasy Sports Operator Coalition** - Arlington, VA 22209
Lobbyists: Stancil, KJ; Laster, Scott; McCorkle, Elizabeth "Betsy" Grace; Stock, Christopher
 - **FBG Enterprises Opco, LLC.** - New York, NY 10013
Lobbyists: Iden, Brandt; Ostrow, Sean; Ward, Scott
 - **Game Play Network** - Los Angeles, CA 90024
Lobbyist: Marsh, Anna Scott
 - **Golden Entertainment, Inc.** - Las Vegas, NV 89118
Lobbyist: Stilwell, Zane B. II
 - **Gold Rush Gaming** - Hoffman Estates, IL 60192
Lobbyist: Martin, Logan T
 - **J&J Ventures Gaming, LLC** - Effingham, IL 62401
Lobbyists: Isley, Philip; Briggs, Alexandra; Stillwell, Zane B. II; Freeman, Nelson; Billips, Hampton Michael; Henderson, Lauren; McDowell, Charles Franklin; Easterling, John Carry III
 - **Light & Wonder, Inc.** - Las Vegas, NV 89119
Lobbyists: Henley, Cameron L.; Pittman, Christopher; Baum, Daniel; Sloan, Mary Stuart
 - **NC Development Holdings, LLC c/o The Cordish Companies** - Baltimore, MD
Lobbyists: Fetzer, Tom H.; Almond, Zachary Dean; McCrimmon, La'Tanta; LT); Vick, Susan Fetzer
 - **Penn Entertainment, Inc.** - Wyomissing, PA 19610
Lobbyist: Stilwell, Zane B. II
 - **Primero Games, LLC** - Duluth, GA 30096
Lobbyists: Hager, Michael Dean; Holley, Reginald Ronald; Hager, Breanna E.; Vick, Susan Fetzer; Fetzer, Tom H.
 - **Rush Street Gaming LLC** - Chicago, IL 60611
Lobbyists: Henderson, Lauren; Isley, Philip; McDowell, Charles Franklin; Freeman, Nelson
 - **Scientific Games, LLC** - Alpharetta, GA 30004
Lobbyists: Pittman, Christopher; Baum, Daniel; Sloan, Mary Stuart; Henley, Cameron L.
 - **SidePrize LLC d/b/a PrizePicks** - Arlington, VA 22209
Lobbyists: Heart, Ron; Saum, Shane; McDowell, Charles Franklin; Easterling, John Carry III; Pauley, John
 - **Sports Betting Alliance** - Alexandria, VA 22031
Lobbyists: McCrimmon, La'Tanta; LT); Ballantine, Patrick; Perryman, Lu-Ann C.; Powers, David Murphy; Deloatch, Demetrius R.; Mitchell, Will; Arthur, Alexina Morgan
 - **Underdog Fantasy** - Brooklyn, NY 11201

Lobbyists: McCorkle, Elizabeth "Betsy" Grace; Stern, Stacie; Henley, Cameron L.; Stancil, KJ; Laster, Scott; Stock, Christopher

- **United Gaming LLC** - Atlanta, GA 30309
Lobbyists: Heath, D. Bowen; Sevier, Thomas Wayne Jr.
- **WSI US, LLC (Wynn Resorts/Casinos)** - Las Vegas, NV 89119
Lobbyists: Horton, Chase; Ferrell, David P.

GAMBLING INTERESTS BASED INSIDE NORTH CAROLINA

- **4Leaf Technologies** - Elon, NC 27244
Lobbyist(s): McCorkle, Elizabeth "Betsy" Grace; Laster, Scott; Stancil, KJ; Stock, Christopher
- **BST USA, LLC** - Clemmons, NC 27012
Lobbyists: Barnhardt, Ross; Sands, Alexander P. III
- **Cash Titan** - Charlotte, NC 28269
Lobbyist: Joyner, Jason W
- **Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians** - Cherokee, NC 28719
Lobbyists: Hardin, John A.; King, Lewis; Morgan, William
- **Grover Gaming, Inc.** - Greenville, NC 27834
Lobbyists: Arthur, Alexina Morgan; Marsh, Anna Scott
- **Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina** - Pembroke, NC 28372
Lobbyists: Henderson, Lauren; Easterling, John Carry III; Freeman, Nelson; McDowell, Charles Franklin
- **Multi-Player Game Association** - High Point, NC
Lobbyists: Wall, Chris; Wilkinson, Kevin; Munn, Andrew Charlton
- **North Carolina Vending Association** [includes video/sweepstakes game vendors] - Cary, NC 27511
Lobbyist: Carlton, Richard H.
- **Sanstar Enterprises, Inc.** - Southern Pines, NC
Lobbyist: Edmisten, Rufus

MARIJUANA INTERESTS

- **Appalachian Standard, LLC** - Candler, NC 28715
Lobbyists: Arthur, Alexina Morgan; Ballantine, Patrick
- **Cannabis Alliance of North Carolina** - Charlotte, NC 28270
Lobbyist: Stilwell, Zane B. II
- **Good Seven Management, LLC (Good Day Farm)**- Little Rock, AR 72201
Lobbyists: Barnhardt, Ross; Sands, Alexander P. III
- **GrooveWagon Inc** - Raleigh, NC 27608
Lobbyists: Hardin, John A.; King, Lewis
- **Jant Industries, LLC** - Charlotte, NC 28202
Lobbyists: McDowell, Charles Franklin; Freeman, Nelson; Henderson, Lauren
- **The North Carolina Medical Cannabis Association** - Winston-Salem, NC 27101
Lobbyists: Freeman, Nelson; Hanes, Edward Francis Jr.; Henderson, Lauren; McDowell, Charles Franklin; Easterling, John Carry III
- **Mockingbird Holdings, LLC 1577** - Raymond, MS 39154
Lobbyists: Metcalf, John; Metcalf, Steve; Whitley, Cassidy Robertson; Miller, Alexander C.

- **NuVista Medical** - Winston-Salem, NC 27103
Lobbyists: Hanes, Edward Francis Jr.; Henderson, Lauren; McDowell, Charles Franklin
- **Qualla Enterprises LLC** - Cherokee, NC 28719
Lobbyist: Harrell, James A. III
- **Sensible South** - Morrisville, NC 27560
Lobbyists: Martin, Lisa D.; Kostrzewa, Theresa
- **SkyRidge Unlited, LLC** - Franklin, NC 28734
Lobbyists: Metcalf, John; Metcalf, Steve; Whitley, Cassidy Robertson; Miller, Alexander C.
- **Story Companies LLC** - Las Vegas, NV 89146
Lobbyists: Snyder, John C. III; Powers, David Murphy
- **Trulieve** - Tampe, AZ 85821
Lobbyists: Kimbro, Ben; Henley, Cameron L.; Pittman, Christopher; Sloan, Mary Stuart; Niehaus, Lauren; Bauer, Andrew; Baum, Daniel; Scoggin, William G.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM GAMBLING AND MARIJUANA RELATED DONORS, JAN. 1 – JUNE 30, 2023					
Donor's Name	City	Business Field	Recipient Committee	Date	Amount \$
MICHAEL G PAPPAS	ORLAND PARK, IL	ACCEL ENTERTAINMENT	BRENT JACKSON FOR NC SENATE	3/15/2023	6,400
COURTNEY SUTTON	WILMINGTON	SELF EMPLOYED	BRENT JACKSON FOR NC SENATE	3/30/2023	4,000
FRED AYERS JR	GREENSBORO	COLONIAL VENDING	BRENT JACKSON FOR NC SENATE	3/30/2023	5,000
JASON L HEFNER	WINSTON SALEM	COIN DROP AMUSEMENTS	BRENT JACKSON FOR NC SENATE	3/30/2023	4,000
KEITH LOFLIN	DENTON, NC	SOUTHERN AMUSMENTS	BRENT JACKSON FOR NC SENATE	3/30/2023	4,000
STEPHEN BUCHANAN	GREENSBORO, NC	ALLSTATE AMUSEMENTS	BRENT JACKSON FOR NC SENATE	6/14/2023	5,000
BOBBY HUCKABEE	WRIGHTSVILLE BCH	SOUTHLAND	BRENT JACKSON FOR NC SENATE	6/23/2023	6,400
JOHN BARNES	WAKE FOREST	CAPITAL GAMES	CARSON SMITH FOR NC HOUSE	6/2/2023	500
JONATHAN SUTTON	GREENVILLE, NC	SUTTON AMUSEMENTS GMD	CARSON SMITH FOR NC HOUSE	6/2/2023	1,000
KEITH LOFLIN	DURHAM, NC	SOUTHERN AMUSEMENETS	CARSON SMITH FOR NC HOUSE	6/2/2023	2,000
MATTHEW ALLAN PENLEY	HIGH POINT, NC	MK RESOURCES	CECIL BROCKMAN FOR NC HOUSE	2/22/2023	6,400
CLINT M. PATTERSON	OWASSO, OK	PATTERSON LAW FIRM	CHRIS HUMPHREY COMMITTEE	1/10/2023	2,500
CLINT M PATTERSON	OWASSO, OK	ATTORNEY	CITIZENS FOR DAN BLUE	1/10/2023	5,600
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS	CHEROKEE, NC		CITIZENS FOR DESTIN HALL	1/17/2023	5,600
CLINT PATTERSON	OWASSO, OK	PATTERSON LAW FIRM	CITIZENS FOR DESTIN HALL	1/25/2023	5,600
JASON HEFNER	WINSTON-SALEM	FORSYTH MEDICAL CENTER	CITIZENS FOR DESTIN HALL	5/24/2023	1,000

RICKY RUPPE	GAFFNEY, SC	R&R AMUSEMENTS OF NC	CITIZENS FOR DESTIN HALL	5/24/2023	4,000
CLINT PATTERSON	OWASSO, OK	ATTORNEY	COMM TO ELECT BRENDEN JONES	1/23/2023	5,600
CHRISTY DESJARDINS	HOPE MILLS, NC	NEW VEMCO MUSIC CO	COMM TO ELECT BRENDEN JONES	6/26/2023	5,000
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS	CHEROKEE, NC		COMM TO ELECT CHARLES MILLER	1/18/2023	5,600
JONATHAN SUTTON	GREENVILLE, NC	SUTTON AMUSEMENTS GMD	COMM TO ELECT CHARLES MILLER	6/5/2023	1,000
MICHAEL MACKE	DULUTH, GA	TELLICO & PRIMERO	COMM TO ELECT CHARLES MILLER	6/5/2023	1,000
TAMMY SNODGRASS	HOLLY RIDGE	MUSIC VENDORS	COMM TO ELECT CHARLES MILLER	6/5/2023	1,250
BOBBY HUCKABEE	WRIGHTSBILLE BCH	SOUTHLAND	COMM TO ELECT CHARLES MILLER	6/30/2023	2,500
CLINT PATTERSON	OWASSO, OK	RETIRED	COMM TO ELECT DONNY LAMBETH	1/31/2023	2,500
CLINT PATTERSON	OWASSO, OK	NOT EMPLOYED	COMM TO ELECT ERIN PARE	2/27/2023	2,500
BRANDON BARNES	WAKE FOREST	CAPITAL GAMES	COMM TO ELECT ERIN PARE	6/30/2023	500
JOHN G MARTIN JR	SANFORD, NC	J & J VENDING SERVICE, INC	COMM TO ELECT ERIN PARE	6/30/2023	2,000
JONATHAN K SUTTON	GREENVILLE, NC	SUTTON AMUSEMENTS GMD	COMM TO ELECT ERIN PARE	6/30/2023	1,000
JASON HEFNER	WINSTON SALEM	FORSYTH MEDICAL CENTER	COMM TO ELECT JAKE JOHNSON	6/5/2023	1,000
MICHAEL M MACKE	DULUTH, GA	TELLICO ENTERPRISES	COMM TO ELECT JAKE JOHNSON	6/5/2023	1,000
TRADD M BURN	GOLD HILL, NC	SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRIBUTORS	COMM TO ELECT JAKE JOHNSON	6/5/2023	4,000
ADAM IVERS	Winston Salem		COMM TO ELECT JEFF ZENGER	6/26/2023	500
CLINT PATTERSON	OWASSO, OK	PATTERSON LAW FIRM	COMM TO ELECT KARL GILLESPIE	1/10/2023	5,600
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS	CHEROKEE, NC		COMM TO ELECT KARL GILLESPIE	1/12/2023	5,600
CLINT PATTERSON	OWASSO, OK	PATTERSON LAW FIRM	COMM TO ELECT KRISTIN BAKER	1/24/2023	2,500
CLINT PATTERSON	OWASSO, OK	PATTERSON LAW FIRM	COMM TO ELECT MICHAEL LEE	1/24/2023	5,600
TEDDY NORTON	LAURINBURG, NC	NORTON AMUSEMENTS	COMM TO ELECT MICHAEL LEE	4/25/2023	4,000
BOBBY HUCKABEE	WRIGHTSVILE BCH	SOUTHLAND AMESUMENTS	COMM TO ELECT MICHAEL LEE	6/5/2023	6,400
JONATHAN SUTTON	GREENVILLE, NC	SUTTON AMUSEMENTS GMD	COMM TO ELECT MITCHELL SETZER	5/30/2023	1,000
KENNETH NICHOLS	LAURINBURG, NC	NICHOLS AMUSEMENTS [NICS PIC KWIK]	COMM TO ELECT MITCHELL SETZER	5/30/2023	2,000
BRETT BLANKS	LEXINGTON, NC	UNIVERSAL VENDING	COMM TO ELECT RAY PICKETT	5/1/2023	4,000
COURTNEY SUTTON	WILMINGTON	ENVISION FINE HOMES	COMM TO ELECT RAY PICKETT	6/2/2023	2,000

JOHN BARNES	WAKE FOREST	NOT EMPLOYED	COMM TO ELECT RAY PICKETT	6/2/2023	500
JONATHAN SUTTON	GREENVILLE, NC	SUTTON PROPERTY HOLDINGS	COMM TO ELECT RAY PICKETT	6/2/2023	1,000
Brooks Eakes	Greenville, NC	Tarheel Amusement	COMM TO ELECT ROBERT REIVES II	2/2/2023	200
Danielle Springs	Greensboro, NC	Coin Drop Amusements	COMM TO ELECT ROBERT REIVES II	2/2/2023	1,000
Donald Boyd	Elm City, NC	Premier Amusements	COMM TO ELECT ROBERT REIVES II	2/2/2023	1,000
Donald Miller	Jacksonville, NC	Music Vendors Inc	COMM TO ELECT ROBERT REIVES II	2/2/2023	200
Frank Foushee	Sanford, NC	J&F Amusement	COMM TO ELECT ROBERT REIVES II	2/2/2023	2,000
Jason Hefner	Winston SALEM	Forsyth Medical Center	COMM TO ELECT ROBERT REIVES II	2/2/2023	1,000
Jonathan Sutton	Greenville, NC	Sutton Amusements	COMM TO ELECT ROBERT REIVES II	2/2/2023	2,000
Tammy Snodgrass	Holly Ridge, NC	Music Vendors Inc	COMM TO ELECT ROBERT REIVES II	2/2/2023	200
Tradd Burn	Gold Hill, NC	South Atlantic Distributors	COMM TO ELECT ROBERT REIVES II	2/2/2023	500
CLINT M PATTERSON	OWASSO, NC	PATTERSON LAW FIRM	COMM TO ELECT TIM MOFFITT	2/24/2023	5,600
WALLACE COX	LUMBERTON, NC	A & L AMUSEMENTS	COMM TO ELECT TIM MOFFITT	5/10/2023	4,000
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS	CHEROKEE, NC		COMM TO ELECT VICKIE SAWYER	1/18/2023	5,600
TRADD M BURN	GOLD HILL, NC	CARDINAL STATE DISTRIBUTORS	COMM TO ELECT VICKIE SAWYER	4/28/2023	4,000
MATTHEW ALLAN PENLEY	HIGH POINT, NC	MK RESOURCES	COMM TO ELECT VICKIE SAWYER	5/1/2023	6,400
CLINT PATTERSON	OWASSO, OK	ATTORNEY	COMM TO ELECT WAYNE SASSER	1/24/2023	2,500
BOBBY HUCKABEE	WRIGHTSVILLE BCH	SOUTHLAND	DANNY BRITT FOR NC SENATE	6/20/2023	6,400
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS	CHEROKEE, NC		DAVE CRAVEN FOR NC	1/19/2023	5,600
BOBBY HUCKABEE	WRIGHTVILLVE BCH	SOUTHLAND	DAVE CRAVEN FOR NC	6/20/2023	6,400
DIANNE W FOUSHEE	SANFORD, NC	[J & F AMUSEMT]	DAVID WILLIS FOR NC	6/2/2023	2,000
JOHN B BARNES	WAKE FOREST, NC	CAPITAL GAMES LLC	DAVID WILLIS FOR NC	6/2/2023	500
JONATHAN K SUTTON	GREENVILLE, NC	JONATHAN SUTTON	DAVID WILLIS FOR NC	6/2/2023	1,000
ERIC BUCHANAN	WHITSETT, NC	ALLSTATE AMUSEMENTS	DAVIS FOR NC HOUSE	5/4/2023	2,000
STEPHEN BUCHANAN	GREENSBORO	ALLSTATE AMUSEMENTS	DAVIS FOR NC HOUSE	5/4/2023	2,000
JASON HEFNER	WINSTON SALEM	CAPITAL GAMES	DEAN ARP FOR NC HOUSE	6/1/2023	1,000
JOHN BARNES	WAKE FOREST	CAPITAL GAMES	DEAN ARP FOR NC HOUSE	6/1/2023	1,000
TAMMY SNODGRASS	HOLLY RIDGE, NC	MUSIC VENDORS	DEAN ARP FOR NC HOUSE	6/1/2023	1,250
CLINT PATTERSON	OWASSO, OK		DONNA WHITE FOR NC HOUSE	1/27/2023	2,500
MATTHEW PENLEY	HIGH POINT, NC	MK RESOURCES	EDDIE SETTLE FOR SENATE	4/3/2023	6,400
RONALD HUMBLE	NEW LONDON, NC	AMUSEMENTS INC	ELECT ED GOODWIN	4/24/2023	2,000

JOHN B BARNES	WAKE FOREST	CAPITAL GAMES	ELECT ED GOODWIN	5/24/2023	500
JONATHAN SUTTON	GREENVILLE, NC	SUTTON AMUSEMENTS	ELECT ED GOODWIN	5/24/2023	1,000
CLINT PATTERSON	OWASSO, OK	NOT WORKING	FRIENDS OF KEVIN CORBIN	2/16/2023	2,500
Clint Patterson	Owasso, OK	Patterson Law Firm	FRIENDS OF TIM MOORE	1/13/2023	5,600
Justin Lawrence	Concord, NC	Young Amusement	FRIENDS OF TIM MOORE	1/13/2023	2,800
Fred Ayers Jr.	Greensboro, NC	Colonial Vending	FRIENDS OF TIM MOORE	6/5/2023	2,000
Jonathan K Sutton	Greenville, NC	Sutton Amusements	FRIENDS OF TIM MOORE	6/5/2023	1,000
Michael Macke	Duluth, GA	Tellico & Primero	FRIENDS OF TIM MOORE	6/5/2023	1,000
Clint M. Patterson	Owasso, OK	Not employed	GALE ADCOCK FOR NC SENATE	1/25/2023	2,000
CLINT PATTERSON	OWASSO, OK	PATTERSON LAWFIRM	JASON SAINÉ COMM	1/30/2023	5,600
MICHAEL GELATKA	SAINT JOHN, IN	M&L'S ADVENTURE LLC	JASON SAINÉ COMM	4/11/2023	6,400
JORDAN WAYNE YOUNG	CHARLOTTE, NC	FIDELITY [CASH TITAN]	JASON SAINÉ COMM	5/18/2023	3,000
JOSEPH SAI	LAS VEGAS, NV	STORY	JASON SAINÉ COMM	6/28/2023	6,400
JOHN D MUELLER	LEAWOOD, KS		JASON SAINÉ COMM	6/29/2023	3,200
JUSTIN ROBERT LAWRENCE	CONCORD, NC	BLUE PRINT HOMES INC	JASON SAINÉ COMM	6/29/2023	3,000
MATTHEW ALLAN PENLEY	HIGH POINT, NC	SELF EMPLOYED/NO EMPLOYER	JASON SAINÉ COMM	6/29/2023	6,400
STEPHEN J WOODALL	CHARLOTTE, NC	STEPHEN WOODALL	JASON SAINÉ COMM	6/29/2023	5,000
JAMES GREGORY MUELLER	GRANDVIEW, MO	MID AMERICA CAPITAL	JASON SAINÉ COMM	6/30/2023	3,200
GARRETT BLACKWELDER	GRIMESLAND, NC	GROVER GAMING	JIM PERRY COMMITTEE	1/3/2023	5,000
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS	CHEROKEE, NC		JIM PERRY COMMITTEE	1/17/2023	5,600
CLINT PATTERSON	OWASSO, OK		JIM PERRY COMMITTEE	2/17/2023	5,600
MATTHEW PENLEY	HIGH POINT, NC		JIM PERRY COMMITTEE	4/3/2023	6,400
JAMES MUELLER	LEAWOOD, KS	RMI WORLDWIDE LLC	JIM PERRY COMMITTEE	6/30/2023	1,250
JOHN MUELLER	LEAWOOD, KS	RMI WORLDWIDE LLC	JIM PERRY COMMITTEE	6/30/2023	1,250
CLINT PATTERSON	OWASSO, OK		JOHN BELL COMM	1/17/2023	5,600
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS	CHEROKEE, NC		JOHN BELL COMM	1/17/2023	5,600
MATTHEW PENLEY	HIGH POINT, NC		JOHN BELL COMM	3/20/2023	6,400
BRETT BLANKS	LEXINGTON, SC	D&S GAMES	JOHN BELL COMM	6/5/2023	5,000

JAMES MUELLER	LEAWOOD, KS	RMI WORLDWIDE LLC	JOHN BELL COMM	6/23/2023	3,200
JOHN MUELLER	LEAWOOD, KS	RMI WORLDWIDE LLC	JOHN BELL COMM	6/23/2023	3,200
CLINT PATTERSON	OWASSO, OK	ATTORNEY	JON HARDISTER FOR NC	1/19/2023	5,600
RONALD HUMBLE	NEW LONDON, NC	#1 AMUSEMENTS	JON HARDISTER FOR NC	3/13/2023	2,500
TROY G MIMS	SUMTER, SC	MIMS ENTERTAINMENT	KEVIN CRUTCHFIELD FOR HOUSE	6/2/2023	4,000
CLINT PATTERSON	OWASSO, OK	PATTERSON LAW FIRM	KYLE HALL COMMITTEE	1/20/2023	2,500
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS	CHEROKEE, NC		KYLE HALL COMMITTEE	1/20/2023	5,600
DEAN NICHOLS	LAURINBURG, NC	NICHOLS PROPANE [NICS PIC KWIK]	KYLE HALL COMMITTEE	6/12/2023	2,000
JONATHAN SUTTON	GREENVILLE, NC	SUTTON PROPERTY HOLDINGS	KYLE HALL COMMITTEE	6/12/2023	1,000
MICHAEL MACKE	DULUTH, GA	NOT EMPLOYED	KYLE HALL COMMITTEE	6/12/2023	1,000
CLINT N PATTERSON	OWASSO, OK	ATTORNEY	LARRY STRICKLAND COMM	1/27/2023	2,500
GARRY D STRADER	ELON COLLEGE, NC	[CENTRAL AMUSEMENT]	LARRY STRICKLAND COMM	6/2/2023	5,000
N. LEO DAUGHTRY	SMITHFIELD, NC	DAUGHTRY, WOODARD	LARRY STRICKLAND COMM	6/27/2023	2,500
CLINT PATTERSON	OWASSO, OK	PATTERSON LAW FIRM	LARRY W POTTS - NC HOUSE	1/27/2023	2,500
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS	CHEROKEE, NC		LAZZARA FOR NC SENATE COMM	1/20/2023	5,600
MATTHEW A PENLEY	HIGH POINT, NC	MK RESOURCES	LAZZARA FOR NC SENATE COMM	3/17/2023	6,400
DONALD F MILLER	JACKSONVILLE, NC	MUSIC VENDORS INC	LAZZARA FOR NC SENATE COMM	4/21/2023	1,000
TAMMY G SNODGRASS	HOLLY RIDGE	MUSIC VENDORS INC	LAZZARA FOR NC SENATE COMM	4/21/2023	1,000
RICHARD FRYE	PINEHURST, NC	SANDHILLS AMUSEMENT	MCINNIS FOR STATE SENATE	4/28/2023	4,000
Clint Patterson	Owasso, OK	Patterson Law Firm	MICHAEL WRAY FOR STATE HOUSE	1/25/2023	5,600
Clint Patterson	Owasso, OK	ATTORNEY	NC DEM PARTY-HOUSE CAUCUS	1/25/2023	5,000
Clint Patterson	Owasso, OK	Attorney	NC DEM PARTY-SENATE CAUCUS	1/26/2023	5,000
Clint M Patterson	Owasso, OK	Attorney	NC REPUB PARTY-HOUSE CAUCUS	1/31/2023	10,000
Clint M Patterson	Owasso, OK	Attorney	NC REPUB PARTY-SENATE CAUCUS	1/26/2023	10,000
GARRETT BLACKWELDER	GRIMESLAND, NC	GROVER GAMING	NEWTON FOR SENATE	1/13/2023	2,500
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS	CHEROKEE, NC		NEWTON FOR SENATE	1/21/2023	5,600

MILTON BROOKS	WASHINGTON, NC	TANKARD AMUSEMENTS	NEWTON FOR SENATE	3/7/2023	4,000
Clint M Patterson	Owasso, OK	Attorney	PAUL LOWE FOR NC SENATE	1/10/2023	5,600
Jordan W Young	Charlotte, NC	Self [CASH TITAN]	PHILIP E BERGER COMM	1/13/2023	2,800
Clint Patterson	Owasso, OK	Lawyer	PHILIP E BERGER COMM	1/25/2023	5,600
BROOKS EAKES	GREENVILLE, NC	TARHEEL AMUSEMENTS	RABON FOR SENATE	5/16/2023	4,000
SCOTT DAIL	WINTERVILLE	[S & J VENDING]	RABON FOR SENATE	5/16/2023	4,000
BRANDON BARNES	WAKE FOREST	CAPITAL GAMES	RABON FOR SENATE	6/15/2023	2,000
ELMO BURN	GOLD HILL, NC	SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRIBUTORS	RABON FOR SENATE	6/15/2023	2,000
FRED AYERS JR	GREENSBORO	COLONIAL VENDING	RABON FOR SENATE	6/15/2023	1,000
RICHARD FRYE	PINEHURST, NC	SANDHILLS AMUSEMENTS	RABON FOR SENATE	6/15/2023	2,000
ROBERT HUCKABEE	WILMINGTON, NC	SOUTHLAND COMPANIES	RABON FOR SENATE	6/15/2023	6,400
TEDDY NORTON	LAURINBURG, NC	NORTON AMUSEMENTS	RABON FOR SENATE	6/15/2023	2,000
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS	CHEROKEE, NC		RALPH HISE FOR NC SENATE	1/22/2023	5,600
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS	CHEROKEE, NC		REECE PYRTLLE FOR HOUSE	1/23/2023	5,600
CLINT PATTERSON	OWASSO, OK	SALES	REECE PYRTLLE FOR HOUSE	1/30/2023	2,500
JOHN BARNES	WAKE FOREST		REECE PYRTLLE FOR HOUSE	6/1/2023	500
JONATHAN SUTTON	GREENVILLE, NC		REECE PYRTLLE FOR HOUSE	6/1/2023	1,000
KEITH LOFLIN	DENTON, NC	ENTREPRENEUR	REECE PYRTLLE FOR HOUSE	6/1/2023	2,000
TAMMY SNODGRASS	HOLLY RIDGE		REECE PYRTLLE FOR HOUSE	6/1/2023	1,250
BOBBY HUCKABEE	WRIGHTSVILLE		REECE PYRTLLE FOR HOUSE	6/30/2023	2,500
JONATHAN K. SUTTON	GREENVILLE, NC	SUTTON REFRIGERATION CO.	THE JOHN R BRADFORD III COMM	5/19/2023	4,000
MICHAEL M. MACKE	DULUTH, GA	TELLICO & PRIMERO	THE JOHN R BRADFORD III COMM	5/23/2023	1,000
FRED AYERS JR	GREENSBORO	COLONIAL VENDING	THE JOHN R BRADFORD III COMM	5/24/2023	2,000
JASON HEFNER	WINSTON SALEM	CAPITAL GAMES	THE JOHN R BRADFORD III COMM	5/24/2023	1,000
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS	CHEROKEE, NC		TODD JOHNSON FOR SENATE	1/18/2023	5,600
MATTHEW PENLEY	HIGH POINT, NC	MK RESOURCES	TODD JOHNSON FOR SENATE	3/17/2023	6,400
ANTHONY KEARY	CHARLOTTE, NC	JANT ENTERPRISE	TRICIA COTHAM COMMITTEE	4/18/2023	6,400

MATTHEW PENLEY	HIGH POINT, NC	MK RESOURCES	TRICIA COTHAM COMMITTEE	5/13/202 3	6,400
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