

### Restaurant PAC Fact Sheet

#### WHAT IS THE RESTAURANT PAC?

The National Restaurant Association Political Action Committee (Restaurant PAC) is the industry's leading trade association PAC. Formed in 1977, the Restaurant PAC pools personal, voluntary funds from thousands of restaurateurs like yourself to help support and elect pro-restaurant, pro-business candidates to federal office.

#### **HOW DOES CONGRESS IMPACT MY BUSINESS?**

Government decisions impact every aspect of the restaurant industry, including our bottom line. Federal legislation affects the way meals are prepared, served, enjoyed and paid for. Sound public policy begins with the Restaurant PAC investing in candidates for federal office who understand our business and know that a healthy, robust industry translates into a stronger American economy.

# WHO DECIDES WHICH CANDIDATES RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE RESTAURANT PAC?

The PAC is governed by a diverse committee comprised of over 30 restaurateurs, representing all facets of the industry. The committee convenes several times throughout the year to determine the best opportunities for Restaurant PAC engagement and support.

# DOES THE RESTAURANT PAC FAVOR CANDIDATES FROM ONE POLITICAL PARTY OVER THE OTHER?

The PAC is bipartisan. Restaurant PAC supported candidates are evaluated on their support of pro-restaurant, pro-business issues.

### WHY SHOULD I SUPPORT THE RESTAURANT PAC?

Supporting the Restaurant PAC is an investment in the future of our industry, as well as your bottom line. Thousands of restaurateurs coming together to support our PAC is more powerful than any individual acting alone. The PAC gives us a unified voice and provides a powerful political presence on Capitol Hill and back home in our districts.

### HOW MUCH AM I ALLOWED TO GIVE TO THE RESTAURANT PAC?

Individuals are allowed to contribute personal funds up to \$5,000 per year to the Restaurant PAC. It's important to remember that PAC contributions are not tax deductible.

For questions or more information, please contact Annie McEniry, Manager, Political Development, amceniry@restaurant.org or (202) 331-5920.