

# Democracy South

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Interested Parties  
From: Bob Hall, Research Director  
Date: August 7, 2001  
Re: Contributions from Dentists and Dental Hygienists

An analysis of the contributions given in the 2000 election cycle points out the stark contrast in financial clout between dentists and dental hygienists.

For every 10 cents a dental hygienist gave to a state candidate in the 2000 election, a dentist gave \$10. For every \$10 a dental hygienist gave, a dentist gave \$1,000.

Altogether, dentists and their PAC gave \$650,342 to legislative and Council of State candidates, compared to the \$6,500 given by dental hygienists and their PAC.

The contrast is even sharper when the focus is narrowed to contributions to legislative winners. For every \$10 a hygienist gave to a legislator in his/her 2000 campaign, a dentist gave \$1,600 (Hygienists total: \$1,600 versus Dentists total: \$256,351).

Dentists and the Dental Society's PAC gave to 111 of the 170 legislative winners, with 41 receiving \$1,000 or more. Hygienists gave to 12 legislative winners, none getting over \$350.

## SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2000 ELECTION FROM DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS

	<u>DENTISTS &amp; THEIR PAC</u>		<u>HYGIENISTS &amp; THEIR PAC</u>	
	TOTAL	WINNERS	TOTAL	WINNERS
Candidates for Governor	\$266,995	\$191,312	\$4,500	\$ 500
Other Council of State	38,701	29,625	200	200
Legislative Candidates	344,646	256,351	1,800	1,600
Total	\$650,342	\$477,288	\$6,500	\$2,300

## TOP RECIPIENTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DENTISTS AMONG COUNCIL OF STATE WINNERS IN 2000 ELECTION

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	PARTY	TOTAL	DENTAL PAC	INDIVIDUALS
GOV	Easley, Mike	D	\$191,312	\$ 2,000	\$189,312
LT GOV	Perdue, Beverly	D	11,250	2,000	9,250
ATTGEN	Cooper, Roy	D	9,175	2,500	6,675
TREAS	Moore, Richard	D	3,350	0	3,350
SEC ST	Marshall, Elaine	D	1,900	100	1,800
INSCOM	Long, James E	D	1,750	1,500	250
LABCOM	Berry, Cherie	R	1,000	1,000	0
AG COM	Phillips, Meg Scott	D	750	0	750
AUDIT	Campbell, Ralph	D	450	0	450
*** Total ***			\$220,937	\$9,100	\$211,837