



## **Campbell Soup Company Political Accountability Guidelines**

Campbell Soup Company seeks to participate actively in discussion of and debate on public policy issues that affect the Company, its employees, and its business operations. The Company also seeks to share its views on the implications of proposals relating to such issues with relevant policy makers at all levels of government. Campbell's policies, including the [Code of Business Conduct and Ethics](#), encourage its employees to be engaged in the political process, on a voluntary basis, whether through engagement with the Government Affairs Department or of their own volition.

No funds or assets of Campbell Soup Company may be used for political contributions outside of the United States. Within the United States, the Company may make a limited number of political contributions as part of its engagement in public policy matters. Any political contribution is made to promote the interest of the company and without regard to any private political preferences of any individual employee or executive.

All political contributions made by the Company are reviewed and approved by the General Counsel.

Where permitted by state law, Company funds may be used to participate in campaigns for the election of state officials and for state and local ballot measures that are likely to affect the Company or the quality of life in communities in which Campbell has business facilities or otherwise does business, subject to the approval of the General Counsel. Contributions to state political organizations and candidates are publicly disclosed as prescribed by state law.

On a limited basis, and with the approval of the General Counsel, the Company may make contributions to policy-based, nonpartisan organizations, state nonpartisan organizations, and trade association political committees and coalitions, to further its public policy and business interests. In-kind contributions of equipment or employee time are considered to be political contributions and must be approved by the General Counsel or the Deputy General Counsel.

The Company does not support Federal political candidates or parties. The Company does not make financial contributions to "527" organizations that are not principal campaign committees or political parties. We are not members of any tax-exempt organizations that write and endorse model legislation, nor do we make any payments to such organizations. The Company does not engage in electioneering communications, i.e., expending corporate funds specifically to advocate the election or defeat of political candidates.

No political contributions were made in FY2022 including candidates, parties, committees, 527 organizations, ballot measures or independent expenditures.

Campbell's Government Affairs Department manages all of the Company's political programs and contributions and works with Company employees in support of the Company's constructive involvement in political and public policy activities.

The Deputy General Counsel prepares an annual report, for review by the Board of Directors, on all political spending by the Company, including but not limited to:

- Key legislative and regulatory issues; and
- An itemized total of all corporate political spending, including all contributions made to political candidates, political action committees, and trade associations.
- An itemized list of all corporate 501(c)6<sup>1</sup> US-based trade associations to which Campbell pays annual dues of \$10,000 or more; and
- An itemized list of corporate donations made to 501(c)4<sup>2</sup> organizations for political purposes.

In F'22, Campbell Soup Company spent approximately \$250,000 on lobbying at the Federal and state levels to promote policies that support the company's objectives. This amount includes employee time and travel associated with lobbying activity, payments to external consultants, and trade association dues used for lobbying. Lobbying activity is reported and disclosed according to Federal and state law.

## **Campbell PAC**

The Campbell PAC governing board voted to dissolve the PAC and stopped receiving employee contributions in March 2019. Final contributions to Congressional candidates were made in August 2020. Campbell PAC was officially terminated with the Federal Election Commission in November 2020.

## **Trade Association Activity**

Campbell Soup Company is a member of several food and manufacturing industry trade associations at the federal, state, and local levels. Most of these organizations engage in lobbying activities, operate their own political action committees, and engage in political education programs.

Campbell supports trade associations through the payment of annual dues based primarily on its net sales of applicable products sold in the United States. In some instances, the Company makes additional payments in the form of contributions and special assessments to support special projects and coalition activities, including lobbying projects at the federal and state levels. Campbell exercises no authority over decisions made by trade associations regarding the direction of their political contributions and related spending.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code provides for the exemption of non-profit business leagues, chambers of commerce, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code provides for the exemption of "social welfare organizations" that include non-profit civic leagues or organizations but operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare, and may be engaged in substantial lobbying activities.

## **Attachments**

Attachment I – Key Legislative and Regulatory Issues

Attachment II – FY2022 Campbell Soup Company Corporate Political Contributions

Attachment III – FY2022 Corporate Trade Association Memberships with Dues over \$10,000 and any contributions made to 501(c)4 organizations for political purposes

November 2022

## **Attachment I**

### **Key Legislative and Regulatory Issues**

Campbell does not make contributions based on any official actions by a candidate or office holder. Decisions made with respect to financial contributions are based on the following guidelines:

1. Reform of U.S. regulatory agencies, systems and operations to more effectively ensure the safe, efficient production and manufacture of food products
2. Support for bilateral and multi-lateral free trade agreements, and related legislation and regulations that reduce tariff and non-tariff trade barriers to Campbell products and ingredients
3. Support for sound energy and environmental policies that promote sustainability, reduce food and packaging waste, and mitigate against climate change
4. Support for science-based efforts to improve food quality, accessibility and education to improve diets, and reduce chronic disease, obesity, and hunger through increased transparency and improvements in food systems
5. Support for efforts to enhance international trade facilitation, including science-based regulatory cooperation and harmonization and safe, efficient movement of goods and services
6. Strive for a national labeling system for foods sold in interstate commerce, including uniform national food safety and labeling, nutrition information, food code dating, ingredient disclosures, GMO labeling, food warnings and tolerances, and packaging regulations.
7. Support for effective industry self-regulation of advertising and marketing programs
8. Support for legislation and regulatory reforms that increase supply chain and transportation efficiency and productivity without compromising safety

## **Attachment II**

### **FY2022 Campbell Soup Company Corporate Political Contributions**

Contributions to political candidates, parties, and committees	\$0.00
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No political contributions were made in FY2022 including to 527 organizations, ballot measures or independent expenditures.

### **Attachment III**

#### **FY2022 Corporate Trade Association or Related Memberships with Dues Exceeding \$10,000 and Portion of Dues Spent on Lobbying Activities**

ORGANIZATION	DUES SPENT ON LOBBYING
American Bakers Association	\$ 10,387
American Benefits Council	\$ 10,400
AMERIPEN	\$ 2,850
California League of Food Processors	\$ 7,364
Chamber of Commerce of Southern New Jersey	\$ 2,122
Chamber of Commerce of the United States	\$ 3,500
Consumer Brands Association	\$ 48,000
Food Marketing Institute	\$ 25,275
Food Northwest	\$ 3,800
National Association of Manufacturers	\$ 14,438
Ohio Manufacturers Association	\$ 2,560
OMA Energy Group	\$ 5,000
SNAC International	\$ 29,385

No contributions were made to 501(c)4 organizations for political purposes.