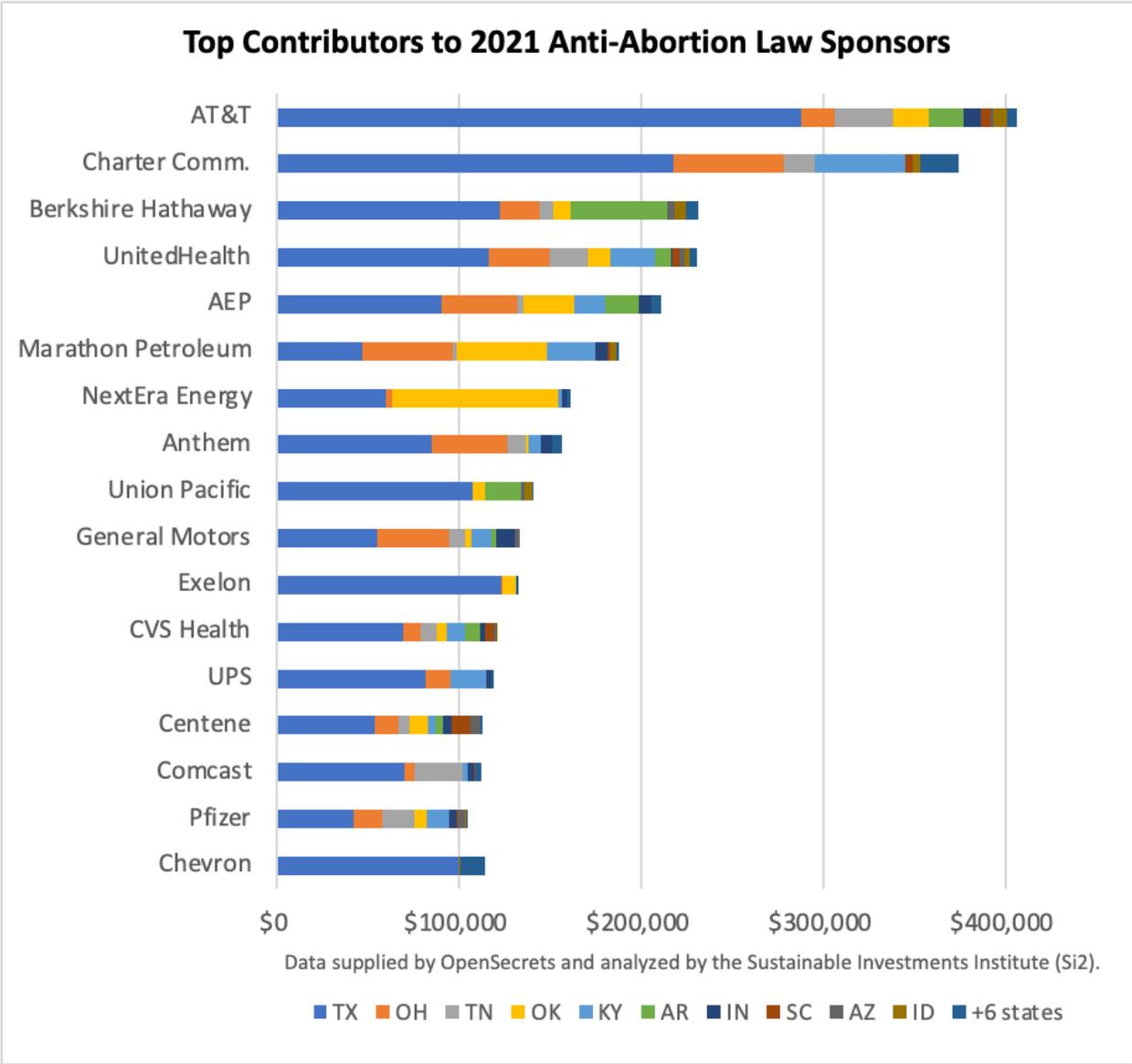


Leading U.S. Companies Supported Anti-Abortion State Politicians

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New research reveals that some of the largest U.S. companies helped to elect state legislators who went on to sponsor the wave of anti-abortion laws passed in 2021. A total of 111 Fortune 250 companies gave \$5.4 million to these politicians in 16 states. Companies gave the most to sponsors of new restrictions in Texas (\$3 million), followed by Ohio (\$778,000), Tennessee (\$351,000), and Oklahoma (\$342,000). The top contributors were **AT&T**, **Charter Communications**, **Berkshire Hathaway**,¹ **UnitedHealth**, and **American Electric Power (AEP)**. (Chart shows states where 17 companies each gave more than \$100,000 to sponsors of anti-abortion laws passed in 2021.)



¹ Almost all spending by Berkshire Hathaway subsidiaries is from the railroad BNSF and electric utilities.

Top Contributors to Abortion Opponents in Key States

Leading U.S. companies have significant operations in key states where lawmakers are likely to impose new abortion restrictions in 2022. On March 3, 2022, Florida lawmakers [passed H.B.5](#), which has a 15-week ban like the Mississippi law that was [challenged at the U.S. Supreme Court](#). The public record shows that campaign contributions from company PACs and corporate treasuries heavily favor anti-abortion politicians in Florida and other states with restrictions, now and in the past.

Florida

More than two-thirds of contributions from each of the six top-spending companies in Florida has supported politicians opposed to abortion. Among consumer-facing companies, the top contributors to such politicians were **Comcast** (first place), **Disney** (second), and **AT&T** (sixth).

Florida Legislators				
Company	Recipient Position on Abortion Rights			
	Anti	Pro	Total	% Anti
Comcast	\$223,000	\$71,000	\$294,000	76%
Walt Disney	\$166,100	\$75,000	\$241,100	69%
HCA Healthcare	\$150,000	\$56,000	\$206,000	73%
Duke Energy	\$102,000	\$15,500	\$117,500	87%
NextEra Energy	\$101,000	\$29,000	\$130,000	78%
AT&T	\$94,000	\$37,500	\$131,500	71%

Includes available data since the 2019 election cycle (\$ started 2017) from corporate treasuries and PACs where politicians' positions are identifiable..

Florida's H.B.5 bill: Since the 2019 election cycle, Fortune 250 companies have given a total of \$1.7 million to the politicians who voted for H.B.5. **Comcast**, **Disney**, and **HCA Healthcare** each contributed more than \$100,000.

Company	\$ to HB 5 Supporters
Comcast	\$219,000
HCA Healthcare	\$149,000
Walt Disney	\$147,500
NextEra Energy	\$105,000

Includes available data since the 2019 election cycle (\$ started 2017) for state legislators who voted in favor of HB 5 in both houses of the legislature.

Ohio

Contributions connected to companies in Ohio have gone even more heavily in favor of anti-abortion politicians. For example, nine-tenths of the political giving from leading health insurers went to abortion opponents, with **Anthem** giving 96% of its contributions to opponents and **UnitedHealth** 92%. **AT&T** again was among the top funders of abortion opponents, giving them \$127,000 (88% of its total contributions). None of the top-spending companies gave less than 70% of their total contributions to abortion opponents.

Ohio Legislators				
Company	Recipient Position on Abortion Rights			
	Anti	Pro	Total	% Anti
Charter Comms.	\$199,077	\$28,250	\$227,327	88%
Marathon Petroleum	\$173,850	\$2,500	\$176,350	99%
Dominion Energy	\$142,692	\$18,500	\$161,192	89%
AEP	\$130,000	\$11,000	\$141,000	92%
AT&T	\$127,100	\$17,150	\$144,250	88%
General Motors	\$125,700	\$53,250	\$178,950	70%
Cardinal Health	\$125,000	\$35,500	\$160,500	78%
Anthem	\$109,242	\$4,000	\$113,242	96%
UnitedHealth	\$101,000	\$8,950	\$109,950	92%
Abbott Labs	\$98,000	\$14,000	\$112,000	88%
Comcast	\$94,651	\$15,000	\$109,651	86%
Duke Energy	\$94,500	\$27,576	\$122,076	77%
UPS	\$93,109	\$21,860	\$114,969	81%
Berkshire Hathaway	\$81,500	\$19,500	\$101,000	81%

Includes available giving data for 2020 election cycle onward from corporate treasuries and PACs, where politicians' positions are identifiable.

Source notes: The Sustainable Investments Institute (Si2) provides impartial information to investors and the public about controversial public policy issues and public companies. Si2 is curating a comprehensive database of all Fortune 250 company-connected political giving ("company-connected political giving" includes both direct contributions from the company itself and company-affiliated PAC spending). The database starts with the 2019-20 election cycle, for which some contributions began years earlier. Giving patterns are particularly partisan in the South and the Midwest, where reproductive health care faces growing restrictions. Data on spending supplied by [OpenSecrets](#). Data on laws is from [The Guttmacher Institute](#). This project is funded by the Tara Health Foundation.

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Top Company Contributions to Sponsors of 2021 Abortion Restriction Laws

Company	TX	OH	TN	OK	KY	AR	IN	SC	AZ	ID	+6 states	Total
AT&T	\$288,083	\$18,000	\$32,500	\$19,650		\$18,700	\$9,500	\$5,450	\$1,650	\$7,150	\$5,900	\$402,783
Charter Comms.	\$217,500	\$61,127	\$16,500		\$50,000			\$4,000		\$4,000	\$21,240	\$355,027
Berkshire Hathaway	\$122,550	\$21,500	\$7,500	\$10,000		\$52,500			\$4,300	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$239,590
UnitedHealth Group	\$116,000	\$33,750	\$21,000	\$12,500	\$24,000	\$9,250	\$500	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$2,500	\$4,500	\$230,500
Amer. Electric Power	\$90,750	\$41,500	\$3,000	\$28,000	\$16,750	\$18,750	\$6,500				\$5,700	\$209,750
Marathon Petroleum	\$47,000	\$49,600	\$2,000	\$50,000	\$26,000		\$7,000	\$1,500		\$3,500	\$1,250	\$188,800
NextEra Energy	\$59,500	\$3,500		\$91,500	\$2,000		\$3,000				\$1,700	\$160,750
Anthem	\$84,750	\$41,700	\$10,000	\$1,500	\$7,000		\$6,100				\$5,200	\$152,750
Union Pacific	\$107,500			\$7,000		\$19,750			\$1,500	\$4,400	\$250	\$140,950
General Motors	\$55,000	\$39,200	\$9,500	\$3,250	\$11,000	\$2,750	\$10,000		\$2,500		\$0	\$133,450
Exelon	\$123,000	\$1,000		\$7,000							\$1,450	\$131,000
CVS Health	\$69,500	\$9,500	\$8,650	\$5,750	\$10,250	\$7,600	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$950	\$0	\$121,700
UPS	\$81,500	\$13,500			\$20,000		\$2,500				\$1,500	\$117,500
Centene	\$53,500	\$12,800	\$6,400	\$10,500	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,600	\$10,000	\$5,500		\$1,500	\$112,800
Comcast	\$70,250	\$5,000	\$26,650		\$3,000		\$3,000	\$1,000			\$3,250	\$110,400
Pfizer	\$42,000	\$16,000	\$17,500	\$6,600	\$12,500		\$4,000	\$1,000	\$3,550	\$700	\$850	\$106,400
Chevron	\$100,000									\$850	\$13,300	\$100,850
Altria Group	\$60,000	\$8,450		\$3,050	\$2,000	\$9,500	\$250			\$11,500	\$1,450	\$96,550
Merck	\$37,500	\$24,050	\$9,250	\$4,750	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$500	\$2,000			\$0	\$94,500
Abbott Labs	\$51,750	\$40,000					\$950				\$500	\$92,700
Eli Lilly	\$59,500	\$14,000	\$6,500			\$700	\$10,000				\$0	\$91,200
Duke Energy	\$8,500	\$43,500	\$8,500	\$5,000	\$6,750		\$5,500	\$11,000			\$0	\$88,750
Walmart	\$43,000	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$9,500	\$2,750	\$22,000	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,000		\$600	\$83,750
Exxon Mobil	\$32,900	\$17,000		\$6,000		\$23,000					\$701	\$79,500
Phillips 66	\$53,028			\$20,020							\$0	\$73,750
Valero Energy	\$67,500		\$500	\$2,000							\$0	\$70,000
AbbVie	\$59,750	\$3,000									\$1,000	\$62,750
Molina Healthcare	\$20,000	\$35,000	\$4,500					\$1,000		\$1,000	\$3,250	\$61,500
Dominion Energy		\$46,492						\$8,500			\$900	\$58,242
Cigna	\$19,000	\$3,850	\$22,000	\$2,500	\$500	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,500	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$57,750
Raytheon Technology	\$44,500						\$3,000		\$8,750		\$0	\$56,250
Ford Motor	\$37,000	\$19,000									\$2,300	\$56,000
Energy Transfer	\$39,000	\$6,500		\$6,500							\$1,750	\$54,300
Coca-Cola	\$6,500	\$4,000	\$5,500	\$5,750	\$12,250	\$7,200	\$1,000	\$5,250	\$3,500	\$500	\$0	\$52,700
Boeing	\$44,000			\$1,500				\$5,000	\$2,000		\$250	\$52,500
FedEx	\$7,000		\$41,400	\$1,500			\$1,000				\$5,900	\$51,150
Nucor	\$20,000	\$500			\$10,500	\$19,000		\$500			\$21,240	\$50,500
74 more companies	\$586,226	\$142,412	\$90,250	\$20,250	\$40,000	\$19,000	\$10,646	\$23,450	\$21,450	\$14,950	\$28,225	\$981,909
Grand Total	\$3,025,037	\$777,931	\$351,100	\$341,570	\$268,250	\$244,700	\$96,046	\$92,150	\$60,200	\$59,000	\$65,266	\$5,381,250

Includes all election cycle contributions for 2020 election cycle onward from corporate treasuries and PACs to sponsors of state laws passed in 2021 that impose restrictions on abortion.