

Political Activity and Lobbying Report 2019

Transparency is a critical part of the relationships we have with our government partners and the taxpayers we ultimately serve, as well as our shareholders, and we are committed to transparency regarding our government relations and political efforts. In addition to complying with applicable disclosure laws, CoreCivic is going a step further to produce this annual report, which we believe will bring further clarity to our activities. We believe it is the right thing to do for our business, our partners and our shareholders.

CoreCivic's political and government relations activities are designed to educate federal, state and local officials on the benefits of partnership corrections, CoreCivic's ability to assist them in meeting their needs and our track record of success. Our company does not, under longstanding policy, lobby for or against policies or legislation that would determine the basis for or duration of an individual's incarceration or detention.

Overview

Corporate funds are used to make political contributions where allowed by law and where management has determined that such contributions will be an effective use of the funds. CoreCivic also sponsors a political action committee (PAC)* that makes contributions to federal candidates and to candidates in certain jurisdictions where contributions with corporate funds are not allowed.

CoreCivic's political contributions and lobbying activities are subject to robust oversight, approval and compliance procedures. Political contributions using corporate funds require approval by our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Development Officer or a Vice President Partnership Relations and, for compliance purposes, the Office of General Counsel.

Government relations engagements and expenditures require Vice President-level or above approval. The Office of General Counsel and external compliance experts provide support for the company's reporting and other compliance obligations, as well as periodic compliance training for internal partnership development personnel and contract government relations professionals.

The Risk Committee of CoreCivic's Board of Directors provides Board-level oversight of the Company's political and government relations activities and compliance procedures. Compliance policies and procedures are addressed in CoreCivic's Code of Ethics and in greater detail in our "Government Relations" policy.**

Our government relations activities focus on legislative, regulatory and executive actions that may impact the construction, operation and leasing of privately owned or managed prisons, detention facilities, and residential reentry centers. We also advocate for a wide range of innovative, cost-saving government real estate solutions through our CoreCivic Properties business offering. The disclosures in the lobbying reports filed by the company under the Federal Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, as amended by the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007 ("LDA"), are representative of the types of matters on which the company lobbies. As stated in our most recent LDA report,*** and as a matter of longstanding corporate policy and practice, CoreCivic does not lobby for or against policies or legislation that would determine the basis for an individual's incarceration or detention. This policy is included in our Code of Ethics and our Government Relations Policy.

* CoreCivic Political Action Committee

** <http://www.CoreCivic.com/Media/Default/documents/Misc/Policy-3-28.pdf>

*** Available at <https://lobbyingdisclosure.house.gov/>

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Political Contributions

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Totals by Source of Funds	2019
Combined — Corporate and CoreCivic PAC	\$879,000.00
Corporate	\$733,100.00
CoreCivic PAC	\$146,000.00

Totals by Recipient Category (Source in Parenthesis)	
Federal Candidates, Parties & Committees (CoreCivic PAC)	\$133,500.00
State/Local Candidates, Parties & Committees (Combined)	\$260,600.00
National 527 (Corporate).	\$445,000.00
Inaugural Committees (Combined).	\$40,000.00

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State	Type	CoreCivic PAC	Corporate
AL	Candidate	\$2,500.00	
	AL Total	\$2,500.00	
AZ	Political Committee		\$20,000.00
	AZ Total		\$20,000.00
CA	Candidate		\$4,000.00
	Political Party		\$5,000.00
	CA Total		\$9,000.00
CO	Candidate	\$7,500.00	
	Political Committee		\$50,000.00
	CO Total	\$7,500.00	\$50,000.00
FL	Candidate		\$500.00
	FL Total		\$500.00
GA	Candidate	\$8,500.00	\$44,100.00
	Inaugural Committee		\$25,000.00
	Political Committee	\$3,000.00	
	Political Party		\$10,000.00
GA Total	\$11,500.00	\$79,100.00	
IA	Candidate	\$2,500.00	
	IA Total	\$2,500.00	
IN	Candidate	\$1,000.00	
	Political Committee	\$1,000.00	
	IN Total	\$2,000.00	
KS	Candidate	\$6,500.00	\$2,000.00
	KS Total	\$6,500.00	\$2,000.00
KY	Candidate	\$9,000.00	
	Political Committee		
	Political Party	\$7,500.00	
	KY Total	\$16,500.00	
MS	Candidate		\$1,000.00
	MS Total		\$1,000.00

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State	Type	CoreCivic PAC	Corporate
MT	Candidate	\$7,500.00	
	Political Party	\$1,000.00	
	MT Total	\$8,500.00	
NC	Candidate	\$5,000.00	
	NC Total	\$5,000.00	
ND	Political Committee	\$3,000.00	
	ND Total	\$3,000.00	
NM	Candidate		\$4,000.00
	NM Total		\$4,000.00
NY	Candidate	\$2,500.00	
	NY Total	\$2,500.00	
PA	Candidate	\$2,500.00	
	PA Total	\$2,500.00	
PR	Candidate	\$500.00	
	PR Total	\$500.00	
SC	Political Committee	\$7,500.00	
	SC Total	\$7,500.00	
TN	Candidate	\$13,500.00	\$52,000.00
	Inaugural Committee	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
	Political Committee	\$2,500.00	\$53,000.00
	Political Party		\$10,000.00
	TN Total	\$23,500.00	\$122,500.00
TX	Candidate	\$9,000.00	
	TX Total	\$9,000.00	
	National Parties	\$30,000.00	
	National 527's		\$445,000.00
	Federal Committees	\$5,000.00	
	GRAND TOTAL	\$146,000.00	\$733,100.00

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527 Organizations

CoreCivic contributed to the following national 527 organizations in 2019:

- Democratic Governors Association
- Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee
- Democratic Lieutenant Governors Association
- Republican Governors Association
- Republican Lieutenant Governors Association
- Republican State Leadership Committee

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Lobbying Information

CoreCivic retains the services of consultant government relations professionals in jurisdictions where it does or may in the future do business. CoreCivic employees also register as lobbyists in jurisdictions where their activities meet the statutory definition. The list below shows CoreCivic's consultant registered lobbyists in 2019 by jurisdiction.

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Jurisdiction	Firm Name
Federal	Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld
	Gephardt Group Government Affairs
	Greenberg Traurig
	Hobart Hallaway & Quayle Ventures
	Ingram Group
	Miller Strategies
	The Simmons & Russell Group
	The Vogel Group
Alabama	Capitol Resources LLC
Alaska	Trust Consultants
Arizona	Highground Inc.
	Molera Alvarez LLC
California	Capitol Advocacy
Colorado	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Florida	Smith, Bryan & Myers
Georgia	Troutman Sanders Strategies
	Georgia Public Affairs
Hawaii	SanHi Government Strategies
	Carlsmith Ball
Idaho	Lobby Idaho
Kansas	Parallel Strategies
Kentucky	McBrayer McGinnis Leslie & Kirkland
Minnesota	Hill Capitol Strategies
Mississippi	Capitol Resources
Montana	Anderson Baker & Swanson
Nevada	Ferrari Public Affairs
New Hampshire	Advantage Government Affairs, LLC
New Jersey	Komjathy & Kean, LLC
New Mexico	Ning Consulting
Ohio	Credo Company
	Trimac Advisors
Oklahoma	Fried Kilpatrick Guinn LLC
	Scott Adkins Consulting, Inc.
Tennessee	Johnson Poss Government Relations
Texas	Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Vermont	MacLean, Meehan and Rice (MMR)
U.S. Virgin Islands	Kellerhals Ferguson Kroblin PLLC
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Capitol Solutions LLC
Wyoming	Wyoming Group, LLC

CoreCivic's contracts with its outside government relations professionals contain strict conflict of interest clauses that permit CoreCivic to terminate the relationship if the professional or his or her firm engages in activities that conflict with CoreCivic's commitment not to lobby for or against policies or legislation that would determine the basis for or duration of an individual's incarceration or detention.

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Lobbying — Related Expenses

In 2019, CoreCivic expended approximately \$2.1 million in fees and other payments relating to direct lobbying at the Federal, state, and local levels. Of this amount, approximately \$1,455,904 was attributable to Federal lobbying-related activities and the remainder (\$653,193) to state and local activities. None of this amount is related to “grassroots lobbying” communications (communications directed to the general public that refer to specific legislation or regulation, reflects a view on such legislation, or regulation or encourages the recipients to take action with respect to such legislation or regulation). CoreCivic works with a number of consultant lobbyists to ensure that public officials are made aware of the issues impacting our industry. CoreCivic and its consultant lobbyists file disclosure reports at the Federal, state, and local level to comply with the various rules of all jurisdictions in which we have a presence.

Trade and Membership Associations, Chambers of Commerce, and Other Groups

CoreCivic, its facilities and employees also are members of certain trade and membership associations, chambers of commerce and other groups. Below is a list of such organizations to which CoreCivic paid dues or fees of \$25,000 or more in 2019, of which a portion were not tax deductible as a result of being used by the organization for lobbying purposes:

Table B-2

Trade Association, Membership Association & Chamber	Total Paid	% Non-Deductible for Lobbying	Non-Deductible Portion
Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce	\$59,000.00	5%	\$2,950.00
US Chamber of Commerce	\$25,000.00	20%	\$5,000.00
National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts	\$76,000.00	20%	\$15,200.00
Combined Other State & Local Chambers of Commerce	\$36,148.00	≈10%	\$3,614.80
TOTAL	\$196,148.00		\$26,764.80

CoreCivic contributes or pays dues to other tax exempt organizations that engage in advocacy or educational efforts on behalf of their constituencies. Except as listed in this report, CoreCivic has not been made aware that any amounts paid or contributed by CoreCivic are used for lobbying or other political activities.

In 2019, CoreCivic was not a member of any partnership corrections-related or similar trade association that engages in political activities on behalf of its members. Many CoreCivic employees are members of the American Correctional Association (“ACA”), which is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. CoreCivic also pays audit and accreditation related fees to the ACA. 501(c)(3) organizations are subject to strict limitations on political activities, and CoreCivic has not been made aware that any dues or fees paid by CoreCivic or its member employees are used for lobbying.

This report is not a supplement to any other report filed or required to be filed by the company with any governmental agency. To the extent the report contains information about PAC, it is not intended as a solicitation for contributions to PAC from any person. The report has not been audited and the company undertakes no obligation to issue any updates or corrections.

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