

<p>Staples, Inc.</p> <p>Corporate Political Contributions and Government Activity</p> <p>Disclosure Statement</p>
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Staples has adopted a *Corporate Political Contributions and Government Activity Policy Statement* which sets forth basic principles that, together with Staples' Code of Ethics and its other policies and procedures, guides Staples' approach to corporate political contributions, trade associations and lobbying activities. The *Policy Statement* is available through the Staples website, www.staples.com.

As indicated in the *Policy Statement*, Staples will make available on its website an annual report for the most recent fiscal year of political contributions, certain amounts paid to trade associations and all amounts paid for lobbying activities. Corporate political contributions in the United States are also reported to, and available at, the appropriate government agencies.

Political Contributions

For the fiscal year ended January 28, 2017, Staples made the following monetary political contributions using corporate funds to candidates, political parties, political committees and other political entities organized and operating under 26 U.S.C. Section 527:

Recipient	Amount
Defeat the Tax On Oregon Sales	\$10,000

Trade Associations

Staples discloses the trade associations to which it pays annual dues of \$10,000 or more. Staples has been informed by these trade associations that a portion of such dues are used for lobbying or political contributions that if made directly by Staples would not be deductible under Section 162 (e)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. Below is a list of the trade associations and such non-deductible amounts for the fiscal year ended January 28, 2017.

Trade Association	Amount
Associated Industries of Massachusetts	\$1,673
Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce	\$3,000
Massachusetts Competitive Partnership	\$15,000
Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation	\$300
Retail Council of Canada	\$100,000 ¹
Retail Industry Leaders Association	\$32,500

¹ Represents total membership fee. No portion of the membership fee was used for political contributions, however, the trade association was unable to determine what portion of the fee was used for lobbying activities.

Staples is a member of each organization because of the total value the organization brings to Staples. In some instances, Staples' official policies and positions on issues may differ with that of the supported organization. Staples constantly re-evaluates membership with all the associations to which it belongs and adds and drops memberships on an ongoing basis.

Lobbying Activities

Below is a list of recipients and the amount spent for related lobbying services for the fiscal year ended January 28, 2017.

Recipient	Amount
None	N/A