



The Kroger Co.  
2009 Political Giving Annual Report

## **Introduction**

Political giving is one small way in which The Kroger Co. engages in the political process.

We are members of various trade associations that provide government relations services in Washington and in the States. We regularly educate legislators and regulators about issues that affect our company, industry, associates and customers. In addition, we inform our management associates of important issues and occasionally encourage them to contact legislators.

On the following pages, you will find a report detailing all of our political giving from the calendar year of 2009. During that period, we gave a total of \$173,850 to candidates and issue campaigns.

A breakdown of the information by source of funds, political party, and state follows:

### **Total Giving**

\$173,850

### **Political Giving by Source of Funds**

KroPAC (Federal PAC): 12.1%

State PACs (Texas): 11.3%

Corporate: 76.4%

### **Political Giving by Party**

Democratic Party: 25.2%

Republican Party: 20.1%

Independent, Non-Partisan, or No Party: 54.5%

### **Political Giving by State**

Oregon: \$34,700

California: \$27,500

Ohio: \$24,200

Indiana: \$17,450

Texas \$17,000

Washington: \$16,000

Kentucky: \$11,750

Illinois: \$10,200

All other states had less than \$3,000.

## **Trade Associations**

Kroger is also a participant in a number of federal trade associations that help represent our perspectives in Washington, D.C. It is important to note that we do not always share the same perspective on legislation as does our trade associations. A full description of Kroger's specific lobbying activities is filed quarterly with Congress and is available online.

Here is a list of trade associations that Kroger participates in:

- Food Marketing Institute
- Grocery Manufacturers Association
- International Dairy Foods Association
- Milk Industry Foundation
- National Cheese Institute
- United Fresh Produce Association
- International Ice Cream Association
- National Retail Federation
- National Association of C-Stores
- SIGMA
- American Bakers Association

## **Questions**

Questions regarding Kroger Political Giving can be addressed to [brendon.cull@kroger.com](mailto:brendon.cull@kroger.com).

**The Kroger Co. Political Spending 1/1/2009-12/31/2009**

Division	State	Date	Recipient	Party	Office Sought or Description	Amount	Source
General Office	AR	4/16/2009	Friends of Blanche Lincoln	D	US Senate, Arkansas	\$ 2,000	KroPAC
Ralphs	CA	3/25/2009	John Perez for Assembly 2010	D	State Assembly	\$ 1,500	Corporate
Ralphs	CA	4/21/2009	California Dream Team			\$ 25,000	Corporate
Ralphs	CA	10/2/2009	Tamar Galatzan-City Council 2009	I	City Council	\$ 250	Corporate
Ralphs	CA	10/2/2009	Chris Essel for city Council	I	City Council	\$ 250	Corporate
Ralphs	CA	12/4/2009	Krekorian for City Council	D	City Council	\$ 500	Corporate
King Soopers	CO	8/12/2009	CO Growth Project			\$ 525	Corporate
King Soopers	CO	8/12/2009	Constitutional CO			\$ 525	Corporate
General Office	DC	6/19/2009	Food PAC		FMI PAC	\$ 1,000	KroPAC
General Office	DC	9/1/2009	National Republican Congressional Campaign	R	Republican House Candidates	\$ 1,500	KroPAC
F4L Midwest	IL	4/17/2009	New 37th Ward Democratic Organization	D	Banquet Dinner	\$ 200	Corporate
Central	IL	9/14/2009	Illinois Retail Merchant Assn. Pac			\$ 10,000	Corporate
Central	IN	8/17/2009	Committee to Elect Senator Tim Lanane (Tim L. D		State Senate	\$ 250	Corporate
Central	IN	8/17/2009	Vi Simpson for State Senate Committee (Vi Sim	D	State Senate	\$ 250	Corporate
Central	IN	8/17/2009	Committee to Elect Terri Austin (Terri Austin)	D	State Representative	\$ 250	Corporate
Central	IN	8/17/2009	GiaQuinta for State Representative	D	State Representative	\$ 250	Corporate
Central	IN	8/17/2009	Mary Ann Sullivan for Indiana House	D	State Representative	\$ 250	Corporate
Central	IN	8/17/2009	Indiana Senate Democrats Caucus	D	State Senate	\$ 1,000	Corporate
Central	IN	8/17/2009	Indiana House Democrat Caucus	D	State Representative	\$ 450	Corporate
Central	IN	8/17/2009	Ron Altling for State Senate Committee (Ron Alt	R	State Senate	\$ 250	Corporate
Central	IN	8/17/2009	Phil Boots for State Senate	R	State Senate	\$ 250	Corporate
Central	IN	8/17/2009	Holdman for Senate (Tavis Holdman)	R	State Senate	\$ 250	Corporate
Central	IN	8/17/2009	Citizens for Merritt (James Merritt)	R	State Senate	\$ 250	Corporate
Central	IN	8/17/2009	Friends of Tomm Wyss (Thomas Wyss)	R	State Senate	\$ 250	Corporate
Central	IN	8/17/2009	Joe Zakas for State Senator Committee (Josep	R	State Senate	\$ 250	Corporate
Central	IN	8/17/2009	Citizens for Bell (Matt Bell)	R	State Representative	\$ 250	Corporate
Central	IN	8/17/2009	Committee to Elect Brian Bosma (Brian Bosma)	R	State Representative	\$ 250	Corporate
Central	IN	8/17/2009	Wes Culver for Indiana State Rep. (Wesley Cul	R	State Representative	\$ 250	Corporate
Central	IN	8/17/2009	Committee to Elect Sean Eberhart (Sean Eberh	R	State Representative	\$ 250	Corporate
Central	IN	8/17/2009	Richardson for State Representative (Kathy Ric	R	State Representative	\$ 250	Corporate
Central	IN	8/17/2009	Indiana Senate Republican Caucus	R	State Senate	\$ 1,000	Corporate
Central	IN	8/17/2009	Indiana House Republican Caucus	R	State Representative	\$ 1,000	Corporate
Central	IN		Alliance for Responsible Alcohol Retailers			\$ 10,000	Corporate
General Office	KS	6/19/2009	Moran for Kansas	R	US Senate, Kansas	\$ 500	KroPAC
General Office	KS	12/23/2009	Brownback for Governor	R	Governor, Kansas	\$ 1,500	KroPAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Mike Reynolds	D	State Senator	\$250	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Ed Worley	D	State Senator	\$400	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Jerry Rhoads	D	State Senator	\$400	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Greg Stumbo	D	State Representative	\$300	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Rocky Adkins	D	State Representative	\$300	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Robert Damron	D	State Representative	\$300	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	John Stacy	D	State Representative	\$300	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Dennis Keene	D	State Representative	\$200	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Reginald Meeks	D	State Representative	\$200	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Charles Miller	D	State Representative	\$200	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Dennis Horlander	D	State Representative	\$200	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Ruth Ann Palumbo	D	State Representative	\$200	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Arnold Simpson	D	State Representative	\$200	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Thomas Burch	D	State Representative	\$100	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Tim Firkins	D	State Representative	\$100	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Joni Jenkins	D	State Representative	\$100	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	John Tilley	D	State Representative	\$175	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Charles Hoffman	D	State Representative	\$175	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Brent Yonts	D	State Representative	\$175	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	David Williams -	R	State Senator	\$400	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Katie Kratz Stein	R	State Senator	\$400	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Dan Seum	R	State Senator	\$400	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Dan Kelly	R	State Senator	\$400	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Tom Buford	R	State Senator	\$250	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Julie Denton	R	State Senator	\$250	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Larry Clark	R	State Representative	\$300	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	David Floyd	R	State Representative	\$200	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Ron Crimm	R	State Representative	\$200	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Adam Koenig	R	State Representative	\$200	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	David Osborne	R	State Representative	\$200	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Sal Santoro	R	State Representative	\$200	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Scott Brinkman	R	State Representative	\$175	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Republican Party of Kentucky Golf Outing	R	Republican Caucus	\$1,000	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	5/26/09	Susan Westrom		State Representative	\$200	KY PAC
Mid South	KY	6/5/09	Carl Rollins	D	State Representative	\$200	KY PAC
General Office	KY	8/12/2009	Republican Party of Kentucky	R		\$ 500	KroPAC
General Office	KY	10/16/2009	KY House Democratic Caucus	D	Kentucky House of Representatives	\$ 500	KroPAC
Mid South	KY	12/1/09	Danville Expanded Sales Committee		Successful Support of Wet/Dry Vote	\$2,500	Corporate
Smiths	NM	11/23/2009	New Mexico Retail Association		PAC	\$ 2,500	Corporate
General Office	OH	1/30/2009	Strickland for Governor	D	Governor, Ohio	\$ 500	KroPAC
General Office	OH	2/5/2009	Portman for Senate	R	US Senate, Ohio	\$ 2,000	KroPAC
General Office	OH	2/25/2009	Mallory for Citizens	D	Mayor, Cincinnati	\$ 500	KroPAC
General Office	OH	2/25/2009	Ohio Merchants Committee		Ohio Retail Merchants PAC	\$ 1,000	KroPAC
General Office	OH	3/10/2009	Jeff Berding for City Council	I	City Council, Cincinnati	\$ 250	KroPAC
General Office	OH	3/13/2009	Friends of Sherrod Brown	D	US Senate, Ohio	\$ 500	KroPAC
General Office	OH	4/16/2009	Cole for Council	D	City Council, Cincinnati	\$ 250	KroPAC
General Office	OH	6/4/2009	Friends of John Boehner	R	US House, OH - 8th Dist.	\$ 1,000	KroPAC
General Office	OH	8/5/2009	Committee to Elect Wendell Young	D	City Council, Cincinnati	\$ 150	KroPAC

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General Office	OH	8/12/2009	Friends to Elect Bernadette Wilson	D	City Council, Cincinnati	\$ 150	KroPAC
General Office	OH	9/1/2009	OH Republican Senate Campaign Comm	R	Ohio Senate Republican Candidates	\$ 500	KroPAC
General Office	OH	9/2/2009	Jeff Berding for City Council	I	City Council, Cincinnati	\$ 250	KroPAC
General Office	OH	9/18/2009	Cincinnatians Active to Support Education		Cincinnati Public Schools Levy	\$ 5,000	Corporate
General Office	OH	9/28/2009	Driehaus for Congress	D	US House, OH - 1st Dist	\$ 500	KroPAC
General Office	OH	9/28/2009	Citizens for Qualls	I	City Council, Cincinnati	\$ 150	KroPAC
General Office	OH	9/29/2009	Citizens for Your Library		Cincinnati Library Support	\$ 5,000	Corporate
General Office	OH	9/29/2009	Family Services and Treatment Levy		Cincinnati Family Services Levy	\$ 5,000	Corporate
General Office	OH	10/8/2009	Mallory for Citizens	D	Mayor, Cincinnati	\$ 500	KroPAC
General Office	OH	10/8/2009	Bortz for Council	I	City Council, Cincinnati	\$ 250	KroPAC
General Office	OH	10/8/2009	Vanessa White for CPS	I	School Board, Cincinnati	\$ 150	KroPAC
General Office	OH	10/8/2009	Campaign to Elect Melanie Bates	I	School Board, Cincinnati	\$ 100	KroPAC
General Office	OH	10/8/2009	Citizens for Reed	I	School Board, Cincinnati	\$ 100	KroPAC
General Office	OH	10/8/2009	Committee to Elect Leslie Ghiz	R	City Council, Cincinnati	\$ 150	KroPAC
General Office	OH	10/16/2009	Winburn for City Council	R	City Council, Cincinnati	\$ 150	KroPAC
General Office	OH	12/16/2009	Jeff Berding for City Council	I	City Council, Cincinnati	\$ 100	KroPAC
Fred Meyer	OR	1/5/2009	Mary Nolan for State Rep	D	State Representative	\$ 1,000	Corporate
Fred Meyer	OR	1/5/2009	Friends of Brent Barton	D	State Representative	\$ 1,000	Corporate
Fred Meyer	OR	1/5/2009	The Senate Dem Leadership Fund	D	Party Leadership	\$ 1,000	Corporate
Fred Meyer	OR	1/5/2009	Friends of Dave Hunt	D	State Representative	\$ 1,700	Corporate
Fred Meyer	OR	1/5/2009	Sam Adams for Portland Mayor	D	Mayor	\$ 1,000	Corporate
General Office	OR	5/13/2009	Blumenauer for Congress	D	US House, OR - 3rd Dist.	\$ 500	KroPAC
Fred Meyer	OR	7/1/2009	Friends of Dave Hunt	D	State Representative	\$ 2,500	Corporate
Fred Meyer	OR	7/1/2009	Friends of Peter Courtney	D	State Senator	\$ 5,000	Corporate
Fred Meyer	OR	9/1/2009	Friends of Mark Hass	D	State Senator	\$ 2,000	Corporate
Fred Meyer	OR	9/1/2009	Friends of Richard Devlin	D	State Senator	\$ 1,000	Corporate
Fred Meyer	OR	10/27/2009	Forward with Jefferson Smith	D	State Representative	\$ 500	Corporate
Fred Meyer	OR	10/27/2009	Friends of Laurie Monnes-Anderson	D	State Senator	\$ 1,000	Corporate
Fred Meyer	OR	10/27/2009	Friends of Vic Gilliam	R	State Representative	\$ 1,500	Corporate
Fred Meyer	OR	12/8/2009	Oregon Local Grocery Coalition			\$ 15,000	corporate
General Office	PA	3/25/2009	Citizens for Arlen Specter	I	US Senate, Pennsylvania	\$ 1,000	KroPAC
General Office	PA	10/16/2009	Rafferty for Senate	R	State Senate, Pennsylvania	\$ 500	KroPAC
General Office	TN	8/12/2009	TN Grocers & Convenience Strs PAC			\$ 1,000	KroPAC
Southwest	TX	3/20/2009	Dave Neumann	R	Dallas City Council	\$ 500	Kroger TX PAC
Southwest	TX	4/3/2009	Craig Watkins	D	District Attorney	\$ 500	Kroger TX PAC
Southwest	TX	4/27/2009	Joe M. Gurecky	I	Mayor	\$ 250	Kroger TX PAC
Southwest	TX	4/27/2009	James C. Hopkins	I	At Large Position 1	\$ 250	Kroger TX PAC
Southwest	TX	4/27/2009	Joe G. Segura	I	District 2	\$ 250	Kroger TX PAC
Southwest	TX	4/27/2009	Tom Suter	I	District 4	\$ 250	Kroger TX PAC
Southwest	TX	5/8/2009	Sylvia Garcia	D	Commissioner - Precinct Two	\$ 500	Kroger TX PAC
Southwest	TX	5/19/2009	Harris County Republican Party	R	Republican Party	\$ 1,000	Kroger TX PAC
Southwest	TX	7/1/2009	Paula Pierson	D	State Rep	\$ 1,000	Kroger TX PAC
Southwest	TX	7/1/2009	Jane Nelson	R	40th Birthday Party	\$ 1,000	Kroger TX PAC
Southwest	TX	7/9/2009	Tennell Atkins	D	Birthday & Debt Retirement	\$ 500	Kroger TX PAC
Southwest	TX	7/14/2009	Judith Zaffirini	D	State Senator, Dist. 21	\$ 500	Kroger TX PAC
Southwest	TX	8/19/2009	David Dewhurst	R	Lieutenant Governor	\$ 500	Kroger TX PAC
Southwest	TX	9/11/2009	Texas Retailers	I	Fundraiser	\$ 500	Kroger TX PAC
Southwest	TX	9/15/2009	Todd Staples	R	TX Commissioner of Agriculture	\$ 500	Kroger TX PAC
General Office	TX	9/21/2009	Congressman Joe Barton Committee	R	US House, TX - 6th Dist	\$ 500	KroPAC
General Office	TX	9/21/2009	Brady for Congress	R	US House, TX - 8th Dist	\$ 1,000	KroPAC
Southwest	TX	9/28/2009	Royce West	D	Senator	\$ 500	Kroger TX PAC
Southwest	TX	9/28/2009	Vicki Truitt	R	State Representative	\$ 1,000	Kroger TX PAC
Southwest	TX	10/1/2009	Angie Chen Button	R	Tx House of Representatives	\$ 500	Kroger TX PAC
Southwest	TX	11/10/2009	Economic Impact For Desoto		Vote Yes Campaign	\$ 5,000	Corporate
Southwest	TX	11/12/2009	Greg Abbott	R	Attorney General	\$ 500	Kroger TX PAC
Smiths	UT	12/29/2009	Utah Retail Grocers Association		PAC	\$ 1,500	Corporate
Fred Meyer	WA	10/27/2009	People for Lynn Kessler	D	State Representative	\$ 400	Corporate
Fred Meyer	WA	10/27/2009	People for (Kelli) Linville	D	State Representative	\$ 400	Corporate
Fred Meyer	WA	10/27/2009	Friends of Frank Chopp (Speaker)	D	State Representative	\$ 500	Corporate
Fred Meyer	WA	10/27/2009	Friends of Larry Springer	D	State Representative	\$ 200	Corporate
Fred Meyer	WA	10/27/2009	Friends of Deb Eddy	D	State Representative	\$ 200	Corporate
Fred Meyer	WA	10/27/2009	Retain Laura Grant	D	State Representative	\$ 200	Corporate
Fred Meyer	WA	10/27/2009	Chris Marr for State Senate	D	State Senator	\$ 200	Corporate
Fred Meyer	WA	10/27/2009	Wash. State Dem Central Comm	D	Party Leadership	\$ 5,000	Corporate
Fred Meyer	WA	10/27/2009	Committee to elect Matt Shea	R	State Representative	\$ 200	Corporate
Fred Meyer	WA	10/27/2009	Committee to elect Maureen Walsh	R	State Representative	\$ 200	Corporate
Fred Meyer	WA	10/27/2009	Citizens to elect Larry Crouse	R	State Representative	\$ 200	Corporate
Fred Meyer	WA	10/27/2009	People for Joe Schmick	R	State Representative	\$ 200	Corporate
Fred Meyer	WA	10/27/2009	Committee to elect Charles Ross	R	State Representative	\$ 200	Corporate
Fred Meyer	WA	10/27/2009	(Mike) Armstrong Campaign Committee	R	State Representative	\$ 400	Corporate
Fred Meyer	WA	10/27/2009	Committee to elect Cary Condotta	R	State Representative	\$ 400	Corporate
Fred Meyer	WA	10/27/2009	Committee to Re-Elect Bill Hinkle	R	State Representative	\$ 200	Corporate
Fred Meyer	WA	10/27/2009	Committee to Retain Richard DeBolt	R	State Representative	\$ 500	Corporate
Fred Meyer	WA	10/27/2009	Committee to Re-Elect Gary Alexander	R	State Representative	\$ 200	Corporate
Fred Meyer	WA	10/27/2009	Friends of Janea Holmquist	R	State Senator	\$ 400	Corporate
Fred Meyer	WA	10/27/2009	Friends to Re-Elect Mike Hewitt	R	State Senator	\$ 800	Corporate
Fred Meyer	WA	12/15/2009	Washington State Republican Party	R	Party Leadership	\$ 5,000	Corporate
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