

# Why Should **you** Care About **RPAC?**



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REALTORS® POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

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**ANSWER:** Serious REALTORS® contribute to RPAC because serious legislation is what we watch!

### Past RPAC Victories

**Commissions** - Stopped sales tax on commissions

**Permit Processing** - Expedited DNR permitting process

**Impact Fees** - Limited Municipal impact fees

**Eminent Domain** - Restricted Eminent domain use

**License Law** - Modernized Wisconsin's Real Estate License Law

**Mortgage Interest** - Preserved the federal mortgage interest deduction.

**Personal Property Taxes** - Eliminated personal property tax on computers

**Fines** - Defeated excessive fines (\$10,000) for innocent telemarketing violations.

**Closing Agent** - Defeated legislation to require new "closing agent" at every closing.

**Tenant Property** - Streamlined process for landlords to dispose of property.

**Transfer Tax** - Defeated numerous attempts to increase tax.

### Dear REALTOR®



RPAC stands for the REALTORS® Political Action Committee. A PAC is a legal means by which interested individuals with common goals, like a trade association, band together for the purposes of political action.

The best way to positively impact issues such as property taxes, health care and protecting the rights of property owners is through RPAC, a real estate professional's vehicle for political action. If you are a serious REALTOR® who is concerned about your industry, contribute today. We need your support to preserve, protect and defend our industry.

John Flor, Chairman, RPAC Trustees

### Why Should RPAC Interest You?

RPAC is a very important business partner for REALTORS®. Up to 4,000 bills are introduced each session in the state Legislature, and elections determine who will be voting on these bills. RPAC helps to elect the people who write the laws with which you and your business must live. Through extensive research and ongoing monitoring, RPAC keeps real estate professionals informed, involved and influential regarding the legislative decisions that are important to the industry.

### What Does RPAC Do?

As a real estate professional, RPAC is your PAC. It is also the real estate industry's vehicle for political success. REALTOR® volunteers raise contributions from other members across the state. These funds are then pooled together and contributed on a nonpartisan basis to public office candidates who support housing and real estate interests.

### Ten Reasons to Contribute to RPAC

- Protects your right to draft contracts without a lawyer
- Eliminating Mandatory Energy Audits at the Time of Sale
- Keeping Banks out of Real Estate
- Distressed TIF Districts
- Defeating Appraiser Licensing Legislation
- Removing Road Blocks to New Development
- Keeping REALTORS® Out of Court Concerning Wisconsin No-Call Violations
- Protecting Commissions for Commercial Real Estate
- Defending the Mortgage Interest Deduction
- Stopping Tax Increases on the Industry

### RPAC Facts

- All fundraising efforts and contributions to candidates are administered by a board of RPAC trustees, representing each local board and all areas of the state. Decisions made by the trustees are submitted to the WRA Board of Directors.
- Funds are disbursed on a nonpartisan basis to Democrats and Republicans alike, based on issues and support of the REALTORS® legislative agenda.
- RPAC is one of the largest trade association PACs in the world, and in Wisconsin.

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