

POLITICAL UPDATE

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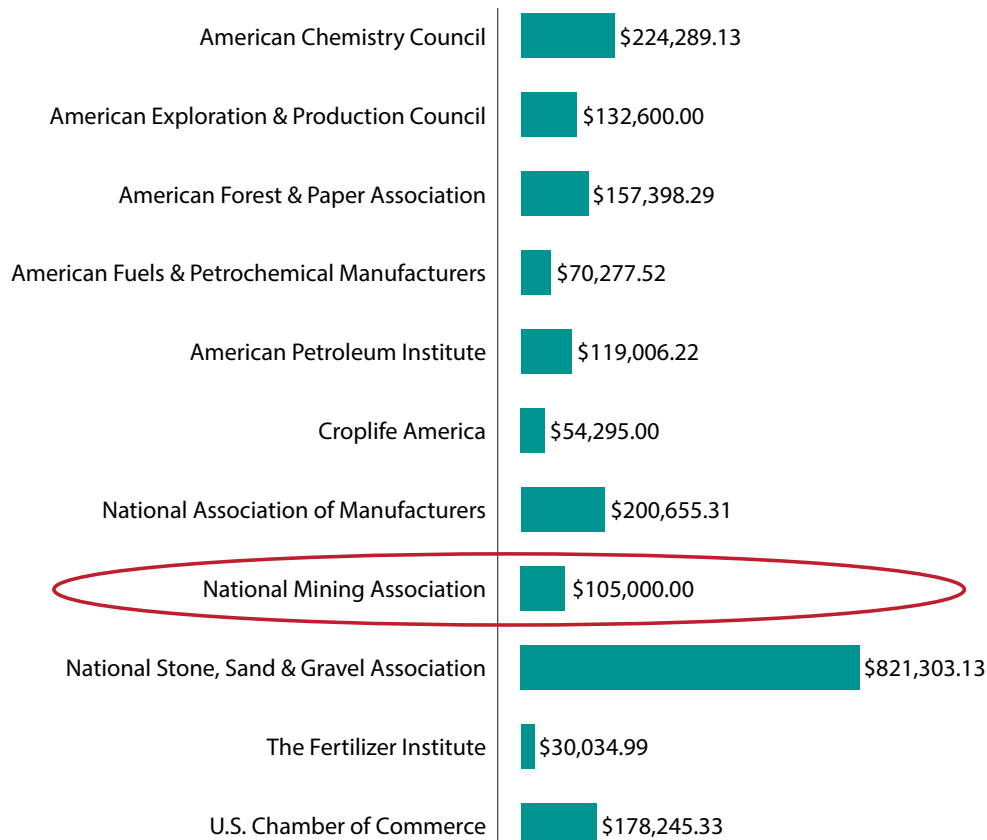
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With summer giving way to fall, the 2024 election campaign season begins in earnest. In this special NMA Fall Board of Directors Meeting edition of *Political Update*, we highlight the critical importance of funding NMA's political action committees—MINEPAC and COALPAC—to ensure financial support for candidates who champion mining legislation and interests.

MINEPAC/COALPAC Fundraising

As the 2024 campaign season heats up, the chart below shows how MINEPAC and COALPAC stack up to the fundraising for other large trade associations.



MINEPAC AND COALPAC currently sit toward the middle of the pack. Our PACs need more resources to support key members of Congress who work to prioritize pro-mining policies in legislation and stand up for the mining industry.

The political fundraising environment is very competitive. Many of the key members of Congress important to the mining industry are also champions for other industries as well. Our contributions toward their expensive re-election races help build the mining industry's partnership further with our allies in Congress. Building and maintaining those partnerships are essential.

As Congress considers legislation that impacts everything from permitting and production to energy security, land access, infrastructure, and national security, NMA and Americans who depend on our nation's mineral resources need our voices to be heard.

Contributions in any amount make a difference.

Please contact us for additional information on how your PACs can give to MINEPAC and COALPAC or how individuals in your companies can give. Your PAC points of contact are Ryan Jackson at rjackson@nma.org and MK Kirlin at mkirlin@nma.org.

To donate to MINEPAC, please click on the logo below.

To donate to COALPAC, please click on the logo below.



To continue or start a contribution program within your companies, please contact Ryan Jackson at rjackson@nma.org or MK Kirlin at mkirlin@nma.org. Filling out the following form on [page 3](#) helps start that process.



Please return to:
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Or Scan and email to mkirlin@nma.org



NMA PAC AUTHORIZATION & CONTRIBUTION FORM

I approve the solicitation of financial contributions for NMA's political action committees from myself and/or other representatives of my company that I may designate for the calendar year(s) listed below. This authorization may be rescinded at any time. I understand that, in any calendar year, authorization may be given to only one federal PAC affiliated with a national trade association. Please check the boxes below for the year(s) you would like to authorize.

☐ 2023 ☐ 2024 ☐ 2024 ☐ 2026

Your Authorizing Signature _____

The following section is required if you completed the above section and/or are making a contribution:

Company _____ Date _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Name _____ Title _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Yes, I want to help strengthen the mining industry's voice in Washington. Here is my Contribution to MINEPAC, COALPAC, or both (circle one).

☐ \$5,000 ☐ \$3,000 ☐ \$2,000 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$500 ☐ Other

a) Enclosed is my personal check of \$ _____

b) Please charge my personal credit card: ____ VISA ____ MasterCard ____ AMEX
(Federal law does not allow use of corporate cards)

Card Number _____ Security Code _____ Expiration Date _____

Name on Card _____ Billing Address _____

Signature _____

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Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year. Corporate contributions are prohibited by federal law. Contributions to COALPAC and/or MINEPAC are for political purposes. Only U.S. citizens and permanent residents can contribute to federal PACs. Participation is strictly voluntary. You may refuse to contribute without reprisal. Contributions to COALPAC and/or MINEPAC are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

2023 PAC Contributors: Thank You for Your Support!



Maximum Giving - \$5,000 Annually

Richard Adkerson, Freeport-McMoRan, Inc.
 Joe Craft, Alliance Resource Partners, L.P.
 Tony Calandra, Jennmar Corporation
 Michael Calandra, Jennmar Corporation
 Stephen Higgins, Freeport-McMoRan, Inc.
 Michael Kendrick, Freeport-McMoRan, Inc.
 Joe Usibelli, Usibelli Coal Mine
 Robert Wise, Jennmar Corporation
 Alliance Coal Political Action Committee
 Arch Resources, Inc. Political Action Committee
 Coeur Mining, Inc. Political Action Committee
 Drummond Company Political Action Committee
 Hallador Energy Company Political Action Committee
 Peabody Energy Political Action Committee
 Rich Nolan, National Mining Association
 Katie Sweeney, National Mining Association
 Ryan Jackson, National Mining Association

Principal Giving - \$1,000 + Annually

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 Peter Halpin, World Resources Company
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 Ronald Lewis, John T. Boyd Company
 J.J. Ong, Freeport-McMoRan, Inc.
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 Bob Stenger, Cincinnati Mine Machinery Co.
 John Ward, John Ward, Inc.
 James Young, National Mining Association
 Tawny Bridgeford, National Mining Association
 Ashley Burke, National Mining Association
 PK Krivocuka, National Mining Association
 Jerry Mullins, National Mining Association
 Justin Prosser, National Mining Association
 Caitlin McHale, National Mining Association
 Roger Roberts, National Mining Association
 Veronika Shime, National Mining Association

Foundational Giving - \$500 + Annually

Joe Bardswich, Golden Vertex Corp.
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 Lee Lemke, Georgia Mining Association
 Matt Nugen, Peabody Energy Corporation
 Bert Odinet, Freeport-McMoRan, Inc.
 Lorali Simon, Usibelli Coal Mine
 Fred Wallis, Usibelli Coal Mine
 Conor Bernstein, National Mining Association
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MINEPAC & COALPAC in Action

The NMA has contributed to the campaigns of over 26 bipartisan members of Congress and candidates so far this year:

- Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)
- Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)
- Rep. Mike Carey (R-OH)
- Rep. James Comer (R-KY)
- Rep. John Curtis (R-UT)
- Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA)
- Rep. Vicente Gonzalez (D-TX)
- Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA)
- Rep. Morgan Griffith (R-VA)
- Rep. Harriet Hageman (R-WY)
- Rep. Ashley Hinson (R-IA)
- Rep. Steven Horsford (D-NV)
- Rep. Bill Johnson (R-OH)
- Candidate Celeste Maloy (R-UT)
- Rep. Dan Meuser (R-PA)
- Rep. Carol Miller (R-WV)
- Candidate Riley Moore (R-WV)
- Rep. Mary Peltola (D-AK)
- Rep. Greg Pence (R-IN)
- Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA)
- Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID)
- Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN)
- Rep. Tom Tiffany (R-WI)
- Rep. Michael Waltz (R-FL)
- Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR)
- Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-MT)

The NMA and our member companies have hosted fundraisers at the NMA offices in Washington, D.C. for the following members of Congress so far – the most key members of Congress and in the most key leadership positions impacting the mining industry.



Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR)

- Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee
- Leader in permitting reform this Congress, including permitting priorities in H.R. 1



Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID)

- Chairman of the House Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee
- Advanced all of NMA's appropriations priorities in appropriations bills



Rep. Bill Johnson (R-OH)

- Chairman of the House Energy & Commerce Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Minerals Subcommittee
- Co-Chair of the Congressional Coal Caucus

- Consistent advocate for electricity

reliability and securing our supply chains through domestic mining production



Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN)

- Chairman of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources

- Placed mining industry priorities in H.R. 1, including lead agency designations, time limits on environmental

reviews, expedited Federal Register notices, limits on judicial review, new limits on withdrawals, the Mining Regulatory Clarity Act, and forcing new leasing approvals for federal coal



Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)

- Ranking Member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
- Included all NMA priorities on permitting and production in his Spur Permitting of Underdeveloped Resources (SPUR) Act, including permitting

reforms, deadlines on lease application approvals, the Mining Regulatory Clarity Act, reining in over-reaching EPA regulations that threaten electricity reliability, limits on judicial review, ensuring federal resources for coal utility plant investments, implementation of key process improvements for mineral permit approvals



House Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-LA)

- House Leader for energy, permitting, and new domestic production
- Led the inclusion of mining priorities in H.R. 1

Upcoming:

Rep. Mary Peltola (D-AK)

- Member of the House Natural Resources Committee
- Congressional Coal Caucus member
- Co-Chair of the Congressional Blue Dog Caucus
- Original co-author of the House version of the Mining Regulatory Clarity Act

....And Many More to Come

NMA Fundraising Events



Rich Nolan and Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-MT) at his Congressional Swearing-in Reception hosted by NMA.



NMA's Katie Sweeney, Barrick Gold's Christina Erling, and Newmont's Mary Beth Donnelley at a fundraiser for Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV).



Rich Nolan and Travis Deti, Executive Director of the Wyoming Mining Association, at a fundraiser for Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY).



Fundraiser for Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN).



Fundraiser for Rep. Bill Johnson (R-OH).



Fundraiser for Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR).



NMA Chairman Mitch Krebs, Rich Nolan, and Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR) at a fundraiser.



Rich Nolan and Idaho Governor Brad Little.



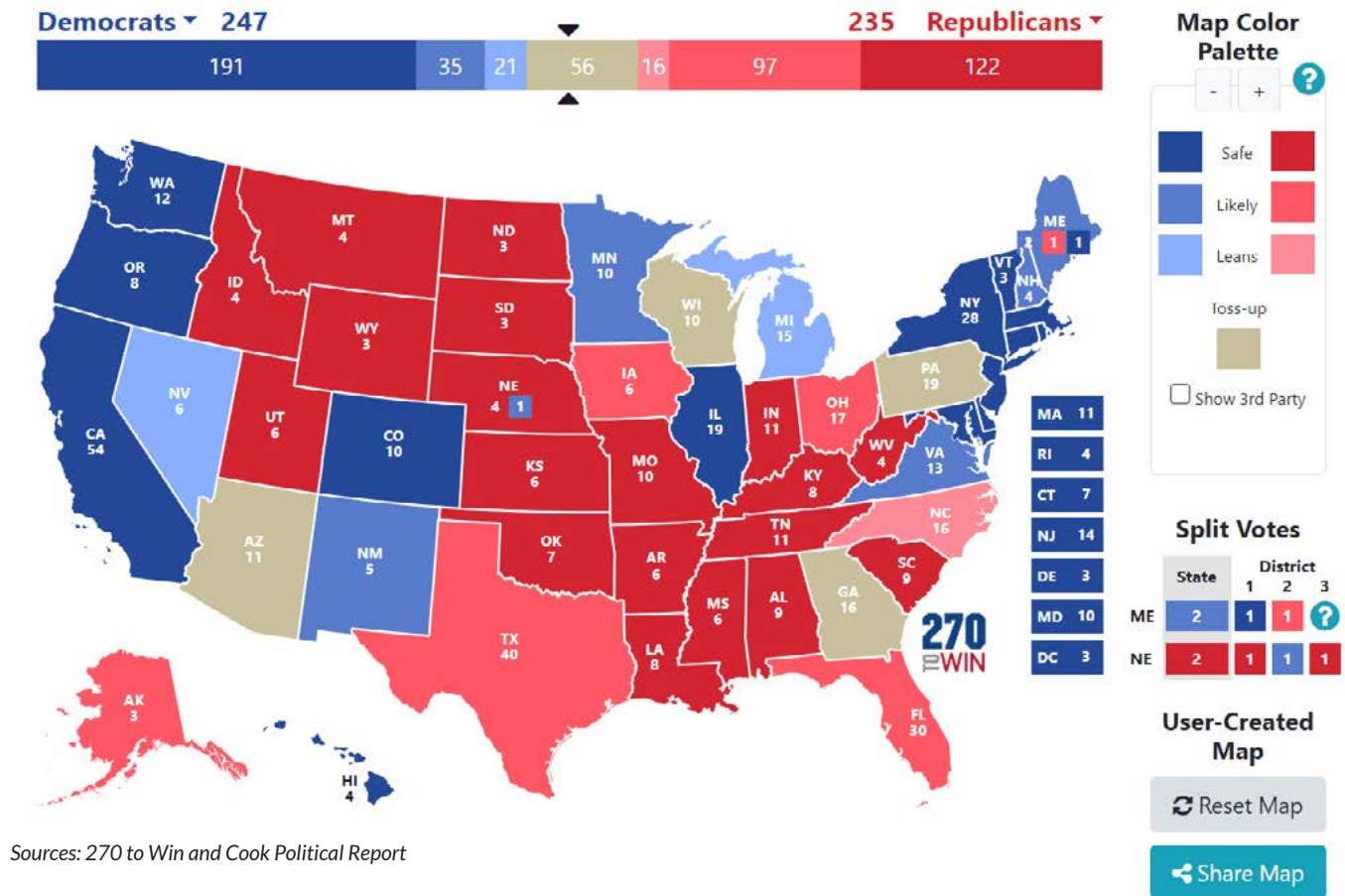
NMA at a Congressional Blue Dogs event.



NMA Chairman Mitch Krebs with Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN), Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR), Rich Nolan, and J.R. Simplot Company CEO Garrett Lofto.

2024 Presidential Election

The Cook Political Report has released its first Electoral College ratings for the 2024 presidential election. With 270 electoral votes required to win, President Joe Biden begins with a small lead over his Republican opposition: states (and districts) leaning Democratic comprise 247 votes, while states leaning Republican comprise 235 votes. Four states that all went for President Biden in 2020—Arizona, Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin—are currently all rated “Toss Up.” Each party would likely need to win a minimum of two of those states to reach 270 electoral votes.



Washington Post [charted the ages](#) of presidential candidates and presidents historically.

Miami Mayor **Francis Suarez** [suspended his 2024 presidential campaign](#) after failing to make the first GOP presidential primary debate.

The Hill published: “Five [political narratives](#) that will dominate the fall.”

Washington Post published: “[Nine things to watch](#) as the 2024 presidential campaign heats up.”

Departing Members

Resigning	
House Member	Terms Served
Chris Stewart (R-UT)	6th term

Resigned	
House Member	Terms Served
David Cicilline (D-RI)	7th term

Retiring	
House Member	Terms Served
Grace Napolitano (D-CA)	13th term
Victoria Spartz (R-IN)	2nd term

Running for Senate	
House Member	Terms Served
Jim Banks (R-IN)	4th term
Ruben Gallego (D-AZ)	5th term
Barbara Lee (D-CA)	13th term
Alex Mooney (R-WV)	5th term
Katie Porter (D-CA)	3rd term
Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE)	4th term
Adam Schiff (D-CA)	4th term
Elissa Slotkin (D-MI)	3rd term
David Trone (D-MD)	3rd term

Running for Other Office	
House Member	Terms Served
Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX)	15th term

Resigned	
Senate Member	Terms Served
Ben Sasse (R-NE)	2nd term

Running for Other Office	
Senate Member	Terms Served
Mike Braun (R-IN)	1st term
Tim Scott (R-SC)	3rd term

Retiring	
Senate Member	Terms Served
Ben Cardin (D-MD)	3rd term
Tom Carper (D-DE)	4th term
Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	5th term
Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)	4th term

Source: Legistorm, September 8, 2023.

2024 U.S. Senate Race Rankings

Democrats face a tough challenge to hold on to their Senate majority, as they must defend all eight of the seats currently rated as competitive races. Just how tough a battle they face will be clearer once the likely GOP challengers for each seat emerge. As of this writing, Republicans are still actively recruiting high-profile candidates for Senate races in half of those states: Arizona, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. The GOP Senate primary season begins in March 2024.

Ultimately, if Republicans can flip a net two Senate seats, they will take over majority control of the chamber. If a Republican wins the White House, then their “magic number” is just one.

Solid D	Likely D	Lean D	Toss Up	Lean R	Likely R	Solid R
Open, CA (Feinstein)		Open, MI (Stabenow)	Sinema (AZ)		Scott (FL)	Open, IN (Braun)
Murphy (CT)		Tester (MT)	Brown (OH)		Cruz (TX)	Hawley (MO)
Open, DE (Carper)		Rosen (NV)	Manchin (WV)			Wicker (MS)
Hirono (HI)		Casey (PA)				Cramer (ND)
Warren (MA)		Baldwin (WI)				Fischer (NE)
Open, MD (Cardin)						Ricketts (NE)
King (ME)						Blackburn (TN)
Klobuchar (MN)						Romney (UT)
Menendez (NJ)						Barrasso (WY)
Heinrich (NM)						
Gillibrand (NY)						
Whitehouse (RI)						
Kaine (VA)						
Sanders (VT)						
Cantwell (WA)						

Blue type indicates seat currently held by a Democrat; red type indicates seat currently held by a Republican.

Source: Cook Political Report, May 3, 2023

2024 U.S. House Race Rankings

In what is shaping up to be a tight contest for majority control of the U.S. House of Representatives, ongoing redistricting battles could yet prove to be the deciding factor. Currently, four states—Alabama, Florida, New York, and North Carolina—are in the process of court-ordered redrawings of all or part of the maps that governed the 2022 midterm elections. Court battles in states such as Georgia, Louisiana, and South Carolina could potentially result in (re)redistricting in those states as well.

The Cook Political Report's latest House race rankings reflect some of that tumult. Since the last issue of *Political Update* was published, Cook has updated four races: AL-01 Carl moves from Toss Up R to no longer competitive; AL-02 Moore moves from Toss Up R to Likely D; FL-05 Rutherford is newly competitive at Toss Up R; and LA-06 Graves shifts from Toss Up R to Likely R.

Likely D	Lean D	Toss Up D	Toss Up R	Lean R	Likely R
AL-02 Moore	AK-AL Peltola	CO-08 Caraveo	AZ-01 Schweikert	CA-22 Valadao	CA-03 Kiley
CA-09 Harder	CA-47 Open (Porter)	MI-07 Open (Slotkin)	AZ-06 Ciscomani	CA-45 Steel	CA-40 Kim
CA-49 Levin	CT-05 Hayes	NC-06 Manning	CA-13 Duarte	IA-03 Nunn	FL-13 Luna
FL-09 Soto	IL-17 Sorenson	NC-13 Nickel	CA-27 Garcia	MI-10 James	IA-01 Miller-Meeks
FL-23 Moskowitz	IN-01 Mrvan	NC-14 Jackson	CA-41 Calvert	NE-02 Bacon	LA-06 Graves
KS-03 Davids	ME-02 Golden	NM-02 Vasquez	CO-03 Boebert	VA-02 Kiggans	MT-01 Zinke
MD-05 Open (Trone)	NC-01 Davis	OH-13 Sykes	FL-05 Rutherford		NY-01 LaLota
MI-03 Scholten	NV-03 Lee	PA-07 Wild	LA-05 Letlow		PA-01 Fitzpatrick
MI-08 Kildee	NY-03 Santos	PA-08 Cartwright	NJ-07 Kean Jr.		PA-10 Perry
MN-02 Craig	NY-18 Ryan	WA-03 Perez	NY-04 D'Esposito		SC-01 Mace
NH-01 Pappas	OH-01 Landsman		NY-17 Lawler		TX-15 De La Cruz
NH-02 Kuster	OH-09 Kaptur		NY-19 Molinaro		WI-03 Van Orden
NV-01 Titus	OR-06 Salinas		NY-22 Williams		
NV-04 Horsford	PA-17 Deluzio		OR-05 Chavez-DeRemer		
OR-04 Hoyle	TX-34 Gonzalez				
TX-28 Cuellar					
VA-07 Spanberger					
WA-08 Schrier					

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Source: Cook Political Report, September 7, 2023

U.S. House Updates

Former White House aide [Gabe Amo](#) won a crowded Democratic primary for an open U.S. House seat in Rhode Island.

[Celeste Maloy](#), an aide to Rep. **Chris Stewart** (R-UT), won a Republican primary to replace her boss, who is resigning.

Roll Call commented that the Rhode Island and Utah results in “politically opposite states... showed how a [center-lane approach](#) can be effective.”

Spending in the special elections in Rhode Island and Utah [topped \\$3.9 million](#).

Roll Call published: “How the [12 toss-up races](#) on next year’s House battlefield align.”

The Hill published: “Five [under-the-radar races](#) to watch this year.”

2023/24 Governor Race Rankings

The only ratings change since the last issue of *Political Update* was published shows the open seat currently held by Governor Jay Inslee (D-WA) moving from Solid D to Likely D. According to *The Cook Political Report*, the move reflects the GOP’s successful recruitment of Dave Reichert to seek the governorship. Reichert, who is generally regarded as a moderate, represented Washington’s 8th Congressional district for seven terms before retiring in 2019. He will vie in the state’s non-partisan top-two primary in August 2024 for the right to compete in the November general election.

Solid D	Likely D	Lean D	Toss Up	Lean R	Likely R	Solid R
Open, Carney (DE)	Open, Inslee (WA)	Beshear (KY) [2023]	Open, Sununu (NH)	Open, Edwards (LA) [2023]	MS-Reeves [2023]	Open, Holcomb (IN)
		Open, Cooper (NC)				Open, Parson (MO)
						Gianforte (MT)
						Burgum (ND)
						Sununu (NH)
						Cox (UT)
						Scott (VT)
						Open, Justice (WV)

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Source: Cook Political Report, July 21, 2023

MINEPAC/COALPAC FAQs



Q. What are MINEPAC and COALPAC?

A. MINEPAC and COALPAC are legal nonprofit organizations of National Mining Association members and employees established for the purpose of soliciting, collecting, and disbursing political contributions as a means to support the election of pro-mining candidates to federal elective offices. All contributions are voluntary, and no individual will ever face reprisal or retribution for not participating in MINEPAC or COALPAC.

Q. What is a political action committee?

A. A political action committee is essentially a bank account that gives businesses, trade, and professional associations and labor organizations a way to pool the resources of their members and employees to support candidates for federal elective office. Political action committees were authorized by federal law in the 1970s and virtually all trade, professional, and labor organizations have now created political action committees.

Q. Why does the National Mining Association need MINEPAC and COALPAC?

A. The mining industry needs MINEPAC and COALPAC to compete with powerful interest groups and other organizations that contribute millions of dollars annually to help elect candidates who support harmful regulation of the mining industry and laws that restrict the growth of the mining industry.

Q. Why doesn't the National Mining Association just use its own money to make political contributions?

A. Federal election law prohibits corporate contributions to candidates for the U.S. Senate and House. In addition, the National Mining Association cannot use membership dues or other association revenues to financially support candidates.

Q. What kind of contributions can MINEPAC and COALPAC accept?

A. By law, PACs can accept only personal contributions by eligible individuals to provide financial support to candidates for U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives. In addition, MINEPAC and COALPAC can accept contributions from other Political Action Committees.

Q. Why is MINEPAC and COALPAC important to me?

A. By opting in to learn more about MINEPAC and COALPAC, you can ensure that the National Mining Association is able to help elect candidates who support the mining industry and are committed to removing barriers to growth. Our PACs help grow the mining industry's allies and supporters on Capitol Hill by building relationships with pro-industry candidates, enhancing the visibility of the coal industry on Capitol Hill, promoting awareness of the key industry issues, and educating Congress about the critical role of mining to the U.S. economy.

Q. Why should I contribute to a PAC instead of giving to the candidate(s) of my choice?

A. Engaging in political activities is vital to the entire mining community. As National Mining Association grows, so does our commitment to ensuring we have a strong and unified voice in Washington. Contributing to a PAC helps leverage the collective resources of hundreds of your colleagues to support our industry's top champions in districts out of your company's footprint.

Q. How much of the contributions are used on overhead?

A. While the National Mining Association cannot legally contribute to candidates, it is allowed to provide the administrative support required to establish and operate a political action committee of its own. Absolutely 100% of contributions to MINEPAC and COALPAC are used for political contributions to mining-friendly candidates.

Q. How much can I contribute to a PAC?

A. Federal law permits individuals to contribute up to \$5,000 to a PAC each calendar year. Other corporate and association PACs may also contribute a maximum of \$5,000 to a PAC each calendar year. Your contribution can be split between COALPAC and MINEPAC.

Q. Is a PAC contribution deductible on my personal income tax return?

A. No, PAC contributions are not tax deductible as they are considered political contributions.

Q. How often can I make contributions?

A. You may contribute as often as you wish, as long as the sum of your contributions does not exceed the \$5,000 limit during any calendar year.

Q. What kind of candidates does MINEPAC and COALPAC support?

A. The National Mining Association and MINEPAC/COALPAC support federal candidates who embrace the mining industry as an economic generator and actively support policy to remove barriers to growth within the industry.

Q. Who decides which candidates to support?

A. MINEPAC and COALPAC staff, in consultation with the PAC steering committee, collectively make the selection of candidates that the PAC supports. MINEPAC and COALPAC donors are invited to suggest candidates for consideration.

Q. I still have questions, who can I contact?

A. For more information, please contact MK Kirlin at mkirlin@nma.org

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