

Strengthen forestry's voice in South Carolina



South Carolina's Forestry Political Action Committee

Is there a limit for contributions?

South Carolina law limits contributions to \$3,500 for statewide candidates per election cycle. SC FORPAC is limited in the amount it can contribute to any legislative candidate to \$1,000 in a given election cycle.

Is there a goal or formula for contributions?

SC FORPAC's goal is \$50,000. Contributions of any amount, no matter how small, are welcome and appreciated. Contributions may be made by personal or company checks. Under state law, contributions to SC FORPAC may not exceed \$3,500 per contributor, per year. All checks should be made payable to SC FORPAC.

One hundred percent (100%) of your contribution will be used to help underwrite the campaigns of political candidates that support forestry.

Why contribute to SC FORPAC when I contribute to candidates directly?

SC FORPAC pools financial resources from many contributors to create a powerful political impact.

"It is important that our elected officials support policies which create a pro-business climate that enables forestry and the forest products industry to grow and compete in the global market."

*-- Dr. Skeet Burris, family forest owner
and SC FORPAC Chairman*

Why doesn't SC FORPAC contribute to national campaigns?

SC FORPAC is strictly a state committee and, by law, cannot contribute funds to federal candidates. Federal law forbids corporate contributions to political action committees, but South Carolina does not. SC FORPAC uses the money in state campaigns where it counts the most.

How To Contribute

Make your check payable to SC FORPAC and mail to:
South Carolina Forestry Political Action Committee
4901 Broad River Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29212

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*Democracy is
NOT a
spectator sport.*

*The world is run
by those who show up.*

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The leadership of the South Carolina Forestry Political Action Committee (SC FORPAC) strongly believes that forestry has an obligation to participate in the political process in South Carolina. The Committee is unwilling to abandon the political playing field to those interests who don't understand or support forestry.

SC FORPAC is an independent, non-partisan organization of individuals and entities primarily interested in the future welfare of SC forestry and state legislation affecting it. It is not a branch or subsidiary of any national or other political action committee. It is registered with the state Ethics Commission and operates in strict conformity with the laws of South Carolina.

What does SC FORPAC do?

SC FORPAC provides individuals and companies with an effective means for involvement in the political process. It provides support to selected candidates for the SC Legislature and statewide office.

Examples of forestry successes:

- **Right To Practice Forestry** (H3651, R.109, A48) was signed into law by the Governor on June 2, 2009. The bill limits authority of counties and cities to restrict or regulate certain forestry practices, and provides terms and condi-

tions of certain permitted regulations. As long as the landowner practices forestry, no permit is required to harvest timber. However, when the forest changes to non-forest use, there is a one year waiting period (if final harvest is conducted in accordance with local tree ordinance) and up to five years (if not) before the area can be developed.

- **Ag Use Valuation for Forestland** lowers taxes for forest landowners.
- **Workers' Compensation Reform** stabilizes workers' comp costs for employers.

Who runs it?

SCFA/SC FORPAC volunteers representing forestry in the three regions of the state.

Who receives funds?

SC FORPAC Directors meet and determine candidates who will receive contributions based on several factors, including their support of South Carolina forestry, position on key issues and, in the case of incumbents, previous voting record.

Why should I contribute?

Your support of SC FORPAC helps ensure that pro-forestry candidates are elected.

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Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Check enclosed

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\$3,500 maximum contribution per election cycle.

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