

The Credit Union National Association — Whose President And CEO Condemned The Insurrection At The Capitol And Denounced The Republican Party As A Result — Has Given \$188,500 To The Sedition Caucus In 2021

SUMMARY: So far in 2021, CULAC, the PAC of the Credit Union National Association (CUNA)—which calls itself “the most influential financial services trade association” and [“advocates for all of America's credit unions”](#)—has given \$188,500 to the Sedition Caucus after its president and CEO called the January 6 insurrection at the Capitol [“outrageous,” “without precedence,” and running “counter to our values as Americans.”](#)

The Credit Union National Association’s support for election deniers is in tension with its stated values on democracy, economic equality, and access to the ballot box:

- The President and CEO of the Credit Union National Association—[who served as a former eight-term congressman and director of the Office of Management and Budget](#)—said [he will no longer be a Republican](#) following the insurrection at the Capitol, which he condemned and called the “final line” that he would not excuse.
- A director for a Credit Union National Association affiliate, [the National Credit Union Foundation](#), claimed the organization stood against economic inequality and injustice as it stood up for its belief in [“financial democracy,” saying that “as we look to change the world, we start with ourselves and within our own walls and communities.”](#)
- The Credit Union National Association has supported voter participation and expanding access to the ballot box through its [Credit Unions Vote](#) initiative. Additionally, CUNA’s [Trey Hawkins](#), the deputy chief advocacy officer for political action, said [44 percent of registered voters belong to a credit union, and CUNA wanted to remind consumers how important their vote was as it has a “direct impact on their credit union.”](#)

CULAC, The Credit Union National Association’s PAC, Has Given \$188,500 Despite CEO’s Statement Calling The Insurrection At The Capitol “Outrageous,” “Without Precedence,” And Running “Counter To Our Values As Americans.”

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PAC	Member	Amount	Date
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Lisa McClain (MI-10)	\$10,000	06/29/21; 07/21/21; 10/26/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Warren Davidson (OH-8)	\$10,000	06/17/21; 08/25/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Kevin McCarthy (CA-23)	\$10,000	09/28/21; 11/04/21

CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Joe Wilson (SC-2)	\$7,500	06/10/21; 09/28/21; 10/18/21; 10/18/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Ken Calvert (CA-42)	\$7,000	06/17/21; 09/28/21; 11/17/21; 11/17/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Mike Rogers (AL-3)	\$6,000	06/10/21; 09/28/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Barry Loudermilk (GA-11)	\$6,000	05/06/21; 08/04/21; 09/28/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Blaine Luetkemeyer (MO-3)	\$5,000	05/06/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Steve Chabot (OH-1)	\$5,000	05/06/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Pete Sessions (TX-17)	\$5,000	06/29/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Bill Posey (FL-8)	\$5,000	06/10/21; 07/21/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Steven Palazzo (MS-4)	\$5,000	06/01/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Roger Williams (TX-25)	\$5,000	09/28/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Buddy Carter (GA-1)	\$5,000	05/06/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Elise Stefanik (NY-21)	\$5,000	09/31/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Trent Kelly (MS-1)	\$5,000	06/17/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Jim Banks (IN-3)	\$5,000	06/17/21; 09/10/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Jack Bergman (MI-1)	\$5,000	07/21/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Ron Estes (KS-4)	\$5,000	05/06/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Michael Guest (MS-3)	\$5,000	09/28/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	William Timmons (SC-4)	\$5,000	06/10/21; 09/28/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Cliff Bentz (OR-2)	\$3,500	08/04/21; 09/28/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Hal Rogers (KY-5)	\$3,500	06/10/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	David Kustoff (TN-8)	\$3,000	06/10/21; 09/30/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	John Kennedy (LA)	\$3,000	08/04/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Doug LaMalfa (CA-1)	\$2,500	09/28/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Jeff Duncan (SC-3)	\$2,500	06/10/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Robert Aderholt (AL-4)	\$2,500	08/17/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Nicole Malliotakis (NY-11)	\$2,500	06/10/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Tom Cole (OK-4)	\$2,500	10/13/21

CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Mike Bost (IL-12)	\$2,500	10/27/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Adrian Smith (NE-3)	\$2,500	06/01/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Jackie Walorski (IN-2)	\$2,500	06/17/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Barry Moore (AL-2)	\$2,500	09/28/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Ralph Norman (SC-5)	\$3,500	06/10/21; 11/04/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Stephanie Bice (OK-5)	\$2,500	06/10/21; 08/12/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Scott Franklin (FL-15)	\$2,500	06/10/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Diana Harshbarger (TN-1)	\$2,000	06/10/21; 09/28/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Tom Rice (SC-7)	\$1,500	06/10/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Burgess Owens (UT-4)	\$1,500	06/17/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Ben Cline (VA-6)	\$1,500	10/26/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Jerry Carl (AL-1)	\$1,500	06/29/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Jay Obernolte (CA-8)	\$1,000	11/17/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Chris Stewart (UT-2)	\$1,000	09/28/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Daniel Meuser (PA-9)	\$1,000	06/29/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Byron Donalds (FL-19)	\$1,000	09/28/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Kat Cammack (FL-3)	\$1,000	06/10/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Ronny Jackson (TX-13)	\$1,000	09/28/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Chuck Fleishcmann (TN-3)	\$1,000	06/10/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	John Carter (TX-31)	\$1,000	09/28/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14)	\$1,000	09/01/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Darrell Issa (CA-50)	\$1,000	10/26/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Markwayne Mullin (OK-2)	\$1,000	09/28/21
CULAC The PAC of Credit Union National Association	Bob Good (VA-5)	-\$1,000	02/22/21
Total:		\$188,500	

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CULAC, Or The Credit Union Legislative Action Council, Is The Federal PAC For The Credit Union National Association. [Open Secrets, Accessed [11/29/21](#)]

The Credit Union National Association Claims It Is “The Most Influential Financial Services Trade Association” And “The Only National Association That Advocates For All Of America's Credit Unions”

The Credit Union National Association Is “The Only National Association That Advocates For All Of America's Credit Unions.” “We're Credit Union National Association, or CUNA—the only national association that advocates for all of America's credit unions. That means everything from legislative advocacy to training to industry-leading events and products. Together with the Leagues, we work tirelessly to support, protect, unify and advance the credit union movement.” [CUNA.org, Accessed [11/29/21](#)]

The Credit Union National Association Called Itself The “Strongest Advocate For Credit Unions,” Saying It Promotes, Builds, Supports, Protects, Unifies And Advances The Nationwide Movement. “As the strongest advocate for credit unions, we promote, build, support, protect, unify and advance the nationwide movement. We also train and guide credit union professionals as they navigate their challenges, projects and careers. We stand firmly in the corner of America's credit unions and work fiercely so you can better serve your members.” [CUNA.org, Accessed [11/29/21](#)]

The Credit Union National Association Calls Itself “The Most Influential Financial Services Trade Association.” “Credit Union National Association is the most influential financial services trade association.” [CUNA.org, Accessed [11/30/21](#)]

The Credit Union National Association’s President And CEO Condemned The January 6 Insurrection At The Capitol, Calling It “Outrageous” And “Without Precedent,” Adding That It Ran “Counter To Our Values As Americans.”

The Credit Union National Association’s President And CEO, Jim Nussle, Said The January 6 Insurrection At The Capitol Was “Outrageous,” And “Without Precedent,” Adding That It Ran “Counter To Our Values As Americans.” “In response to the riot, Credit Union National Association (CUNA) President and CEO Jim Nussle said “democracy is facing a crucial test.’ ‘As I watch the assault on the U.S. Capitol unfold, I am first reminded of the oath of office that I once took and to my commitment to the Constitution and the principles which underpin our democracy,’ he said in a statement. ‘What we are witnessing is outrageous, without precedent, and runs counter to our values as Americans.’” [Banking Dive, [1/7/21](#)]

CUNA’s Nussle On The Insurrection: “This Moment Cannot Be Lost On Us And Presents An Opportunity For Us To Do Better And Be Better.” “Our democracy is facing a crucial test—one that is a culmination of the increasingly polarizing and divisive political environment and one that simultaneously demands we reconcile who we, as Americans, have become with who we should be. ‘I am confident that the foundation of our democracy is strong, having withstood multiple tests to our national character. This moment cannot be lost on us and presents an opportunity for us to do better and be better.’” [CUNA.org, [1/6/21](#)]

The President And CEO Of The Credit Union National Association, Who Served As A Former Eight-Term Congressman And Director Of The Office Of Management And Budget, Said He “Will No Longer Claim I Am A Republican” After The Insurrection, Which He Called The “Final Line.”

Jim Nussle, The Credit Union National Association’s President And CEO, Is A Former Eight-Term Congressman And Served As The Director Of The White House Office Of Management And Budget Under Former President George W. Bush.

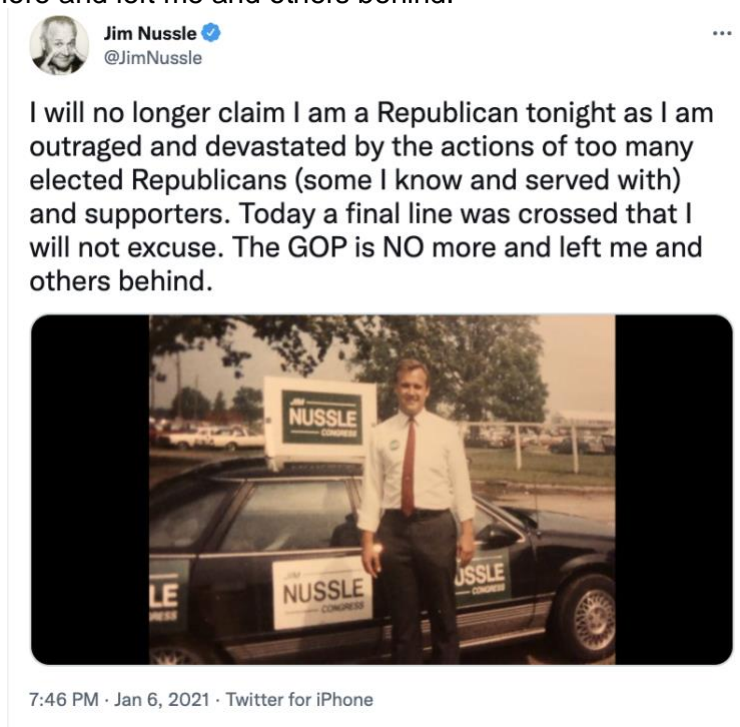
Jim Nussle Is A Former Eight-Term Congressman And Director Of The White House Office Of Management And Budget. “Jim Nussle was named president and CEO of the Credit Union National

Association in September 2014. Nussle, is a former eight-term congressman and director of the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB).” [CUNA.org, Accessed [11/29/21](#)]

Nussle Served As The Director Of The Office Of Management And Budget Under Former President George W. Bush After Being Confirmed On September 4, 2007. “Jim Nussle is the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. On Tuesday, September 4, 2007, he was confirmed by the Senate with a broad, bipartisan vote.” [The White House Archives, Accessed [11/29/21](#)]

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On January 6, 2021, Nussle Claimed On Twitter That He “Will No Longer Claim I Am A Republican,” Saying He Was Outraged And Devastated By The “Actions Of Too Many Elected Republicans.” “I will no longer claim I am a Republican tonight as I am outraged and devastated by the actions of too many elected Republicans (some I know and served with) and supporters. Today a final line was crossed that I will not excuse. The GOP is NO more and left me and others behind.”



[Twitter, @JimNussle, [1/6/21](#)]

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[Twitter, @JimNussle, [1/6/21](#)]

A Director For A Credit Union National Association Affiliate Claimed The Organization Stood Against Economic Inequality And Injustice As It Stood For Its Belief In “Financial Democracy,” Saying “To Change The World, We Start With Ourselves And Within Our Own Walls And Communities.”

Chad Helminak, The Director of Programs & Impact At The National Credit Union Foundation, Which Is A Credit Union National Association Affiliate, Wrote That The Organization Believed In “Financial Democracy.”

In The Wake Of George Floyd’s Murder, Chad Helminak, The Director Of Programs & Impact At The National Credit Union Foundation, Which Is A Credit Union National Association Affiliate, Wrote That The Organization Must Stand Up For Its Belief In “Financial Democracy.” “Among everything we collectively find abhorrent about George Floyd’s death and the injustices that so many fight against, we must also consider what we stand for. Economic inequality drives a deep and real wedge between the haves and have-nots. [...] If we consider what we stand for, it boils down to this: Financial Democracy.” [CUNA.org, [6/2/20](#)]

- Chad Helminak Wrote “National Credit Union Foundation: What Do We Stand For?” [CUNA.org, [6/2/20](#)]
- According To LinkedIn, Chad Helminak Serves As The Director Of Programs & Impact At The National Credit Union Foundation. [LinkedIn, Accessed [11/29/21](#)]
- The National Credit Union Foundation Is Listed On The Credit Union National Association’s Website As An Affiliate. [CUNA.org, Accessed [11/29/21](#)]

Helminak Stated The National Credit Union Foundation Must Fight Against Economic Inequality Because For Some People “The Deck Will Always Be Stacked Against Them,” Adding That “To Change The World, We Start With Ourselves And Within Our Own Walls And Communities.”

Helminak Wrote That “No Matter How Hard And How High Some People Pull Their Bootstraps Up, The Deck Will Always Be Stacked Against Them,” And Said Credit Unions Must Fight Against This Economic Inequality. “Among everything we collectively find abhorrent about George Floyd’s death and the injustices that so many fight against, we must also consider what we stand for. Economic inequality drives a deep and real wedge between the haves and have-nots. This goes well beyond someone’s financial position. Wealth influences whether or not someone’s voice is heard. And it means that no matter how hard and how high some people pull their bootstraps up, the deck will always be stacked against them. The global pandemic has only exacerbated problems that already existed. As credit unions, we fight against economic inequality and injustice. If we consider what we stand for, it boils down to this: Financial Democracy.” [CUNA.org, [6/2/20](#)]

Helminak Said That “As We Look To Change The World, We Start With Ourselves And Within Our Own Walls And Communities.” “Credit unions stand for Financial Democracy. It’s something that is much bigger than ourselves and more powerful than money. As we look to change the world, we start with ourselves and within our own walls and communities. Let’s create a new paradigm to fight inequity and injustice by lifting up the voices and spirits of those who need it most.” [CUNA.org, [6/2/20](#)]

In 2020, The Credit Union National Association Launched A Credit Unions Vote Initiative In An Effort To Encourage Voter Participation Among Members.

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The Credit Union National Association Launched A Credit Unions Vote Initiative In An Effort To Encourage Voter Participation Among Members. “Earlier this year, the Credit Union National Association launched its Credit Unions Vote initiative, a nonpartisan effort aimed at urging members to vote in the election. Some institutions have voter registrars on staff who can help members get signed up to vote.” [American Banker, [11/3/20](#)]

- **The Initiative Included Some Institutions In The Union That Had Voter Registrars On Staff Who Could “Help Members Get Signed Up To Vote.”** “Earlier this year, the Credit Union National Association launched its Credit Unions Vote initiative [...] Some institutions have voter registrars on staff who can help members get signed up to vote.” [American Banker, [11/3/20](#)]

CUNA Said It Was “Mobilizing The Nation’s 120 Million Credit Union Members, Connecting Them With Pertinent Information To Help Them Vote.” “CUNA and state credit union leagues are also mobilizing the nation’s 120 million credit union members, connecting them with pertinent information to help them vote in November through the Credit Unions Vote website.” [CUNA.org, [10/8/20](#)]

The Credit Unions Vote Website Includes A Form To Help People Register To Vote, Information On Candidates, Information On Elected Officials, And Voter Information In Both English And Spanish. [Creditunionsvote.com, Accessed [11/29/21](#)]

The Credit Union National Association’s Deputy Chief Advocacy Officer For Political Action Reminded Consumers How Important Their Vote Was As It Has A “Direct Impact On Their Credit Union.”

The Deputy Chief Advocacy Officer For Political Action At The Credit Union National Association Said 44 Percent Of Registered Voters Belong To A Credit Union And CUNA Wanted To Remind Consumers How Important Their Vote Was As It Has A “Direct Impact On Their Credit Union.” “Forty-four percent of registered voters belong to a credit union, and by reminding these consumers just how important it is that they not only vote, but that their vote has a direct impact on their credit union, we want to make sure that credit union members make their voice heard,’ added [Trey] Hawkins.” [CUNA.org, [10/8/20](#)]

- **According To LinkedIn, Trey Hawkins Is The Deputy Chief Advocacy Officer For Political Action At The Credit Union National Association.** [LinkedIn, Accessed [11/29/21](#)]