

FedEx—Which Said "We Condemn The Violence That Occurred" In The Insurrection—Has Given \$58,500 To The Sedition Caucus

SUMMARY: Following the insurrection on January 6, 2021, FedEx [claimed](#), "we condemn the violence that occurred" and stated they "fully support" the 2020 election results. But despite FedEx's pledge that it would review "all future political contributions," so far in 2021 the company has given [\\$58,500](#) to the Sedition Caucus and its CEO has given [\\$405,500](#) to the national Republican congressional campaign committees in 2021 alone.

An Accountable.US review has found several other instances of FedEx inconsistently supporting democracy in recent years, including:

- FedEx's Executive Vice President, General Counsel, And Secretary is on the [board](#) of the U.S. Chamber Of Commerce, which was known for its "[fierce opposition](#)" to voting rights reforms in the For The People Act.
- FedEx has reportedly [funded](#) the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), which was "[spearheading](#)" voter suppression laws in multiple states in 2021.
- FedEx has given at least \$19,800 to Tennessee's [Governor](#) and [Secretary Of State](#), who both [pushed a law](#) threatening voter registration groups with criminal penalties following "[historic](#)" voter drives while citing [disproven](#) voter fraud arguments.

FedEx claims "[the highest levels](#)" of ethics and integrity while its Code of Conduct touts the company's "[commitment](#)" to "[protecting and advancing](#)" human rights—which rely on "[genuine elections](#)," according to the United Nations.

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PAC	Member	Amount	Date
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	David Kustoff (TN-8)	\$5,000	08/05/21; 10/28/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Carlos Gimenez (FL-26)	\$4,500	11/11/21; 11/30/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Devin Nunes (CA-22)	\$2,500	10/28/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Greg Pence (IN-6)	\$2,500	11/30/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Steve Scalise (LA-1)	\$2,500	08/05/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Kevin McCarthy (CA-23)	\$2,500	08/05/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Chuck Fleischmann (TN-3)	\$2,500	08/05/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Rick Crawford (AR-1)	\$2,500	08/27/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Bob Gibbs (OH-7)	\$2,500	08/27/21

FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Daniel Webster (FL-11)	\$2,500	09/20/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	David Rouzer (NC-7)	\$2,500	08/21/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Elise Stefanik (NY-21)	\$2,500	09/29/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Garret Graves (LA-6)	\$2,500	08/05/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Sam Graves (MO-6)	\$2,500	08/05/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Jodey Arrington (TX-19)	\$2,000	11/11/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Michael Guest (MS-3)	\$1,500	11/30/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Ron Estes (KS-4)	\$1,500	11/11/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Carol Miller (WV-3)	\$1,500	11/11/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Tom Rice (SCS-7)	\$1,500	11/30/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	David Schweikert (AZ-6)	\$1,500	11/11/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Jason Smith (MO-8)	\$1,500	11/11/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Lloyd Smucker (PA-11)	\$1,500	11/11/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Jackie Walorski (IN-2)	\$1,500	11/11/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Jacob LaTurner (KS-2)	\$1,000	11/30/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Kevin Hern (OK-1)	\$1,000	11/11/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	John Kennedy (LA)	\$1,000	09/29/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Adrian Smith (NE-3)	\$1,000	10/21/21
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14)	\$1,000	11/30/21
Total:		\$58,500	

[Accountable.US Corporate Donations Tracker, accessed [12/22/21](#)]

FedEx Claimed It Would Review "All Future Political Contributions," "We Condemn The Violence" Of The Insurrection, And Said It They "Fully Support" The Results Of The 2020 Election—But The Company Did Not Pledge To Pause Or Halt Contributions.

FedEx Said It Would Review "All Future Political Contributions" Following The Insurrection On January 6, 2021. "FedEx said it is reviewing all future political contributions and denounced the deadly Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol in a statement Monday. 'FedEx has long supported candidates on both sides of the political aisle with the goal of promoting the interests of our organization, employees and customers,' the company said in a statement. 'Multiple factors impact our decisions to support candidates, and we are reviewing all future political contributions.'" [Memphis Commercial Appeal, [01/11/21](#)]

FedEx Stated, "We Condemn The Violence That Occurred In Washington, D.C., And Fully Support The Results Of The U.S. General Election." "We condemn the violence that occurred in Washington, D.C., and fully support the results of the U.S. general election. We congratulate and look forward to working with the Biden administration on policy issues important to our company and our customers." [Memphis Commercial Appeal, [01/11/21](#)]

"FedEx Did Not Elaborate Further On How Its Political Contributions Could Change Following Review." [Memphis Commercial Appeal, [01/11/21](#)]

FedEx Did Not Pledge To Pause Or Halt Contributions Following The Insurrection. [CNN, accessed [11/12/21](#)]

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FedEx Executive Vice President, General Counsel, And Secretary Mark Allen Is On The Board Of The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce, Which Faced Controversy Over Its "Fierce Opposition" To Election Reforms In The For The People Act As Voter Restrictions Advanced In Multiple States.

FedEx Executive Vice President, General Counsel, And Secretary Mark Allen Is On The Board Of Directors Of The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce, As of November 12, 2021. [U.S. Chamber of Commerce, accessed [11/12/21](#)]

April 2021: The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce Faced Controversy Over Its "Fierce Opposition" To The "Sweeping Voting Bill Known As The For The People Act," Which Would Have Countered Voting Restrictions That Were Advancing In Georgia And Other States. "Progressive activists are calling on Ford, Target, Google, Bank of America and other major companies that have pledged to support voting rights to cut ties with the US Chamber of Commerce, CNN Business has learned. At issue is the Chamber of Commerce's fierce opposition to the Democrats' sweeping voting bill known as the For the People Act, which advocates say would counter efforts by Georgia and other states to impose new voting restrictions." [CNN, [04/21/21](#)]

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June 2021: Over 300 Organizations Called On FedEx And Others To Stop Funding The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), Which Was "Spearheading" Voter Suppression Laws In Multiple States Following The 2020 Election.

June 2021: Over 300 Organizations, Including The AFL-CIO And The Sierra Club, Called On FedEx And Other Companies To " Pull Funding From The Influential American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)," Over Its Role In Crafting New Voting Restrictions In Multiple States. "More than 300 organizations—including the likes of the AFL-CIO and the Sierra Club—are sending a letter to dozens of

companies demanding they pull funding from the influential American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) group, claiming Alec has helped craft new voting restrictions proposed throughout the United States. [...] Pfizer, FedEx and Anheuser-Busch were among the companies named in the letter, which was sent by nonprofit progressive groups and organized by the watchdog group Common Cause." [Forbes, [06/14/21](#)]

- **According To A Shareholder Proposal In FedEx's 2021 Proxy Statement, The Company "Does Not Disclose Its Support For The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)."** "And FedEx does not disclose its support for the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)." [FedEx Corp. DEF 14A Proxy Statement, [08/16/21](#)]

ALEC Reportedly "Partnered With The High-Dollar Conservative Heritage Foundation To Push For New Voting Restrictions" In Swing States, As Part Of A "\$24 Million Push." "Alec specializes in helping to write legislation and has reportedly partnered with the high-dollar conservative Heritage Foundation to push for new voting restrictions. According to the *New York Times*, Heritage plans to work with Alec to 'produce model legislation for state legislatures to adopt' as part of a \$24 million push to enact tougher voting laws in swing states." [Forbes, [06/14/21](#)]

ALEC Was "Spearheading" Voter Suppression Efforts In States, Including Those With Close Results In The 2020 Presidential Election. "State legislative leaders and members of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) are spearheading many of the GOP's efforts at voter suppression in the states, especially those that saw close 2020 presidential results." [Center for Media and Democracy, [04/13/21](#)]

One Study Found That ALEC Had Ties To Over 100 Republican Lawmakers In Just Six "Battleground" States That Were Lead Sponsors Or Cosponsors Of Voter Restriction Bills. "More than 360 bills have been introduced in 47 states to restrict voting access since the beginning of the year, according to the Brennan Center for Justice, which tracks state legislation on voting and elections. The Center for Media and Democracy has determined that more than 100 Republican politicians connected to ALEC in just six battleground states are lead sponsors or co-sponsors of those bills." [Center for Media and Democracy, [04/13/21](#)]

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FedEx Has Given \$11,800 To Tennessee Governor Bill Lee, Who Signed A Law Threatening Voter Registration Organizations With Criminal Penalties For Incomplete Forms And Missed Deadlines—A Coalition Including The Tennessee NAACP Sued Over The Law, Arguing It Was Intended To Hinder "Historic" Efforts To Register Marginalized Communities.

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FedEx Is Headquartered In Memphis, Tennessee. [FedEx, accessed [11/12/21](#)]

May 2019: In The Name Of "Elections With Integrity," Tennessee Governor Bill Lee Signed A Bill That Threatened Voter Registration Organizations With Criminal Penalties For Submitting Incomplete Forms And Missing Deadlines. "To Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee (R), the bill he signed Thursday that threatens voter registration groups with criminal charges and fines over incomplete forms and missed deadlines is simply about creating 'elections with integrity.' Voting rights advocates, however, argue the law's true purpose is keeping new voters, particularly African Americans and other minorities who have signed up in droves since 2016, away from the polls in a state with one of the lowest registration rates in the nation." [The Washington Post, [05/03/19](#)]

A Coalition Of Groups Sued Governor Lee Just Hours After He Signed The Law, Arguing It Violated The First Amendment That It Sought To Hinder "Historic" Voter Registration Efforts To Reach Marginalized Communities, Including African Americans. "A coalition of those groups sued hours after Lee put his signature on the bill, arguing that it violates the First Amendment through a web of unclear new regulations. 'This law comes on the heels of a historic efforts to reach people not yet registered to vote in Tennessee, including African Americans,' Kristen Clarke, president and executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, told The Washington Post. 'This will no doubt chill the efforts of those organizations working to get more people registered.'" [The Washington Post, [05/03/19](#)]

The Coalition's Lawsuit, Which Was Filed By The Tennessee NAACP Among Others, Argued That The Law Was Unconstitutional Because "Voter Registration Drives [Are] Intertwined With Speech And Association." "But the lawsuit filed against Hargett and other state officials by groups including the Tennessee State Conference of the NAACP argues that the law violates the Constitution because 'the collection and submission of voter registration drives is intertwined with speech and association.'" [The Washington Post, [05/03/19](#)]

"Extensive Research" Has Shown That Voter Fraud "Is Very Rare, Voter Impersonation Is Virtually Nonexistent, And Many Instances Of Alleged Fraud Are, In Fact, Mistakes By Voters Or Administrators." " "Politicians at all levels of government have repeatedly, and falsely, claimed the 2016, 2018, and 2020 elections were marred by large numbers of people voting illegally. However, extensive research reveals that fraud is very rare, voter impersonation is virtually nonexistent, and many instances of alleged fraud are, in fact, mistakes by voters or administrators." [Brennan Center for Justice, accessed [11/10/21](#)]

FedEx Has Given \$8,000 To Tennessee Secretary Of State Tre Hargett, Who "Helped Push Through" The Law Imposing Criminal Penalties On Voter Registration Groups, Who Argued It Was Not Voter Suppression To Throw Out Over 18,000 Voter Registrations Submitted By A Black Voter Organization, And Claimed False Concern Over "The Security Or Integrity Of Elections."

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Tennessee Secretary Of State Tre Hargett "Helped Push Through" The Law To Impose Criminal Penalties On Voter Registration Groups. "The bill that Hargett helped push through the state legislature in Nashville includes fines of up to \$10,000 per county against groups that submit more than 500 faulty forms, the Associated Press reports. It also includes class A misdemeanor charges for a range of violations, including paying workers quotas to sign up new voters, enrolling more than 100 voters without undergoing state training and missing deadlines to send in forms — a crime that could carry nearly a year in jail or \$2,500 in fines, according to the AP." [The Washington Post, [05/03/19](#)]

Tennessee Secretary Of State Tre Hargett Argued That Voter Suppression Did Not Occur When The State "Threw Out" Over Half Of The 36,000 Voter Registration Forms Submitted By The Tennessee Black Voter Project. "The bill was proposed after a group called the Tennessee Black Voter Project turned in more than 36,000 new registrations in Shelby County, where Memphis is located, last October just before early voting began in the midterm elections. The state threw out more than half those forms, claiming they were incomplete or otherwise flawed — a move that prompted a lawsuit and claims of voter suppression. [...] Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett, a Republican, argued that the episode in Memphis wasn't evidence of suppression, but rather proof that voter registration groups needed to be reined in." [The Washington Post, [05/03/19](#)]

Hargett Claimed He Was Concerned About "The Security Or Integrity Of Elections." "We want every eligible Tennessean to vote, and voter registration must be done responsibly and in a manner that does not compromise the security or integrity of elections," Hargett recently said." [The Washington Post, [05/03/19](#)]

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So Far In 2021, FedEx's CEO Has Given \$405,500 To National Republican Congressional Campaign Committees—His Only Other Contributions This Year Were To FedEx's PAC, As Of November 2021.

Beyond His Contributions To FedEx's PAC, FedEx CEO Fred Smith Has Exclusively Given \$405,500 To The National Republican Senatorial Committee And National Republican Congressional Committee In 2021 Alone.

Date	Recipient	Contributor	Contributor Employer	Contributor Title	Amount
07/29/21	NRCC	Smith, Frederick W. Mr.	FedEx	President & C.E.O./C.O.B.	\$36,500.00
07/29/21	NRCC	Smith, Frederick W. Mr.	FedEx	President & C.E.O./C.O.B.	\$4,000.00
07/29/21	NRCC	Smith, Frederick W. Mr.	FedEx	President & C.E.O./C.O.B.	\$109,500.00
07/28/21	NRSC	Smith, Frederick W. Mr.	Federal Express	Chairman	\$36,500.00
07/28/21	NRSC	Smith, Frederick W. Mr.	Federal Express	Chairman	\$109,500.00
07/28/21	NRSC	Smith, Frederick W. Mr.	Federal Express	Chairman	\$109,500.00
Total:					\$405,500

As Of November 12, 2021, Fred Smith's Only Other Contributions Were To The FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [11/12/21](#)]

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FedEx Claims "The Highest Levels" Of Ethics And Integrity, Emphasizing "EVERY ACTION MATTERS!"

FedEx Claims It Maintains A "Culture" And "Reputation" For "The Highest Levels Of Ethics, Integrity, And Reliability." "The FedEx Board of Directors and management team are committed to achieving and maintaining a culture of, and reputation for, the highest levels of ethics, integrity, and reliability." [FedEx, [2021](#)]

The FedEx Code Of Conduct Applies To "Every FedEx Officer, Director, And Employee." "The FedEx Code of Conduct serves as the foundation of our corporate integrity and compliance program, and applies to every FedEx officer, director, and employee." [FedEx, [2021](#)]

FedEx Emphasizes "EVERY ACTION MATTERS!" In "Integrity And Business Conduct." "When it comes to integrity and business conduct — EVERY ACTION MATTERS!" [FedEx, accessed [11/10/21](#)]

FedEx's Code Of Conduct Claims "A Commitment To Human Rights" And "Protecting And Advancing" Them "In All Of Our Operations Around The World"—The United Nations States That "Genuine Elections" Are "Necessary And Fundamental" In Human Rights.

FedEx Claims "Our Commitment To Human Rights Is An Important Part Of Our Code Of Conduct." "Our commitment to human rights is an important part of our Code of Conduct. We are committed to protecting and advancing human rights in our operations around the world. We pay fair wages and comply with wage laws in all the countries where we operate and we require our third parties and suppliers to uphold these important principles." [FedEx, [2021](#)]

FedEx's Code Of Conduct Claims The Company Is "Committed To Protecting And Advancing Human Rights In All Of Our Operations Around The World." "We are committed to protecting and advancing human rights in all of our operations around the world. We prohibit the use of child, compulsory or forced labor. We have zero tolerance for, and prohibit, slavery and human trafficking. We pay fair wages and comply with wage laws in all the countries where we operate. We require our third parties and suppliers to uphold these important principles." [FedEx, accessed [11/10/21](#)]

The United Nations Office Of The High Commissioner On Human Rights States That "Genuine Elections" Are "Necessary And Fundamental" In Promoting Human Rights. "The right to take part in the conduct of public affairs, including the right to vote and to stand for election, is at the core of democratic governments based on the will of the people. Genuine elections are a necessary and fundamental component of an environment that protects and promotes human rights." [United Nations Office Of The High Commissioner On Human Rights, accessed [11/12/21](#)]