



ESSENTIAL  
HOSPITALS  
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

# ANNUAL REPORT *2024*



# A Message from Our Board Chair

In 2024, a pivotal election year with several key essential hospital issues at stake on Capitol Hill, the Essential Hospitals Political Action Committee (PAC) played a crucial role in advancing the association's advocacy efforts.

The impact of our PAC is a testament to its remarkable growth over the past eight years, with 2024 marking a milestone record for dollars raised to build relationships with key policymakers. This growth translated directly into actionable outcomes, such as cultivating a relationship with a legislator who later cosponsored H.R. 7397—legislation that would codify a formal federal designation for essential hospitals. This achievement underscores the importance of your support, which fuels our advocacy initiatives.

I extend my deepest gratitude to our essential hospital champions. An even greater effort will be necessary as threats will certainly continue. Thank you for making this work possible.

Amid the historic gridlock and legislative challenges of the 118th Congress, the Essential Hospitals PAC remained unwavering in its mission to protect and advance our members' interests in Washington, D.C. While many voices compete for lawmakers' attention, our PAC's strategic engagement and focus have set us apart, thanks to the dedication of every one of our donors.



Through our efforts, we've both strengthened existing ties with congressional champions and forged new relationships with current and incoming lawmakers. These connections are especially vital during periods of political transition, such as the current shift in administration. A robust PAC sends a clear message to Congress that we are serious about advocating for essential hospitals and the communities they serve.

Remaining true to our bipartisan principles, the Essential Hospitals PAC is well positioned to continue amplifying the voices of our mission-driven members as we engage with the 119th Congress. Together, we will leverage the PAC's strength to ensure that your priorities are heard and addressed on Capitol Hill. Your continued support is invaluable, and I thank you for standing with us in this important work.

**Marc Corriveau, JD, MHA**  
*Chair, Essential Hospitals PAC Board of Directors*  
*Vice President and Chief Government Relations Officer, Henry Ford Health*

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# 2024 Year in Review

In 2024, we focused our support not only on congressional leadership and committees of jurisdiction, but also on lawmakers in caucuses representing the disadvantaged and underrepresented people and communities essential hospitals serve. These coalitions and caucuses include the Congressional Black Caucus, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, and the Congressional Asian and Pacific American Caucus, among others.

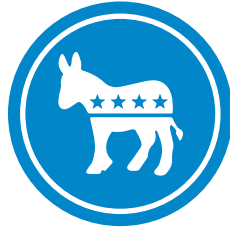
America's Essential Hospitals achieved significant advocacy victories in 2024, working with Congress to:

- ◆ Avert an \$8 billion cut to Medicaid disproportionate share hospital payments
- ◆ Build support for a formal federal designation for essential hospitals—recognition that could help Congress target support to members
- ◆ Fight pernicious site-neutral payment proposals
- ◆ Protect the 340B Drug Pricing Program from damaging policy proposals and drug company attacks
- ◆ Endorse legislation to bolster the health care workforce
- ◆ Extend telehealth flexibility
- ◆ Expand access to mental health and substance use disorder services

## DISBURSEMENTS

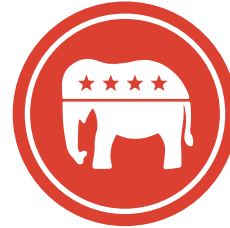
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*To individual reelection and leadership campaigns and key coalitions/caucuses*



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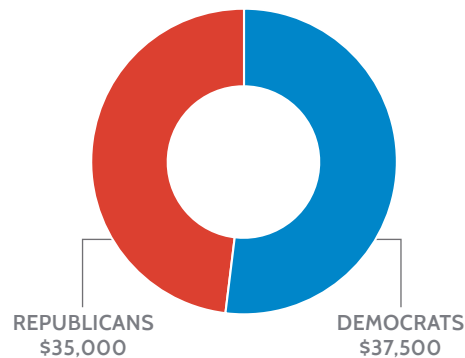
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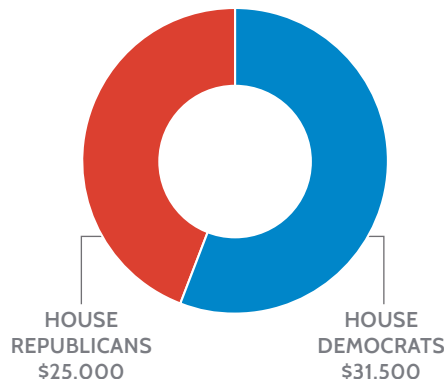
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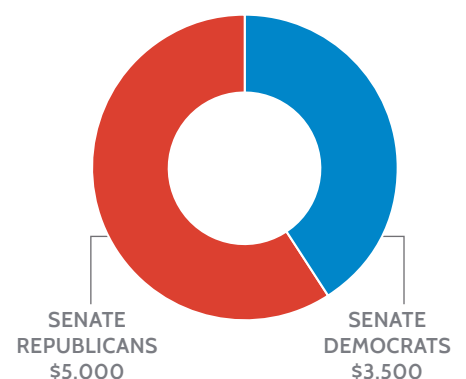
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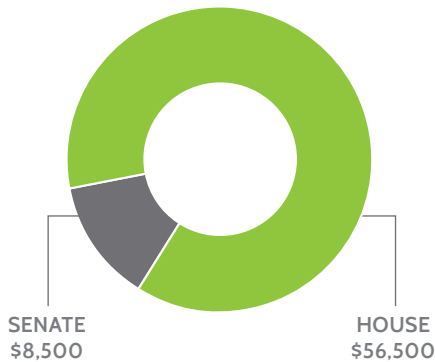


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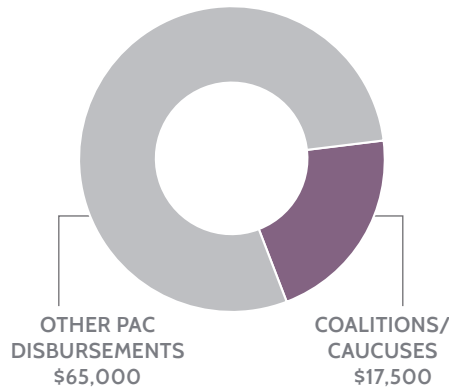


# 2024 Year in Review

AMOUNT BY CHAMBER



AMOUNT TO COALITIONS/CAUCUSES



## CONTRIBUTIONS



**\$76,050.08**

*With an average contribution of more than \$1,000 from individuals at our member hospitals*

**58**

CONTRIBUTORS

*A 7% increase from 2023*

**100%**

ENGAGEMENT

*From members of the PAC and association boards*

**70+**

EVENTS

*We met lawmakers face to face to bring our messaging beyond the walls of congressional offices.*

From its inception, Essential Hospitals PAC has established practical criteria for distributing financial contributions to incumbent congressional candidates. These methods are approved annually by the PAC board of directors. The PAC prioritizes congressional candidates who:

- ◆ Serve on a congressional committee that oversees essential hospital advocacy priorities
- ◆ Hold a leadership position in the House or Senate
- ◆ Champion essential hospital advocacy priorities
- ◆ Represent essential hospitals in their state or congressional district
- ◆ Have a competitive race and need financial support
- ◆ Hold values and character that holistically align with the America's Essential Hospitals mission and vision

# 2024 Top Donors

## PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE (\$5,000)

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Jason Pray  
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## About Essential Hospitals PAC

**E**ssential Hospitals PAC is a voluntary, nonpartisan entity that provides opportunities for staff of America's Essential Hospitals members to participate and engage in the political process. Federal law allows Essential Hospitals PAC to communicate with and solicit eligible employees of association members.

The mission of Essential Hospitals PAC is to support congressional candidates who champion policies that improve access to the high-quality health care provided by essential hospitals. Through Essential Hospitals PAC, donors demonstrate their commitment to the ongoing service of federal lawmakers who support essential hospitals and the patients and communities they serve.

*Please note: Contributions or gifts to the America's Essential Hospitals Political Action Committee (Essential Hospitals PAC) are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Participation in the Essential Hospitals PAC is voluntary. You have the right to refuse to contribute without reprisal. The suggested contribution amounts are only suggestions. You have the right to contribute more or less than the suggested amount and the amount contributed, or the refusal to contribute, will not benefit or disadvantage you in any way. Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year. The Essential Hospitals PAC uses member contributions to help elect individuals to federal, state, and local office who support our organization's goals. Contributions from foreign nationals, corporations, national banks, federally chartered corporations, federal contractors, and labor unions are prohibited. The Essential Hospitals PAC may not accept more than \$5,000 per year from any one contributor.*

# Federal Action Network:

## TAKE YOUR ADVOCACY TO THE NEXT LEVEL

**M**ake the most of your association membership: Since 2018, the Federal Action Network (FAN) has connected essential hospital leaders who share a passion for federal politics and policymaking. With in-depth tools and support, including an exhaustive resource repository, the FAN helps advocate for legislative and regulatory issues important to your hospital and navigate the complex and ever-changing landscape in Washington, D.C.

The FAN offers exclusive resources and networking for essential hospital advocates. Membership is available at no cost to staff and colleagues of hospital and health system members of America's Essential Hospitals.



### EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND SHARPEN YOUR ADVOCACY SKILLS.

- ◆ Participate in topical and timely virtual advocacy education throughout the year, including quarterly webinars on emerging legislative issues.
- ◆ Receive exclusive FAN communications and our quarterly newsletter, including legislative and election updates.



### NETWORK WITH HUNDREDS OF HOSPITAL ADVOCACY LEADERS.

- ◆ Attend exclusive FAN receptions.
- ◆ Network in Washington, D.C., at our annual Federal Advocacy Assembly legislative fly-in.



### CONNECT WITH AND INFORM YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

- ◆ Receive directly to your inbox calls to action on legislation, congressional sign-on letters, hearings, and other Capitol Hill activities that affect your policy priorities.
- ◆ Amplify your hospital's voice in the legislative process.

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