

TelePAC

The Voice of Iowa's Independent Telecommunication Providers

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Beer Tasting Tour

The TelePAC Beer Tasting Tour raised \$3,050 in one evening!
100% of the funds support TelePAC, whose mission is to elect legislators who listen and are equipped to vote for fair and balanced policies.



The TelePAC Beer Tasting Tour fundraiser was truly a FUNdraiser! It was an evening of friends, food, & brews. The tour bus picked the crew up from the EnVision Conference and kicked the evening off at Peace Tree Brewery. After samples and snacks, the group moved on to Confluence Brewery for a different flavor of Iowa craft beer. The evening closed with dinner at Exile Brewery followed by a brewery tour. The bus safely deposited all attendees back at the hotel and it is safe to say that a good time was had by all!





Lobbying in Iowa

By the numbers

Lobbyists representing **1,035 different groups** from **35 states**, plus Washington, D.C., and Canada, registered to lobby at the Iowa Capitol during the last two years. Those groups reported paying lobbyists about **\$39.4 million** to represent their interests, spending an additional **\$636,976** on events, breakfasts and other functions targeted at lawmakers.

In 2017 there was a \$1.5 million increase in the amount spent on lobbying over the previous year with an additional 123 organizations that reported hiring lobbyists in 2017 that did not report doing so in 2016. This amounted to a total of 943 groups that hired lobbyists during the fiscal year ending June 30, paying them an average of \$21,645.

2017 Communications Industry Spending

- CenturyLink – \$116,500.00
- Mediacom – \$88,608.50
- **Iowa Communications Alliance – \$72,852.00**
- AT&T – \$65,000.00
- Iowa Utilities Board – \$61,618.40
- Verizon – \$60,500.00
- Iowa Cable and Telecommunications Association – \$55,748.50
- U.S. Cellular – \$50,000.00
- Windstream – \$13,999.99
- Iowa Communications Network – \$13,578.50

How to Contribute to TelePAC?

TelePAC encourages members to tailor contribution amounts to their budget and comfort level – *no contribution is too small and all contributions are appreciated!*

Contribution Options:

1. Mail a Personal Check

- a. Made out to Iowa Telecommunications Industry PAC
- b. For *any* amount
- c. Mail to:

Iowa TelePAC
4201 Westown Parkway, Suite 130
West Des Moines, IA 50266

OR

2. Go Online for Personal Debit/Credit Card

- a. <https://squareup.com/store/TelePAC>