



**GBTA** Global Business  
Travel Association

## **Q&A on an GBTA's Business Travel PAC**

GBTA has assembled a list of common questions that members have about PACs and Business Travel PAC in particular.

### **What is a PAC?**

A PAC is a vehicle through which associations and other types of nonprofits can support federal candidates who agree with their positions on critical issues. Through a PAC, an association can contribute funds to the campaign committees of federal candidates. Without a PAC, associations are prohibited from contributing money to a federal candidate.

### **How does a PAC work?**

Members and staff of GBTA, and their families, can contribute to the PAC. Those contributions are then used to support candidates for federal office (members of the Senate and House of Representatives) who support business travel issues. Associations are prohibited from using funds from their general treasury or from member dues to fund a PAC, except for certain administrative and accounting expenditures.

### **Who can Business Travel PAC solicit?**

GBTA can only solicit contributions for Business Travel PAC from its U.S. members and U.S. Green Card holders. Contributions from members outside the U.S. cannot be accepted.

### **Can my company support the PAC?**

No, Business Travel PAC can only accept contributions from individuals.

### **Is a contribution to the Business Travel PAC tax-deductible?**

No. Unlike a gift to the Foundation, a contribution to the Business Travel PAC is non-deductible.

### **How much can an individual give to a PAC annually?**

An individual can give up to \$5,000 to a PAC every year. A husband and wife each have separate \$5,000 limits, even if only one has an income.

### **Who does a Business Travel PAC contributor write a check to?**

People wishing to write a personal check should sign it to GBTA Business Travel PAC

### **Who decides which candidates are supported?**

GBTA staff and our government relations team make the decisions on how to best deploy Business Travel PAC funds. The Business Travel PAC bases its decisions on the candidates' positions and support for the business travel industry. GBTA also considers which committees the member serves on in Washington DC. The PAC is bipartisan and gives to candidates that are helpful to our industry regardless of party.

From a practical standpoint, GBTA considers Members of Congress who sit on the House and Senate transportation, homeland security, and tax writing committees since these committees have jurisdiction over most of the issues impacting travel. Other candidates who show a particular interest in our issues might also be selected.

The complete list of Business Travel PAC supported candidates can be found on the GBTA Advocacy page.

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