

Co-op Owners
ACRE
 for Political Action®

☒ **YES!** I want to help keep the voice of rural electric cooperatives heard in the political process by participating in ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action®

Bill Addition

- ☐ REGULAR: \$2.08
 PER MONTH (\$25/YEAR)
☐ CENTURY CLUB: \$8.33
 PER MONTH (\$100/YEAR)
☐ PRESIDENT'S CLUB: \$41.66
 PER MONTH (\$500/YEAR)*
☐ OTHER \$ _____

One-Time Contribution

- ☐ REGULAR: \$25
☐ CENTURY CLUB: \$100
☐ PRESIDENT'S CLUB: \$500*
☐ OTHER \$ _____

Payment

- ☐ CHECK ☐ VISA ☐ MC
☐ AMEX ☐ DISCOVER

Send completed form to:
**Paulding Putnam
 Electric Cooperative**
 401 McDonald Pike
 Paulding, OH 45879

Credit Card # _____
 Exp. Date ____ / ____ CVV ____
 Signature _____

I affirm that my contribution has been made with
 non-corporate funds:

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 COOPERATIVE: _____
 EMAIL: _____
 SIGNATURE: _____


*Federal Election Law requires the following information for contributions exceeding \$200:

EMPLOYER: _____
 OCCUPATION: _____

Contributions to the NRECA Action Committee for Rural Electrification® (ACRE®) are not tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. Contributions to ACRE® are voluntary and will be used for political purposes. You have the right to refuse to contribute without reprisal. Any contribution guidelines presented are merely suggestions. You are free to contribute more or less than the suggested amounts, or not at all. NRECA will not favor or disadvantage anyone by reason of the amount contributed or a decision not to contribute.

For more information on ACRE
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 Action, please contact your
 local cooperative or NRECA
 ACRE staff at
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 ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC
 Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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**REPRESENTING
 THE ISSUES THAT
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Action Committee for Rural Electrification®

What is a Political Action Committee (PAC)?

A PAC is a group of people with common goals or interests who pool their money to support candidates running for state or federal office. PACs support political candidates who support the interests of their members.

What is ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action®?

ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action gives you, the consumer-owner, the opportunity to raise your voice on behalf of your cooperative by participating in the Action Committee for Rural Electrification® (ACRE), the PAC of the nation's electric cooperatives.

ACRE supports candidates for the U.S. House and Senate—those in office now and running for office—who will speak for and protect the interests of electric cooperatives and their consumer-owners.

ACRE is backed by over 30,000 eligible employees, directors, managers and consumer-owners of electric cooperatives across 47 states, making it a truly grassroots PAC. With your contribution, ACRE is able to support candidates who understand that our energy must be safe, our electricity must be reliable and our electricity costs must remain affordable.

Your participation in the nationwide ACRE program ensures that the voice of electric cooperatives remains strong in our nation's capital and in your state legislature.

Who is eligible to join ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action?

This program is open only to residential consumer-owners of electric cooperatives. Consumers of public power districts are not allowed to join. Commercial and industrial members cannot participate.

Are Contributions to ACRE Tax-Deductible?

No. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has ruled that all political contributions, such as those to ACRE, are not tax deductible for federal income tax purposes.

What Do I Receive for My Contribution?

The most important benefit that you receive as an ACRE member is a voice in helping elect state and federal officials that will support your cooperative and your community. In addition, you will receive quarterly issues of the *ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action Report*, which includes legislative alerts, profiles of cooperative leaders, and other timely features.

Where Does My Contribution Go?

With the exception of a small federal tax payment of less than 1%, all contributions to ACRE go directly to the campaigns of candidates for political office. In addition, about half of your contribution may be refunded to your state electric cooperative PAC to support candidates for state and local offices.

Who Determines How These Contributions Are Made?

ACRE follows established procedures for making contributions to candidates running for political office. ACRE is a bipartisan PAC and supports candidates solely based on their support for electric cooperative issues. A candidate's political affiliation is never taken into account. Before any support is given, ACRE works closely with our state associations to determine which candidates are aligned with electric co-op values.

Individual states have their own guidelines for making contributions to candidates for state and local elected office. While these rules are set by the individual states, they often mirror those guidelines used by the national ACRE program.

Do I Really Make a Difference?

Your electric cooperative's ability to serve you and your community is heavily dependent on individuals like you who use ACRE to get the right people elected to political office. The personal dedication of employees, directors, managers and consumer-owners to stand together forms the backbone of a powerful grassroots network that promotes policies to secure the future of your electric cooperative and the families and communities they serve. This is an opportunity to make a huge difference.

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING!

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