

Hey Big Spender...

FedEx Spends Millions on Lobbyists, Not Workers

USA Today recently published this chart depicting the "Top 20 Spenders on Lobbying." FedEx made the list, at No. 13. Our company spent \$9,335,000 in 2008 to lobby Congress and increased that expense to \$17,050,000 in 2009.

What could have fueled almost doubling FedEx's expense on lobbying in 2009? Does our legislation, "Express Carrier Employee Protection Act" ring a bell? The legislation that helps us regain our rights under Federal Law. The rights to freedom of association that were swept away from all of us by FedEx lobbying efforts back in 1996.

FedEx is spending the money we help to generate for them on lobbying Congress against its employees best interests. This doesn't seem right and certainly not fair.

All of this while our 401(k) matching funds are suspended, our insurance costs go up while our coverage goes down, our defined benefit pension plan is frozen and eliminated.

The money that is being used against us, could have been used to help pay the cost for insurance, pay the high out of pocket expenses we incur or even to save for retirement.

To keep FedEx from doing this again we need a written contract with our employer to lock in our wages and benefits. So we don't have to pay for our company's next whim.



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More than half of the 20 groups and companies that spent the most on lobbying last year increased their lobbying expenses over 2008. Totals include lobbying subsidiaries.

Name	Total 2008	Total 2009
U.S. Chamber of Commerce	\$91,725,000	\$144,456,000
ExxonMobil	\$29,000,000	\$27,430,000
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America	\$20,220,000	\$26,465,520
General Electric	\$19,379,000	\$25,520,000
Pfizer Inc.	\$12,180,000	\$24,619,268
AARP	\$27,900,000	\$21,010,000
American Medical Association	\$20,555,000	\$20,830,000
Chevron Corp.	\$12,994,000	\$20,815,000
Blue Cross-Blue Shield(+1)	\$16,300,165	\$20,067,939
National Association of Realtors	\$17,340,000	\$19,497,000
ConocoPhillips	\$8,459,053	\$18,069,858
Verizon Communications	\$18,020,000	\$17,820,000
FedEx	\$9,335,000	\$17,050,000
Boeing	\$17,540,000	\$16,850,000
American Hospital Association	\$18,902,684	\$16,300,000
National Cable and Telecommunications Association	\$14,500,000	\$15,980,000
Northrop Grumman	\$20,743,252	\$15,180,000
Lockheed Martin	\$15,981,506	\$13,533,782
Business Roundtable	\$13,320,000	\$13,410,000
Altria Group	\$13,840,000	\$12,770,000

1 Fourth-quarter reports are still being tallied
Sources: Center for Responsive Politics, U.S. Senate