

ANDY BARR

[Sources of Campaign Financing: Entire Political
Career & Specifically 2016, Plus Details for
Elisabeth Jensen & Nancy Jo Kemper Elections]

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SOURCE: *FollowtheMoney.org:*

Andy Barr has run in **4 races and has won 3 of them**. “The candidate has raised a total of \$8,172,294.” This site has a table listing dollar amounts from the “industrial sectors” contributing to the total. Contents of the table are as follows:

Contributions Received (by industry sector)	
Uncoded (Total \$ by Broad Sector)	\$3,735,874
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	\$1,080,388
Un-itemized Contributions	\$ no data entry
Energy & Natural Resources	\$511,939
General Business	\$ no data entry
Candidate Contributions	\$348,110
Health	\$ no data entry
Construction	\$238,600
Lawyers & Lobbyists	\$ no data entry
Transportation	\$156,650
Government Agencies/Education/Other	\$ no data entry
Agriculture	\$126,350
Ideology/Single Issue	\$ no data entry
Communications & Electronics	\$66,050
Party	\$ no data entry
Defense	\$14,750
Labor	\$ no data entry

COMMENTS: This data (above) taken from tab (left side of screen) entitled “Overview.” (5/14/2017).

Check the left-hand “Top Donors” tab and you see Andy Barr’s 36 Top Donors and the dollars amount of each of their donations. That is listed on the first page. There are numerous individuals cited as well as organizations such as the Koch Industries, several banking groups, finance institutions, etc. However, there are more than 43 pages of donors cited/listed, with specific dollar amounts of contributions for each citation. The sums range from as little as \$25.00 to \$38,000 (from VOTESANE LLC).

The VOTESANE LLC website reveals this:

“**Votesane PAC** Leadership. Rob Zimmer Rob Zimmer is the founder of **Votesane**. Zimmer is a longtime financial services executive with significant political and technology industry experience. In addition to **Votesane**, Zimmer currently heads up TVDC, a strategic consulting firm.”

However, It is not clear *if* these totals (Top Donors) are the amounts each of the numerous (43 pages plus) organizations/individuals have given to Andy Barr for the four elections in which he has participated, or perhaps less than four. I think it is the total for all four campaigns.

SOURCE: *Votesmart.org*

The following data for Andy Barr’s **2016 campaign finances** was found in the Monday, May 15 listing for *votesmart.org*.

SUMMARY [Data provided by OpenSecrets.org]	
Cycle	2016
Total Raised	\$2,519,652.42
Total Spent	\$2,531,838.60
Cash On Hand	\$476,579.15
Debt	\$0.00

TOP CONTRIBUTORS	
Votesane PAC	\$38,000
Alliance Resource Partners	\$23,650
Ball Homes	\$20,200
Mt. Brilliant Farm	\$16,200
JP Morgan Chase & Co.	\$15,385
RJ Corman Railroad Group	\$13,500
Matrix Energy	\$13,100
Brown-Forman Corporation	\$11,688
Morgan Stanley	\$11,500

TOP INDUSTRIES	
Securities & Investments	\$185,176
Insurance	\$175,160
Commercial Banks	\$148,135
Real Estate	\$130,300
Retired.	\$127,453
Health Professionals	\$98,900
Mining	\$88,750
Crop Production & Basic Processing	\$80,250
Leadership PACs	\$80,000
Lawyers/Law Firms	\$69,570

TOP SECTORS	
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	\$798,471
Miscellaneous Business	\$189,288
Ideology/Single Issue	\$175,373
Agribusiness	\$166,125
Health	\$159,000
Energy/Natural Resources	\$153,350
Other	\$147,953
Construction	\$119,100
Lawyers & Lobbyists	\$106,045
Transportation	\$80,300
Communication/Electronics	\$29,500
Defense	\$13,000
Labor	\$7,500

Andy Barr's 2014 & 2016 Campaigns Versus Elizabeth Jensen & Nancy Jo Kemper & His Ideological Positions:

SOURCE: www.kentucky.com:

Andy Barr vs Nancy Jo Kemper-Money for 2016 Campaign:

“In the 2016 campaign against Nancy Jo Kemper, Andy Barr raised \$2.2 million with 50% “from political action committee for banks, insurance companies, investment firms and other with a financial stake in his House votes.” [and] [s]eparately, his leadership PAC has collected \$240,275.” Nancy Jo Kemper has raised only “\$384,252 since filing to run in January” (www.kentucky.com [October 21,2016, 4:21 PM]).

Andy Barr's 2014 Stance Regarding Government and Finance:

“Barr, 41, finishing his first term in Congress, says government should get out of the way. Barr favors less government involvement in most aspects of the economy. He opposes deficit spending, raising the minimum wage and several recently enacted measures, such as the Dodd-Frank Law, a package of banking reforms, and the Affordable Care Act, a mandate through which more than 521,000 Kentuckians have obtained health insurance.

Give people the freedom to act and prosperity will follow, Barr says in campaign materials. (The Barr campaign last week said the congressman would not respond to Jensen's jobs plan.)

“This is done by allowing job creators to keep more of what they earn and by removing unnecessary, costly government overreach that creates additional costs and burdens that stifle job creation,” Barr wrote in a campaign essay he titled *The First Step to Creating Jobs*. “It is time that we focus on restoring our conservative economic values and be a help, not a hindrance, to job creators throughout this nation who want the government out of the way so that they can focus on putting Americans back to work.” (www.kentucky.com/news/politics-government [Lexington Herald-Leader, September 21, 2014, 8:55 PM]).

Elizabeth Jensen versus Andy Barr in 2014 election campaign:

“In Washington, Barr is building a reputation as a close ally of banks. From his seat on the House Financial Services Committee, Barr has opposed the Dodd-Frank Act's lending and investment restrictions imposed on banks after the 2008 economic crash. He also has defended the interests of payday lenders and debt collectors as they pushed back against federal regulators who seek to limit their behavior.

The financial sector returned the favor during the 2014 election. The industries that Barr's committee oversees — banks, investments, insurance and real estate — pumped more than \$700,000 into his campaign, accounting for 28 percent of the total \$2.54 million in donations that he reported as of Sept. 30. One-third of Barr's individual donations came from outside Kentucky, thanks in part to fundraisers he held on Wall

Street and in Washington, not even counting the \$1.08 million he collected from political action committees.

Explaining his bank-heavy campaign donations in September, Barr said, ‘You know, I’m not going to apologize for supporting policies that promote the free enterprise system, that promote job creation and that promote healthy capital markets in this country.’

Jensen, the Democratic challenger, never came close to matching Barr's fundraising or campaign organization. She reported \$850,151 in donations by Sept. 30, about one-third of Barr's total — and \$100,000 of that was a personal loan she made to her campaign. Three weeks before the election, nearly half of Jensen's campaign staff abruptly departed.” (www.kentucky.com/news/politics-government [November 4, 2014 7:30 PM])
