



**Take Your Future
Into Your Own Hands.
Use Your Political Power
To Elect Representatives
and Senators Who Value
The Work of Federal
Employees**

**Contribute to
AFGE-PAC Today!**

**For more information,
contact your AFGE Local
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(202) 639-6457**

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**Federal Employees Are
America's Homeland Security
It's Time We Elect A Congress
That Recognizes It!**

Why Should You Contribute To AFGE-PAC?

We can't win the wage and benefit improvements we deserve, stop contracting out, or resolve the numerous other issues that fly at us daily until we build our political power. This is a fact that we must face as federal employees.

Congress sets the laws governing wages, benefits and contracting out. Congress approves the budgets for federal agencies. Congress oversees and can act on unilateral actions by Agency Directors and even the President.

We must have Congressional Representatives and Senators who value the work that AFGE members do for America. It will continue to be nearly impossible to pass legislation that addresses our concerns – or defeat legislation that doesn't – until we elect more members of Congress who will speak on our behalf. We need more Senators and Representatives who are pro-union, not anti-union. We need more Representatives and Senators who care about the needs of our families instead of big profits for unaccountable corporations. Federal employees are America's Homeland Security and it's high time we elect a Congress that recognizes it!

Use Your Political Power

Contributing to AFGE-PAC is an easy way to use your political power. Your contribution to AFGE's Political Action Committee (AFGE-PAC) is used for only one purpose – to help elect Representatives and Senators who value federal employees and defeat those who don't. AFGE-PAC is nonpartisan. We support both Republicans and Democrats who have shown through their voting record that they are willing to stand up for federal employees. The bigger the PAC the better our chances for electing members of Congress on both sides of the political isle who care about our families', our union and our future.

"I don't want to abolish government. I simply want to reduce it to the size where I can drag it into the bathroom and drown it in the bathtub."

**Grover Norquist
Bush Administration
Tax Strategist
NPR 5/25/01**

“America works because of the work of federal employees. We’ve got to elect members of Congress who value our work and will work with us, not against us. That’s why I contributed one-half of my 2001 tax rebate to AFGE-PAC.”

Judy Graham
Social Security Administration
AFGE Local 3509

Keep in mind that under federal law we can’t and don’t use dues money to contribute to candidates for Congress. We have to raise voluntary contributions from AFGE members like yourself.

Union Power Vs. Corporate Power

Corporate contractors and other opponents of federal employees understand the need to use their political power. They’re raising and spending their own PAC money to elect members of Congress accountable to them and not working families. They’re raising money to elect Representatives and Senators committed to eliminating our jobs and dismantling the programs we have worked so hard to build. They’ve built their own grassroots political action programs. We’ve got to use Our Union Power to elect candidates who value our contribution to America.

Does Contributing To AFGE-PAC Make A Difference?

You bet! The fact that AFGE-PAC has almost doubled in size in the last two years is one of the main reasons why Representatives and Senators are working more frequently on our behalf. It’s why we have won better pay increases and signed-up 186 cosponsors for our TRAC Bill in the House (H.R. 721) and 17 cosponsors in the Senate (H.R. 1152). It’s why we won the fight to federalize airport screeners. The bigger our PAC, the more progress we can make by increasing support for our friends or helping to defeat those who are working against us.

How Do I Contribute To AFGE-PAC?

You can contribute to AFGE PAC through payroll deduction or by credit card, check, bank draft, or cash. Just follow these easy steps as you complete the attached forms:

STEP 1. Choose one of the following suggested contribution levels:

Diamond Level	\$12.00/pay period, \$26.00/month, or \$312.00/year
Gold Level	\$ 8.00/pay period, \$17.00/month, or \$208.00/year
Silver Level	\$ 4.00/pay period, \$9.00/month, or \$104.00/year
Bronze Level	\$ 1.00/pay period, \$2.00/month or \$26.00/year

If you don’t currently contribute to AFGE-PAC please consider contributing just \$26 a year. That’s \$1 per pay period – only one buck. Are you willing to trust your future to luck? Or are you willing to give a buck and use your political power?

“We’ve got to elect Senators and Representatives who care about federal employees, who understand our contribution to keeping America strong and secure. That’s why I contribute to AFGE-PAC.”

Barbara Brandt, Department of Labor
AFGE Local 2391

It’s great if you are willing to give more. Some of us can afford to give \$4, \$8 or \$12 a pay period which will give us even more political clout. If you already contribute to AFGE-PAC, consider increasing your current contribution

STEP 2. Choose one of the following quick and easy ways to join AFGE-PAC:

◆ Two Options for Payroll Deduction:

If you work for any federal agency other than the VA or DOJ, you can sign up for AFGE-PAC through the payroll allotment system. Complete and return the Faststart Direct Deposit Form FMS 2231, along with a signed copy of the Employee Information

Sheet, to your PAC recruiter or mail it to: AFGE-PAC, 80 F Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20001. (District of Columbia Employees should fill out the “Voluntary AFGE-PAC Deduction Authorization” form.) Your contribution will be automatically deducted from your paycheck each pay period.

AFGE members who work for the VA must sign up for AFGE-PAC through the HR LINKS System. Instructions are attached. Please make sure you also fill out an Employee Information Form once you have contacted HR LINKS.

Note: AFGE members who work for DOJ must contribute to AFGE-PAC by bank draft, credit card or cash. The agency does not allow you to use payroll deduction.

- ◆ **Fill out the enclosed AFGE-PAC Credit Card Form.** Give the completed Credit Card Form to your PAC recruiter or mail it to: AFGE-PAC, 80 F Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20001, along with a signed copy of the Employee Information Sheet.
- ◆ **Complete and return the attached Bank Draft Form,** along with a signed copy of the Employee Information Sheet, to your PAC recruiter or send it to: AFGE-PAC, 80 F Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20001. Please make sure you attach a voided check to the Bank Draft Form. The voided check should be encoded, which simply means it has your account number printed on it. Your contribution will be automatically transferred each month from your bank to AFGE-PAC.
- ◆ **Write a Check made out to AFGE-PAC.** Give your check plus a signed copy of the Employee Information Sheet to your PAC recruiter or mail them to: AFGE-PAC, 80 F Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20001.

“We won’t win better wages and benefits or stop privatization until we build our political power. AFGE-PAC gives us the political clout we need to elect a Congress that will stand-up and fight for AFGE members..”

Curtis Jackson
Veterans Affairs
AFGE Local 3344

“We’ve got to increase our political power. We can’t trust our future to luck. If we want to elect a Congress that values federal employees, we must build AFGE-PAC”.

Ben Monagan, Bureau of Prisons
AFGE Local 1661