



## ActBlue Nationalizes Wisconsin Recall Elections

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Milwaukee - Yesterday, Media Trackers released a summary and analysis of the involvement of the liberal fundraising group ActBlue in the Wisconsin recall elections. Media Trackers discovered that the six Democratic candidates challenging incumbent Republican senators have so far received a combined total of \$568,045 from ActBlue's national donor base. The information was obtained from ActBlue's website and recently released campaign finance reports filed with the GAB.

"A significant amount of the money that the Democratic candidates are raising is coming from out of state donors who want to influence the outcome of Wisconsin's recall elections," said Media Trackers' Communications Director Brian Sikma. ActBlue has [itself said](#) that it wants to "nationalize" key state level races as part of its strategy to promote a liberal national agenda. "Wisconsin voters need to be aware of the fact that some of the candidates running in this election have relied on ActBlue to build a national fundraising constituency that is focused not on what's good for Wisconsin, but on what furthers their national political agenda," Sikma noted.

In the past, candidates in state level races had to rely on local and statewide fundraising efforts. This made them accountable to the people they would be serving if they were elected. However, with ActBlue now creating an alliance between national donors with an overt political agenda and Democratic state level candidates, voters should be skeptical of the outcome. Sikma stated that, "Voters should ask the candidates that have received tens of thousands of dollars from ActBlue how they will work to remain independent of this national donor base and focused on the needs of their Wisconsin constituents."

The following chart shows the amount of money ActBlue has poured into Wisconsin races, and the amount of money these campaigns have paid ActBlue in exchange for their help.

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<b>Candidate</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>ActBlue Money Received</b>	<b>Money Paid to ActBlue</b>
Rep. Fred Clark	14	\$77,066	\$2,455
Rep. Sandy Pasch	8	\$89,230	\$3,292
Shelly Moore	10	\$97,416	\$3,438
Nancy Nusbaum	2	\$84,256	\$3,079
Jessica King	18	\$129,054	N/A
Rep. Jennifer Shilling	32	\$91,023	N/A
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$568,045</b>	<b>\$12,264</b>

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