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## **Agribusiness Biggest Supporter of Ohioans for Livestock Care**

### **Large Donations (\$20 K and Up) Represent Two-Thirds of Pro-Issue 2 Contributions and In-Kind Donations**

Columbus, Ohio – Government report detailing political expenditures for Ohioans for Livestock Care (OLC), the pro-Issue 2 Political Action Committee (PAC) promoting the creation of the Livestock Care Standards Board, reveals that financial support for Issue 2 is overwhelmingly from corporate livestock interests.

Large agribusiness trade associations, such as the Ohio Pork Producers Council, Ohio Poultry Association, and the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, made large contributions to support Issue 2, and three out-of-state interests are among the largest overall donors.

The biggest donors, all large trade associations, gave \$20,000 or more in contributions and in-kind donations to the PAC and represent 2 percent of the contributors but two-thirds (66 percent) of the overall financing. The twelve largest contributors to OLC contributed at least \$100,000 each for a total of \$1.4 million or 35 percent of all funds.

Ohio Against Constitutional Takeover, a coalition representing Ohio farmers and consumers, is providing analysis of the financial report by industry sector, donor size, individual vs. non-individual, and in-state vs. out-of-state. The report demonstrates that only the most vested interests, namely livestock trade associations, are pushing to pass Issue 2.

*Ohio ACT, a partnership that includes the Ohio Farmers Union, Ohio Ecological Food and Farming Association, Ohio Sierra Club, ProgressOhio and Food & Water Watch, is composed of grassroots organizations that represent tens of thousands of Ohioans including farmers and consumers, and has offices in Columbus, Cleveland, and Cincinnati, Ohio. To view the complete list of coalition partners and details of Issue 2, please visit: [www.ohioact.org](http://www.ohioact.org)*

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