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Democrats have received the lion's share of dietary supplement campaign contributions since 1990, but it is Sen. Orrin Hatch, the powerful Utah Republican, who has provided the the industry with the most bang for its bucks. A look at campaign contributions from dietary supplement industry PACs and individuals: Election cycle Contributions % to Dems % to GOP

2006 (to date) \$119,308 36% 64%

2004 \$299,530 47% 53%

2002 \$1,001,742 59% 41%

2000 \$2,367,570 76% 24%

1998 \$866,447 81% 18%

Top cats

Top recipients of dietary supplement campaign contributions, 2000-2006 election cycles:

Candidate Office Amount

Orrin Hatch, R-Utah Senate \$112,450

Tom Harkin, D-Iowa Senate \$69,430

Ernest Istook, R-Okla. House \$42,000

Dan Burton, R-Ind. House \$34,500

Nathan Tabor, R-NC House \$32,800

Patrick Kennedy, D-RI House \$28,500

John Swallow, R-Utah House \$26,867

Brian Bilbray, R-Calif. House \$23,000

Rick Santorum, R-Penn. Senate \$17,650

Hillary Clinton, D-NY Senate \$16,000

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