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1. BREAKING

3 major corporations say they'll stop donating to members of Congress who tried to overturn the election

BlueCross BlueShield (@BCBSAssociation)

Marriott (@MarriottIntl)

@CommerceBank

Follow along for more on these 3 plus 141 other

@BCBSAssociation @MarriottIntl @CommerceBank 2. In the last 3 cycles, the BlueCross BlueShield PAC has donated 959K to GOP candidates and 359K to Dem candidates.

Now, BCBS's CEO says it will "suspend contributions to those lawmakers who voted to undermine our democracy"

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> At the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, we continuously evaluate our political contributions to ensure that those we support share our values and goals. In light of this week's violent, shocking assault on the United States Capitol, and the votes of some members of Congress to subvert the results of November's election by challenging Electoral College results, BCBSA will suspend contributions to those lawmakers who voted to undermine our democracy.
>
> While a contrast of ideas, ideological differences and partisanship are all part of our politics, weakening our political system and eroding public confidence in it must never be. We will continue to support lawmakers and candidates in both political parties who will work with us to build a stronger, healthier nation.

@BCBSAssociation @MarriottIntl @CommerceBank 3. @CommerceBank's PAC favors Republicans over Democrats by a 6 to 1 margin. The bank now says it has "suspended all support for officials who have impeded the peaceful transfer of power"

@MarriottIntl released a similar statement to Popular Information.

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> Commerce Bank's employee-funded Political Action Committee (PAC) contributes campaign donations to elected officials of both parties because of their pro-business records and because they are interested in helping to ensure the banking industry can serve both individuals and businesses. At this time, we have suspended all support for officials who have impeded the peaceful transfer of power. Commerce Bank condemns violence in any form and believes the actions witnessed this week are abhorrent, anti-democratic and entirely contrary to supporting goodwill for Americans and businesses.

4. @tesszeeks and I contacted 144 corporations that donated this cycle to Senators who objected to the Electoral College vote

We asked if their support would continue

We got a lot of other responses + a lot of corporations who, so far, are ignoring us.

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5. More details coming in this thread. But if you value this kind of work, please subscribe to our newsletter, Popular Information.

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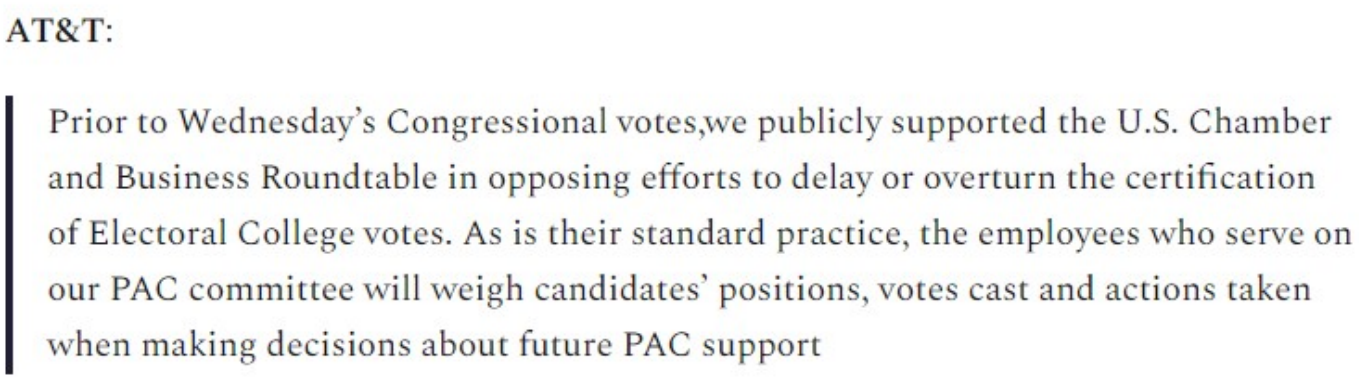
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6. Four other companies said the events of last Wednesday -- and the Republicans who enabled it with their votes -- would factor into their future decisions about political giving.

@BankofAmerica
@Ford
Berkshire Hathaway Energy (@BHEnergyCo)
@ATT

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7. These four companies seem to be hinting that they won't support the 147 members of Congress who objected to the Electoral College vote but are clearly keeping their options open

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8. Five companies told Popular Information they are "reviewing" their PAC giving in light of Wednesday's events.

@CVSHealth
@exxonmobil
@FedEx
@Amgen
@Target

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9. Three companies responded to Popular Information inquiry but declined to comment.

@3M
@HoganLovells
@NewYorkLife

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@3M @HoganLovells @NewYorkLife 10. 128 companies did not respond to our request for comment. This group includes many of the LARGEST contributors to the Senators objecting to the Electoral College vote:

@comcast
@ups
@Boeing
@AltriaNews
@LockheedMartin
@TMobile

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The following companies did not respond:

> Abbott Laboratories, Accenture, Aflac, Airbnb, Akin Gump, Ally Financial, Alston & Bird, Altria Group, Amazon, American Airlines, AMC Theatres, Anthem, Archer Daniels Midland, Bacardi USA, Baker & Hostetler, Bayer US, Bloomin' Brands, BP North America, Burger King, Capital One, Caterpillar, CBS Corporation, Charles Schwab, Charter Communications, Chevron, Citigroup, Clorox, Comcast & NBCUNIVERSAL, Cox Enterprises, CSX Corporation, Deere & Company, Deloitte, Delta, DLA Piper Llp, Dow Inc., Edward Jones, Northrop Grumman, Enterprise Holdings, Ernst & Young, Exelon, Fox Corporation, General Dynamics, General Electric, General Motors, Gilead Sciences, Glaxosmithkline, Glover Park Group, Greenberg Traurig, H&R Block, Halliburton, Hallmark Cards, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Hilton Worldwide, Holland & Hart, Holland & Knight, Honeywell, iHeartmedia, Intel, Invesco, JBS, Jetblue Airways, J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., Juul Labs, K&l Gates, Koch Industries, KPMG, Leidos, Liberty Mutual Insurance, Lockheed Martin, Lowe's, Marathon Petroleum Corporation, Mastercard, McDonald's, Mcguire Woods, Merck & Co., Metlife, Microsoft, Mitsubishi Hitachi Power, Systems Americas, Morgan Stanley, Motorola Solutions, Murphy Oil, Nestle Purina Petcare, Netjets, News Corporation, Norfolk Southern, Northwestern Mutual, Novo Nordisk, Occidental Petroleum, Oracle, Pfizer, PG&E, Philips North America, Phillips 66, PNC, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Publix Super Markets, Raytheon, Reynolds American, Rolls-Royce North America, Safeway, Samsung Electronics America, Sidley Austin, Sierra Nevada, Southern Company, Southwest Airlines, Spirit Aerosystems, Sprint, Squire Patton Boggs, Suntrust, T-Mobile, Teva Pharmaceuticals, Boeing, Coca-Cola Company, Hartford Financial Services Group, Home Depot, Kroger, Procter & Gamble, Walt Disney, Toyota Motor North America, Tyson Foods, Union Pacific, United Airlines, United Parcel Service, UnitedHealth, Universal Music Group, Verizon, Walmart, and Wells Fargo.

11. We will hopefully hear from more of these companies in the days to come.

If your company missed our email and you have a response, we will update this article: DMs open, email in bio.

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12. If readers hear anything from the companies that didn't respond (or provided a vague answer) please also get in touch!

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