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### Guide to Auto Dealers' Investment in the Senate

May 24, 2010 – This afternoon, the Senate is scheduled vote on a non-binding motion proposed by Sen. Sam Brownback (R-Kan.) to instruct conferees on whether to include auto dealers within the regulatory framework of the financial reform bill the Senate approved on Friday.

Below is a guide on where auto dealers have placed their bets.

So far in the 2010 election cycle, 44 senators have received \$380,693 from the auto dealer industry's employees and political action committees (PACs), according to Public Citizen's analysis of data provided by the Center for Responsive Politics ([www.opensecrets.org](http://www.opensecrets.org)). The ten largest recipients – seven Republicans and three Democrats – have received more than half of the industry's contributions to the Senate this cycle. The top two recipients are Sens. Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.) (who has received \$40,000) and Richard Burr (R-N.C.) (\$31,050).

Senator	Contributions Received From Auto Dealers (2010 Election Cycle)*
Sen. Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.)	\$40,000
Sen. Richard Burr (R-N.C.)	\$31,050
Sen. Robert F. Bennett (R-Utah)	\$21,997
Sen. David Vitter (R-La.)	\$20,700
Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-Ga.)	\$16,900
Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.)	\$16,350
Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas)	\$16,025
Sen. Scott P. Brown (R-Mass.)	\$15,850
Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.)	\$13,500
Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.)	\$12,095
Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.)	\$11,500
Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.)	\$11,276
Sen. Arlen Specter (D-Pa.)	\$11,250
Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.)	\$10,900
Sen. Russ Feingold (D-Wis.)	\$10,650
Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho)	\$10,500
Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn.)	\$10,300
Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio)	\$8,000

Senator	Contributions Received From Auto Dealers (2010 Election Cycle)*
Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)	\$7,500
Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.)	\$7,500
Sen. Richard C. Shelby (R-Ala.)	\$7,400
Sen. Evan Bayh (D-Ind.)	\$6,000
Sen. James W. DeMint (R-S.C.)	\$6,000
Sen. Byron L. Dorgan (D-N.D.)	\$5,500
Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa)	\$5,500
Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.)	\$5,300
Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii)	\$5,000
Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.)	\$4,800
Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.)	\$4,600
Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.)	\$4,000
Sen. Robert Menendez (D-N.J.)	\$4,000
Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md.)	\$2,900
Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.)	\$2,900
Sen. Saxby Chambliss (R-Ga.)	\$2,550
Sen. Bob Casey (D-Pa.)	\$2,400
Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.)	\$1,500
Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.)	\$1,500
Sen. Mary L. Landrieu (D-La.)	\$1,000
Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.)	\$1,000
Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.)	\$1,000
Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.)	\$750
Sen. Kay R. Hagan (D-N.C.)	\$500
Sen. Pat Roberts (R-Kan.)	\$500
Sen. Richard G. Lugar (R-Ind.)	\$250

Source: Center for Responsive Politics (available at [www.OpenSecrets.org](http://www.OpenSecrets.org))

\* Includes contributions from "car dealers" and "car dealers, imports" industries.