



Panetta, Laird & Rivas Accepted Vistra Contributions in 2024



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VISTRA EMPLOYEE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE OF VISTRA CORP.

● ACTIVE - MONTHLY | CORPORATION PAC - QUALIFIED - LOBBYIST/REGISTRANT PAC | ID: C00226548 | REGISTRATION DATE: APRIL 22, 1988

Jan. 25, 2025

Moss Landing, Calif.

Vistra Corp. through its political action committee (PAC), Vistra Employee Political Action Committee of Vistra Corp. (ID: C00226548) has made a considerable amount of contributions in recent elections, including but not limited to Congressman Jimmy Panetta, California State Senator John Laird and Assemblymember Robert Rivas.

Vistra Corp. supporter and recipient of a December 9, 2024, \$7,500 contribution to the Tried-and-True PAC, Congressman Jimmy Panetta (CA-19), has largely been silent in the wake of the January 16, 2025, Vistra Moss Landing Plant Fire despite the fact he represents the area where the Vistra fire occurred. Congressman Panetta has only made a single public visit since the fire to Moss Landing, Calif. on Saturday, January 18.

76	C00118943	D000000198	Jimmy Panetta (D)	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance	7500	7500	0	2024-12-09 00:00:00	60	x	0	D000000198	2024
77	C00005249	D000000096	Jimmy Panetta (D)	National Assn of Insurance & Financial Advisors	7500	7500	0	2024-12-09 00:00:00	60	x	0	D000000096	2024
78	C00007542	D000071033	Jimmy Panetta (D)	Sheet Metal, Air, Rail & Transportation Union	7500	7500	0	2024-12-09 00:00:00	60	x	0	D000071033	2024
79	C00099002	D000000714	Jimmy Panetta (D)	Sunkist Growers	7500	7500	0	2024-12-09 00:00:00	60	x	0	D000000714	2024
80	C00194126		Jimmy Panetta (D)	Suntory Global Spirits	7500	7500	0	2024-12-09 00:00:00	60		0		
81	C00431361	D000029443	Jimmy Panetta (D)	TIAA	7500	7500	0	2024-12-09 00:00:00	60	x	0	D000029443	2024
82	C00542365		Jimmy Panetta (D)	Toyota Motor North America	7500	7500	0	2024-12-09 00:00:00	60		0		
83	C00226548	D000068592	Jimmy Panetta (D)	Vistra Corp	7500	7500	0	2024-12-09 00:00:00	60	x	0	D000068592	2024
84	C00418897	D000029722	Jimmy Panetta (D)	VoteVets.org	7500	7500	0	2024-12-09 00:00:00	60	x	0	D000029722	2024
85	C00147173	D000000356	Jimmy Panetta (D)	Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America	7500	7500	0	2024-12-09 00:00:00	60	x	0	D000000356	2024
86			Jimmy Panetta (D)	Financial Architects Partners	7300	0	7300	2024-12-09 00:00:00	85		0		
87	C00255752	D000000199	Jimmy Panetta (D)	American Society of Anesthesiologists	7000	7000	0	2024-12-09 00:00:00	86	x	3	D000000199	2024
88	C00415372	D000027801	Jimmy Panetta (D)	National Assn of Enrolled Agents	7000	7000	0	2024-12-09 00:00:00	86	x	0	D000027801	2024
89			Jimmy Panetta (D)	Panetta Institute for Public Policy	7000	0	7000	2024-12-09 00:00:00	86		0		
90		D000105006	Jimmy Panetta (D)	Tarana Wireless	7000	0	7000	2024-12-09 00:00:00	86	x	0	D000105006	2024
91	C00121319	D000029442	Jimmy Panetta (D)	Thrivent Financial	7000	7000	0	2024-12-09 00:00:00	86	x	0	D000029442	2024
92	C00495556	D000063775	Jimmy Panetta (D)	TriNet Group	7000	7000	0	2024-12-09 00:00:00	86	x	0	D000063775	2024
93			Jimmy Panetta (D)	CBS Corp	6600	0	6600	2024-12-09 00:00:00	92		0		



In a Facebook post on his official page on January 16, 2025 at 9:09pm (PST), Congressman Panetta wrote, "I urge this battery facility to be transparent and cooperate with authorities to address this emergency situation swiftly."



Rep. Jimmy Panetta · Follow

January 16 at 9:08 PM · 🌐

We are monitoring the fire in Moss Landing and in contact with first responders and the compromised battery storage facility. We ask residents to stay alert, follow the directions of emergency services, and stay safe.

Clean energy facilities have a responsibility to be operated safely and to protect the surrounding communities. I urge this battery facility to be transparent and cooperate with authorities to address this emergency situation swiftly.

After 3 previous incidents at the Moss Landing Power Plant, why didn't Congressman Panetta demand transparency before the Vistra Fire in Moss Landing, Calif. on January 16, 2025? We can think of more than 7,500 reasons why.



Congressman Jimmy Panetta

"As California and the Central Coast derive more and more of our energy from renewable resources, storage is key for ensuring that power is available when the sun isn't shining, and the wind isn't blowing. The energy storage facility that Vistra is deploying in Moss Landing will help us build a more reliable, low-emission grid, providing zero-emission power to communities far and wide when they need it. As we face the increasing threat of wildfires and disruptions to our grid, this backup power can serve to bolster our grid's stability and reliability."

It should be noted that Congressman Panetta had a second political action committee called JOINING IDEAS TO MOTIVATE MOVEMENT FOR YOU (JIMMY PAC) in election years 2022, 2020 and 2018.



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JOINING IDEAS TO MOTIVATE MOVEMENT FOR YOU (JIMMY PAC)

● ACTIVE - MONTHLY | PAC - NONQUALIFIED - LEADERSHIP PAC | ID: C00680132 | REGISTRATION DATE: JUNE 04, 2018

Congressman Panetta on January 22, 2025 at 2:00 PM (PST), posted to his official Facebook page, "Vistra must rebuild trust moving forward prioritizing accountability, transparency, and communicating clearly how they are improving safety standards at this facility to ensure that a fire like this will not happen again."



Rep. Jimmy Panetta ✓

January 22 at 2:00 PM · 🌐

As we work to address climate change, we must ensure our communities are safe. Vistra must rebuild trust moving forward by prioritizing accountability, transparency, and communicating clearly how they are improving safety standards at this facility to ensure that a fire like this will not happen again.



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Moss Landing battery fire sparks calls to improve safety, 'accountability' for industry



State Senator John Laird, who also represents the citizens of the district where the Vistra fire occurred, has received contributions from Vistra Corps. PAC, however, State Senator Laird's PAC, John Laird for Senate 2024, has no accessible campaign financial documents with the Federal Elections Commission. These records are only available through the non-profit websites www.opensecrets.org and www.followthemoney.org.

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Entity Details

VISTRA CORPORATION

Non-Individual

General Data

As a contributor

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Industry	Candidate	Election Status	Status of Candidate	Specific Party	General Party	Election Jurisdiction	Election Year	Election Type	Office Sought	Incumbency Status	# of Records	Total \$
Candidates	ADDIS, DAWN	WON-GENERAL	WON	DEMOCRATIC	DEMOCRATIC	CA	2022	STANDARD	ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 099	OPEN	2	\$0
Party Committees	LAIRD, JOHN	PENDING-GENERAL	PENDING	DEMOCRATIC	DEMOCRATIC	CA	2024	STANDARD	SENATE DISTRICT 017	INCUMBENT	1	\$5,000
Ballot Measure Committees	RIVAS, ROBERT	PENDING-GENERAL	PENDING	DEMOCRATIC	DEMOCRATIC	CA	2024	STANDARD	ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 029	INCUMBENT	1	\$5,000

On January 21, 2025, State Senator Laird would also publish a response to a online change.org petition, Halt the Establishment of Battery Storage Facilities in Monterey and Santa Cruz County. In his response, Senator Laird stated “To help rebuild community trust that the facility can operate safely, significant changes are necessary.”

Assemblymember Robert Rivas received a \$5,000 contribution in 2024 from Vistra Corp., however, his campaign financial documents are also pending to the Federal Elections Commission. It should also be noted that Assemblymember Rivas' brother, Ricardo “Rick” Rivas, is one of 12 members of the California Coastal Commission.

Assemblymember Dawn Addis has not accepted any contributions from Vistra Corp.

Elected officials are more concerned with the community trusting Vistra, a for-profit corporation. Transparency, accountability and ethics are paramount to being an elected official, and in this regard our elected officials have sold their vote, our vote and torched public trust while pandering to Vistra, a corporation that poisoned our communities.

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Congressman Panetta FEC:

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Congressman Panetta Open Secrets:

<https://www.opensecrets.org/members-of-congress/jimmy-panetta/contributors?cid=N00038601&cycle=2024&recs=100&type=l>

Senator Laird Open Secrets:

<https://www.followthemoney.org/entity-details?eid=2576990&default=candidate>

Robert Rivas Open Secrets:

<https://www.followthemoney.org/entity-details?eid=44493661>

Visra Follow the Money:

<https://www.followthemoney.org/entity-details?eid=43381504&default=contributor>

www.change.org petition:

<https://www.change.org/p/halt-the-establishment-of-battery-storage-facilities-in-monterey-and-santa-cruz-county>

State Senator John Laird full response:

<https://www.change.org/p/halt-the-establishment-of-battery-storage-facilities-in-monterey-and-santa-cruz-county/responses/44889>

Quote: <https://investor.vistracorp.com/2021-08-19-Visra-Completes-Expansion-of-Battery-Energy-Storage-System-at-its-Flagship-California-Facility>