

**REPRESENTATIVE HOWARD “BUCK” MCKEON (R-CA)**  
**Chairman, House Committee on Armed Services**

Rep. McKeon’s contributions from the defense industry jumped by one-fifth between the 2010 and 2012 cycles, an increase that tracked his 2011 elevation from ranking member to committee chair. He was included in CREW’s 2011 *Funds for Favors* report, which found that between 1998 and 2010, contributions from the defense industry to Rep. McKeon increased at a rate far outpacing his total contributions.<sup>1</sup> During the 112th Congress, after becoming chair of the Armed Services Committee, Rep. McKeon voted in agreement with the interests regulated by the Armed Services Committee more frequently than the average Republican.

Campaign Contributions from the Defense Sector

	<b>2010 Election Cycle</b>	<b>2012 Election Cycle</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Industry Contributions</b>	\$469,900	\$566,100	20%
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$2,026,660	\$1,883,417	-7%

- During the 2012 election cycle, the defense industry accounted for 30% of the \$1,883,417 in total contributions received by Rep. McKeon’s campaign committee and PAC.
- During the 2010 election cycle, the defense industry accounted for 23% of the \$2,026,660 in total contributions received by Rep. McKeon’s campaign committee and PAC.

Campaign Contribution Highlights from Industries Regulated by the Committee<sup>2</sup>

- The defense electronics industry contributed 1.5 times more money to Rep. McKeon during the 2012 election cycle than during the 2010 election cycle, increasing its contributions from \$107,500 to \$160,500.
- The defense aerospace industry contributed 1.1 times more money to Rep. McKeon during the 2012 election cycle than during the 2010 election cycle, increasing its contributions from \$217,000 to \$241,250.

Votes on Armed Services Issues

- From 2011-2012, Rep. McKeon voted in agreement with interests regulated by the Armed Services Committee 91% of the time. The average Republican voted in agreement with those interests 79% of the time.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information, see *Funds for Favors: Exposing Donors’ Influence on Committee Leaders*, available at <http://www.citizensforethics.org/pages/funds-for-favors>.

<sup>2</sup> This section highlights committee industries that significantly increased or decreased their donations to the committee leader between the 2010 and 2012 election cycles.