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## Federal Ranking Confirms Campaign Fund Growth

The Human Rights Campaign Fund is now the ninth largest independent PAC in the United States, and the 24th largest PAC overall, according to new rankings just released for 1987 by the Federal Elections Commission.

Both rankings demonstrate significant growth over those issued for 1986 by the FEC, which placed the Campaign Fund 16th and 39th, respectively. There are 957 independent PACs (not affiliated with a corporation, labor union, or association) and an overall total of 4,165 PACs in the United States.

"These impressive rankings prove that lesbian and gay political influence continues to surge," said Vic Basile, the Campaign Fund's executive director.

"They also underscore the great extent to which the national community supports the Campaign Fund as its vehicle for political involvement in AIDS and civil rights issues," he said.

With more than 20,000 active donors, and \$1,024,432 in funds raised in 1987, the Campaign Fund ranks with such powerful PACs as the Jesse Helms-affiliated "National Congressional Club," Vice President

Burch's "Fund for America's Future," and the National Conservative Political Action Committee (NCPAC).

The Campaign Fund, now in its eighth year, sees its continued growth and success reflected in all aspects of its political and lobbying activities. Disbursements to candidates were three times as high in 1987 as in the previous non-election year, and its legislative program greatly expanded.

With close to a dozen bills now before Congress dealing with AIDS funding; care, treatment and civil rights of people with AIDS and HIV infection; the immigration status of gay men and lesbians; the right of gay men and women to serve in the military; and basic civil rights for gay men and lesbians, the ranking "will not go unnoticed on Capitol Hill," said Basile.

"Factor into that the election and re-election of 435 members of Congress, 33 Senators, and the President and Vice President of the United States next year, and it's clear our community is committed to having a war chest big enough to influence every one of these contests."

## Who are the top 10?

The following national political action committees are the top 10 among "Non-connected" PACs - PACs which are not affiliated with a corporation, trade union, or association. They are ranked according to the total money raised in the past year:

1. Campaign America - supports Sen. Robert Dole .....\$2,417,616
2. National Congressional Club - managed by former aides to Sen. Jesse Helms .....\$2,280,644
3. Auto Dealers and Drivers for Free Trade PAC .....\$2,187,609
4. American Citizens for Political Action .....\$1,770,354
5. National Conservative Political Action Committee (NCPAC) - pro-conservative .....\$1,738,872
6. Victory '88 (formerly Jack Kemp Super Bowl Committee) .....\$1,314,064
7. Fund for America's Future - supports V.P. George Bush .....\$1,254,680
8. National PAC - largest pro-Israel PAC .....\$1,170,529
9. Human Rights Campaign Fund .....\$1,024,432
10. National Committee for an Effective Congress - pro-liberal .....\$996,315

Source: *The Washington Blade*

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