

Elon Musk PAC Is Spending Millions to Keep GOP in Control of the House

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- Elon Musk's "America PAC" has spent tens of millions of dollars to help Donald Trump.
- Now, the super PAC is wading into more than a dozen House races across the country.
- It shows that Musk's involvement with the GOP won't stop with Trump.

Elon Musk's super PAC has already spent tens of millions of dollars on electing former President Donald Trump. Now, the tech billionaire's "America PAC" is wading into the fight for control of the House of Representatives.

According to a document filed with the Federal Election Commission on Monday night, America PAC is spending more than \$2.1 million across 14 competitive House races.

There's likely to be more where that came from. Punchbowl News reported on Monday that the PAC has set aside \$10 million for "voter turnout" in House races around the country.

In an interview with the Canadian psychologist Jordan Peterson in July, Musk said that his PAC was "not meant to be sort of a hyperpartisan PAC" and that the goals were "promoting meritocracy" and promoting "freedom to operate, meaning the least amount of of government intervention possible."

It remains unclear how much Musk, who created the PAC and is reportedly involved deeply in itself operations, has contributed to the PAC himself. The PAC's July report did not include any contributions from Musk, and the group isn't required to disclose further contributions until mid-October. Musk has also denied earlier reports that he planned to spend \$45 million per month on the effort.

Neither Musk nor a representative for the PAC immediately responded to a request for comment.

So far, America PAC has spent more than \$55 million on the election, the vast majority of which has gone toward supporting Trump and opposing Vice President Kamala Harris.

But the spending indicates that Musk's pivot toward the right isn't limited to Trump, and that he's invested in helping Republicans hold onto control of the House as well.

The races where Musk's PAC is spending

According to the Monday night filing, Musk's PAC is spending heavily on both digital ads and canvassing operations. In each instance, the PAC is spending an equal amount on boosting the GOP candidate and going negative on the Democratic candidate.

Here are the 14 races where America PAC is already spending:

- \$296,925 in New York's 17th district, where Republican Rep. Mike Lawler faces former Democratic Rep. Mondaire Jones.
- \$264,825 in California's 41st district, where Republican Rep. Ken Calvert faces Democratic candidate Will Rollins.
- \$221,875 in California's 45th district, where Republican Rep. Michelle Steel faces Democratic candidate Derek Tran.
- \$212,062 in Ohio's 13th district, where Democratic Rep. Emilia Sykes faces Republican candidate Kevin Coughlin.
- \$172,537 in California's 22nd district, where Republican Rep. David Valadao faces Democratic candidate Rudy Salas.
- \$160,125 Ohio's 9th district, where Democratic Rep. Marcy Kaptur faces Republican candidate Derrick Merrin.
- \$157,500 in Maine's 2nd district, where Democratic Rep. Jared Golden faces Republican candidate Austin Theriault.
- \$131,323 in New York's 19th district, where Republican Rep. Marc Molinaro faces Democratic candidate Josh Riley.
- \$130,500 in Washington's 3rd district, where Democratic Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez faces Republican candidate Joe Kent.
- \$109,702 in New Jersey's 7th district, where Republican Rep. Tom Kean faces Democratic candidate Sue Altman.

- \$86,997 in New Mexico's 2nd district, where Democratic Rep. Gabe Vasquez faces former Republican Rep. Yvette Herrell.
- \$75,897 in Colorado's 8th district, where Democratic Rep. Yadira Caraveo faces Republican candidate Gabe Evans.
- \$50,903 in Nebraska's 2nd district, where Republican Rep. Don Bacon faces Democratic candidate Tony Vargas.
- \$43,853 in Iowa's 3rd district, where Republican Rep. Zach Nunn faces Democratic candidate Lanon Baccam.

Correction: September 17, 2024 — An earlier version of this story misstated which district Rep. Marcy Kaptur represents. She represents the 9th district of Ohio, not the 13th district.

