

WisDems: Nicholson brags about being bought by out-of-state megadonors

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MADISON — Best known for [selling out early to a billionaire CEO and megadonor from Illinois](#) to the tune of [\\$3.5 million](#), GOP Senate candidate Kevin Nicholson evidently remains highly committed to maintaining his reputation as out-of-state megadonors' favorite candidate in the Republican primary.

Nicholson on Tuesday released his fundraising numbers for the third quarter of 2017, and in the process announced to Wisconsinites that it's out-of-state big money special interests, not Wisconsin working families, that he's committed to representing if elected.

Via Nicholson's own campaign [press release](#), here's a who's who list of new out-of-state big donors to whom Nicholson has already sworn his allegiance at the expense of working families:

National supporters to Kevin's campaign include:

Roddey Dowd; Foster Friess; Gay Gaines; Jerry Hayden; Tatnall Hillman;
Rebekah Mercer; Howie Rich; Jackson Stephens Jr.; Tom Smith; Bill
Strong; Sam Zell.

"Wisconsinites now know with certainty that Kevin Nicholson is completely bought-and-paid-for by out-of-state big money special interests," **said Brad Bainum, Democratic Party of Wisconsin**

spokesperson for the 2018 Senate race. “In a way, you have to admire his openness: It’s like Nicholson was dying to confess that he already sold out Wisconsin working families by committing to help his out-of-state big donors get even richer.”

Here’s a look at the top “national supporters” that Nicholson saw fit to brag about (2016 cycle totals are federal contributions to candidates and groups):

- **Roddey Dowd Jr.**, of Charlotte, NC — donated \$100,762 during the 2016 cycle.
- **Foster Friess**, of Jackson, WY — donated \$505,773 during the 2016 cycle.
- **Gay Gaines**, of Palm Beach FL — donated \$133,325 during the 2016 cycle.
- **Jerry Hayden**, Scottsdale, AZ — donated \$445,520 during the 2016 cycle.
- **Tatnall Hillman**, of Aspen, CO — donated \$1,828,142 during the 2016 cycle.
- **Rebekah Mercer**, of New York, NY — donated \$868,200 during the 2016 cycle.
- **Howie Rich**, of Philadelphia, PA — donated \$326,100 during the 2016 cycle.
- **Jackson Stephens Jr.**, of Little Rock, AR — donated \$3,611,200 during the 2016 cycle.
- **Tom Smith**, of Boca Raton, FL- donated \$593,703 during the 2016 cycle.
- **Bill Strong**, of Chicago, IL — donated \$224,838 during the 2016 cycle.
- **Sam Zell**, of Chicago, IL — donated \$892,500 during the 2016 cycle.