

## Appendix A

While the forgoing report dealt with union contributions to sitting lawmakers, those contributions do not represent the whole of union political spending. Each year, many unions – including some of Illinois’ largest government worker unions – file LM-2 reports with the U.S. Department of Labor documenting how they receive and disburse money.

In their 2019 and 2020 reports, unions reported the following total spending on “political activities and lobbying”:

	2019	2020
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME/headquarters)	\$26,394,712	\$62,111,608
AFSCME Council 31 (AFSCME/state affiliate)	\$1,536,770	\$1,518,061
American Federation of Teachers (AFT/headquarters)	\$40,942,838	\$31,266,948
Illinois Federation of Teachers (AFT/state affiliate)	\$806,459	\$922,385
National Education Association (NEA/headquarters)	\$36,519,476	\$50,728,949
Illinois Education Association (NEA/state affiliate)	\$1,178,609	\$1,056,288
Service Employees International Union (SEIU/headquarters)	\$35,542,505	\$60,055,717
SEIU HCII (SEIU/local affiliate)	\$2,354,054	\$2,831,111

Source: Unions’ 2019 and 2020 LM-2s, filed with U.S. Department of Labor

Notably, these contributions did not include the political spending of the unions’ political action committees, which do not have to file LM-2 reports with the Department of Labor.

And finally, LM-2s are filed according to the unions’ individual fiscal years, so there is not a direct overlap between the records on file with the Illinois State Board of Elections, which was reviewed in this report by calendar year. However, the LM-2 reports do show the millions of dollars unions spend annually on political activities and lobbying, whether that be by calendar year or fiscal year.