

## **Mission**

Every day, Vertexians work hard to improve the lives of patients. In so doing, we recognize the importance of public policy in supporting our mission of creating transformative medicines for people with serious diseases. Public sector decisions significantly affect our business and industry, as well as the communities in which we operate and the patients that we serve. It is therefore critical for us to interact with policymakers across the political spectrum to advocate for policies that benefit patients and foster biopharmaceutical innovation and advancement.

We have regular and constructive engagement with government officials and policymakers at the federal, state, and local levels to promote an innovative, patient-focused policy environment. We also contribute to state and local candidates and political organizations where permitted by applicable law. Our participation in the political process is guided by our [Code of Conduct](#).

## **Management and Board Oversight**

The Vertex Board of Directors has oversight over the Company's public policy activities, including political contributions and lobbying, and reviews our public policy and lobbying priorities at least annually. Our Head of U.S. Public Affairs is responsible for approving all corporate political contributions and ensuring that they align with our mission and business priorities.

## **Political Activities and Contributions**

### ***Lobbying***

We comply with the Lobbying Disclosure Act and file quarterly reports listing the issues for Sand the

### ***Political Contributions***

Vertex contributes to state and local candidates where permitted by applicable law. Our contributions are bipartisan and support candidates and policies that will enable us to create transformative medicines for people with serious diseases, including those that further

biopharmaceutical innovation and access to medicines; help patients with serious diseases; and impact our employees or geographic areas where our facilities are located. We also may provide financial support to other political organizations, including 527 organizations.

A list of these contributions will be updated annually in the Appendix.

### **VPAC**

The Vertex Political Action Committee (the “VPAC”) is a nonpartisan organization that contributes to federal and state candidates across the political spectrum. VPAC-supported candidates share our commitment to ensuring access to transformative medicines and recognize the vital contributions that Vertex and its employees make in discovering medicines that can prevent, cure or fundamentally change the outcomes of serious diseases for patients and their families.

The VPAC is funded entirely by voluntary contributions from employees and members of our Board of Directors. Federal law prohibits corporations from making direct contributions to federal candidates, political parties, and political committees. Companies are permitted to administer a political action committee funded solely by voluntary employee contributions.

VPAC’s contributions are publicly disclosed in reports with the U.S. Federal Elections Commission available here: [www.fec.gov/data/committee/C00468660/](http://www.fec.gov/data/committee/C00468660/). All VPAC spending decisions are reviewed by the VPAC Board of Directors and are approved by Vertex’s Head of U.S. Public Affairs.

**Appendix**

*Lobbying Disclosures by Registered State Jurisdiction*

| Alabama | <http://ethics.alabama.gov/lobbyists.aspx> |





