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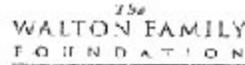
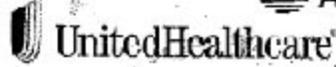
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CHAIRMAN



Bayer



Lumina



at&t



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- BP
- Reynolds American
- Takeda Pharmaceutical

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- American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity
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- Bayer
- Chevron
- ExxonMobil
- EZCorp

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- Amazon.com
- Atmos Energy
- BlueCross BlueShield Association
- CenturyLink
- Chesapeake Energy
- ConocoPhillips
- Dow
- Encana
- Energy Transfer
- Gulf States Toyota
- International Paper
- Jacobs Entertainment
- LouisianaTravel.com
- NetChoice

Lumina Foundation  
Peabody  
PhRMA  
Shell  
State Farm  
State Policy Network  
UnitedHealthcare  
Visa  
Walmart  
Walton Family Foundation

**VICE-CHAIRMAN LEVEL**

CashAmerica  
Entergy  
FedEx  
Franklin Center for Government and Public  
Integrity  
Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold  
Intuit  
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Koch Industries  
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Louisiana Seafood  
McMoran Exploration  
National Rifle Association  
Pfizer  
Sanofi  
TogetherRX Access  
UPS

QEP Resources  
StateNet  
TimeWarner  
WellPoint

**TRUSTEE LEVEL**

American Federation for Children  
BlueCross Blue Shield of Louisiana  
BNSF  
Cleco  
CN  
Cox  
CSX  
Genesee & Wyoming Inc.  
Harris Deville & Associates  
HP  
Kansas City Southern  
Kraft Foods  
Lilly  
Louisiana Chemical Association  
Louisiana Railroads Association  
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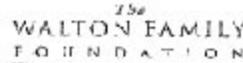
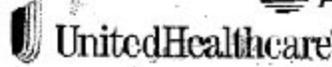
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- NetChoice

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PhRMA  
Shell  
State Farm  
State Policy Network  
UnitedHealthcare  
Visa  
Walmart  
Walton Family Foundation

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Entergy  
FedEx  
Franklin Center for Government and Public  
Integrity  
Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold  
Intuit  
Johnson & Johnson  
Koch Industries  
LouisDreyfus Commodities  
Louisiana Seafood  
McMoran Exploration  
National Rifle Association  
Pfizer  
Sanofi  
TogetherRX Access  
UPS

QEP Resources  
StateNet  
TimeWarner  
WellPoint

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Cleco  
CN  
Cox  
CSX  
Genesee & Wyoming Inc.  
Harris Deville & Associates  
HP  
Kansas City Southern  
Kraft Foods  
Lilly  
Louisiana Chemical Association  
Louisiana Railroads Association  
Louisiana Realtors  
Merck  
Norfolk Southern  
RestoringFreedom.org  
Society of Louisiana CPAs  
Southern Strategy Group  
Spectra Energy  
The Capitol Group  
Union Pacific  
USAA  
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