



Supporters Appreciated, Recognized

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The private, voluntary support of foundations, businesses, and individuals is crucial to the Mackinac Center's progress in advancing free markets, limited government, and respect for private property. We do not solicit, nor would we accept, any government funding. Consistent financial support from our members allows the Center to have continual impact.

The Right to Know Payroll Form (see page 1) has identified many potential Mackinac Center members. Companies which request their free Right To Know Payroll Form kit are invited to join the Center if they are not already members. Firms interested in the Form are those which want their workers to have accurate information on the cost of government programs, and they also tend to understand and support the goals of the Mackinac Center.

We have had great success raising support for specific policy initiatives. The first four years of our new labor policy initiative are completely funded. This allowed us to add Robert Hunter as our new director of labor policy (see page 12), and we are actively seeking funding for the fifth year and beyond. We have also secured new major foundation support for the education policy initiative, which will allow us to employ a full-time director of education policy and a research assistant.

To recognize and identify major contributors, the Mackinac Center

has created two attractive styles of high quality lapel pins. Each distinctive pin takes the shape of the Great Lakes State and has in its center the "flame of truth and knowledge." The President's Council pin is gold-outlined teal enamel. The base of the torch is the shape of an "M" signifying both the Mackinac Center for Public Policy and the Roman numeral "M" for 1,000, the dollar amount of support of President's Council members. This pin is also worn by Mackinac Center staff and members of our Board of Advisors.



New lapel pins identify President's Council and 1851 Society members.

The 1851 Society pin, worn by those who contribute more than \$10,000 annually, is all gold with "1851" positioned below the flame. This pin is also worn by members of the Board of Directors, the Board of Scholars, and President Lawrence Reed. President's Council and 1851 Society members are receiving their lapel pins this month. To learn more about special contributor recognition societies, please call the Office of Development at (517) 631-0900. ■