



THE VOICE FOR TREES POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (VFT-PAC) AUTHORIZATION FORM
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What is the VFT-PAC: The VFT- PAC is the political action committee for TCIA and it takes direct action on legislative and regulatory issues that affect the tree care industry. Specifically, the VFT-PAC makes political contributions to U.S. Senators and Representatives who support our industry with their votes.

How Can I Support the VFT-PAC: Through individual donations (and some corporate giving, which can only be used to defer administrative costs and not for donations to politicians or their campaigns]. The VTF PAC relies on voluntary contributions from individual owners and employees of TCIA member companies, such as through fundraising initiatives like tickets to the VFT-PAC Cocktail Party and Auction. But before soliciting contributions from non-owner employees, the VFT-PAC must obtain *permission to solicit or authorization* from the owners of or an executive of the member company.

Why Am I Signing This Form: The Federal Election Commission (FEC) requires the VFT-PAC to obtain written approval from owners or corporate executives of member companies before it may solicit and accept contributions from employees of the member companies. **By completing this Political Action Committee Authorization Form, your company and employees are not obligated to donate to the VFT-PAC – you are allowing TCIA to communicate with you and your employees in much greater detail about the VFT-PAC and how you can support it.**

I hereby authorize the Tree Care Industry Association's Voice for Trees PAC to solicit contributions from the "restricted class" of my corporation during the calendar years and I confirm that a similar prior approval has not been provided by my company to any other trade association for the calendar years designated below:

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE FOR 2019: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE FOR 2020: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE FOR 2021: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE FOR 2022: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE FOR 2023: _____

TCIA may use my name when hosting/giving recognition to VFT-PAC events and publications: YES

PRINT NAME: _____

OCCUPATION/TITLE: _____

MEMBER CORPORATION OR COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **FAX:** _____

EMAIL: _____

IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTOR INFORMATION

PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO "VFTPAC" ARE NOT DEDUCTIBLE AS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES. YOUR CONTRIBUTION MUST BE BY A PERSONAL CHECK (OR COMPANY CHECK FROM A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP), OR PERSONAL CREDIT CARD. CORPORATE CHECKS AND CORPORATE CREDIT CARDS ARE PROHIBITED UNDER FEDERAL LAW. AN INDIVIDUAL IS FREE TO CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN ONCE — BUT MAY NOT CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN \$5,000 PER CALENDAR YEAR TO A PAC. FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES THAT THE VOICE FOR TREES PAC REPORT THE FULL NAME, ADDRESS, OCCUPATION AND THE COMPANY NAME OF EACH INDIVIDUAL WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS AGGREGATE IN EXCESS OF \$200 IN A CALENDAR YEAR. A CORPORATION MAY ONLY GIVE ONE TRADE ASSOCIATION PER CALENDAR YEAR PERMISSION TO SOLICIT THEIR RESTRICTED CLASS.