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The contributions from committees to candidates file is a subset of the itemized records (OTH) file and contains each contribution or independent expenditure made by a:

- PAC
- Party committee
- Candidate committee
- Other federal committee

and given to a candidate during the two-year election cycle.

The file shows information about the committee expending the money as well as the committee receiving the money, the amount given, and the date it was given, and other information. The end-of-line (EOL) marker is line feed '\n' (LF, 0x0A, 10 in decimal).

Contributions from committees to candidates file format

Column name	Field name	Position	Null	Data type	Description	Example data
CMTE_ID	Filer identification number	1	N	VARCHAR2 (9)	A 9-character alphanumeric code assigned to a committee by the Federal Election Commission	C00100005
AMNDT_IND	Amendment indicator	2	Y	VARCHAR2 (1)	Indicates if the report being filed is new (N), an amendment (A) to a previous report or a termination (T) report.	A
RPT_TP	Report type	3	Y	VARCHAR2 (3)	Indicates the type of report filed. List of report type codes	Q2
TRANSACTION_PGI	Primary-general indicator	4	Y	VARCHAR2 (5)	This code indicates the election for which the	P2018

					contribution was made. EYYYY (election Primary, General, Other plus election year)	
IMAGE_NUM	Image number	5	Y	VARCHAR2 (11) or VARCHAR2(18)	11-digit image number format YYOORRRFFFF YY - scanning year OO - office (01 - House, 02 - Senate, 03 - FEC Paper, 90-99 - FEC Electronic) RRR - reel number FFFF- frame number 18-digit image number normat (June 29, 2015) YYYYMMDDSSPPPPPPPP YYYY - scanning year MM - scanning month DD - scanning day SS - source (02 - Senate, 03 - FEC Paper, 90-99 - FEC Electronic) PPPPPPPP - page (reset to zero every year on January 1)	20181017091234123
TRANSACTION_TP	Transaction type	6	Y	VARCHAR2 (3)	Transaction types 10J, 11J, 13, 15J, 15Z, 16C, 16F, 16G, 16R, 17R, 17Z, 18G, 18J, 18K, 18U, 19J, 20, 20C, 20F, 20G, 20R, 22H, 22Z, 23Y, 24A, 24C, 24E, 24F, 24G, 24H, 24K, 24N, 24P, 24R, 24U, 24Z and 29 are included in the OTH file. Beginning with 2016 transaction types 30F, 30G, 30J, 30K, 31F, 31G, 31J, 31K, 32F, 32G, 32J, 32K, 40, 40Z, 41, 41Z, 42 and 42Z are also included in the OTH file. For more information about transaction type codes see this list of transaction type codes .	30F
ENTITY_TP	Entity type	7	Y	VARCHAR2 (3)	ONLY VALID FOR ELECTRONIC FILINGS received after April 2002. CAN = Candidate CCM = Candidate Committee COM = Committee IND = Individual (a person) ORG = Organization (not a committee and not a person) PAC = Political Action Committee PTY = Party Organization	COM
NAME	Contributor/lender/transfer Name	8	Y	VARCHAR2 (200)		Martha Washington for Congress
CITY	City	9	Y	VARCHAR2		Alexandria

				(30)		
STATE	State	10	Y	VARCHAR2 (2)		VA
ZIP_CODE	ZIP code	11	Y	VARCHAR2 (9)		22201
EMPLOYER	Employer	12	Y	VARCHAR2 (38)		
OCCUPATION	Occupation	13	Y	VARCHAR2 (38)		
TRANSACTION_DT	Transaction date (MMDDYYYY)	14	Y	DATE		05112018
TRANSACTION_AMT	Transaction amount	15	Y	NUMBER (14,2)		5000.00
OTHER_ID	Other identification number	16	Y	VARCHAR2 (9)	For contributions from individuals this column is null. For contributions from candidates or other committees this column will contain that contributor's FEC ID.	C00100502
CAND_ID	Candidate ID	17	Y	VARCHAR2 (9)	A 9-character alphanumeric code assigned to a candidate by the Federal Election Commission. The candidate ID for a specific candidate remains the same across election cycles as long as the candidate is running for the same office.	H8VA01233
TRAN_ID	Transaction ID	18	Y	VARCHAR2 (32)	ONLY VALID FOR ELECTRONIC FILINGS. A unique identifier associated with each itemization or transaction appearing in an FEC electronic file. A transaction ID is unique for a specific committee for a specific report. In other words, if committee, C1, files a Q3 New with transaction SA123 and then files 3 amendments to the Q3 transaction SA123 will be identified by transaction ID SA123 in all 4 filings.	SA11AI.8317
FILE_NUM	File number / Report ID	19	Y	NUMBER (22)	Unique report id	1197695
MEMO_CD	Memo code	20	Y	VARCHAR2 (1)	'X' indicates that the amount is NOT to be included in the itemization total.	X
MEMO_TEXT	Memo text	21	Y	VARCHAR2 (100)	A description of the activity. Memo text is available on itemized	Contribution to federal committee

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					amounts on Schedules A and B. These transactions are included in the itemization total.	
SUB_ID	FEC record number	22	N	NUMBER (19)	Unique row ID	1234567891234567

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