

Jeffrey Epstein Donated Thousands To Chuck Schumer. Schumer Says He'll Donate That Amount Of Money.

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Epstein, the billionaire former hedge fund manager charged with sex trafficking earlier this week, made political donations to both Democrats and Republicans in the 1990s and early 2000s.

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Chuck Schumer said he will donate an amount of money equivalent to contributions made by accused sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein more than 20 years ago.

“While these campaign accounts closed about 20 years ago, and even then the campaign never controlled the two political action committees (PACs), Sen. Schumer is donating an equal sum to anti-sex trafficking and anti-violence against women groups,” said Schumer spokesperson Justin Goodman.

According to FEC filings compiled by [OpenSecrets.org](https://www.opensecrets.org), Schumer received seven \$1,000 payments between 1992 and 1997 from Epstein, who made donations to several PACs supporting Schumer’s run for the New York Senate seat. Epstein also donated to several other Democratic candidates, including former president Bill Clinton, former senator Max Baucus, and former secretary of state John Kerry. He contributed to Republicans as well, such as former senator Bob Dole, former representative Rick Lazio, and former senator Alfonse D’Amato.

Federal prosecutors charged Epstein with sex trafficking under age girls in New York and Florida on Monday to which he pleaded not guilty. On Wednesday morning, Jennifer Araoz, 32, came forward with more rape allegations against Epstein dating back to 2002.

On Tuesday, Schumer called for the resignation of Alex Acosta, the Miami prosecutor turned labor secretary, who brokered a plea deal with Epstein more than a decade ago. Acosta was tapped by President Donald Trump to serve in his cabinet in 2017. After Epstein's latest arrests, a slew of Democratic congressional members called for Acosta — accused of brokering a lenient plea deal — to step down.

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