

Charting Holtec's Web of Connections

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George E. Norcross III, powerful Democratic Party boss in New Jersey
Brother of U.S. Congressman **Donald Norcross, D-NJ**

<https://norcross.house.gov/>

Companies linked to Norcross and the **Parker McCay law firm** of his other brother **Philip Norcross** received at least \$1.1 billion worth of tax breaks from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA), according to an investigative review by WNYC-ProPublica.

Conner Strong & Buckelew

George Norcross' insurance company
Got \$86 million tax break

Cooper Health System

George Norcross sits on its Board
Got \$39.9 million tax break in 2014.

Parker McCay Law Firm

Philip Norcross, managing partner – **George Norcross'** other brother.

Kevin Sheehan Attorney.

They rewrote tax break laws in 2013 to give special advantages to companies that moved to Camden – especially companies with ties to **George**.

Sheehan wrote the Holtec application signed by **Singh**, so they both lied. And so did Holtec VP **Joy Russell** when she said it was an 'inadvertent mistake.'

Sheehan handled the applications for many of the companies that received tax breaks to move to Camden.

Several of them qualified for tax break grants by falsely claiming they had plans to leave NJ for other states unless they got the grants.

Hillary Clinton – when she was Sec. of State, a condition for getting an Export/Import bank loan was to buy Holtec products.

Eddy-Lea/Holtec – proposed Consolidated Interim Storage (CIS) radioactive waste storage site in New Mexico.
Opposed by Governor, other officials, as well as a broad coalition of industry, state and national civil society groups.

Holtec International

Private Singh family-owned company.

George Norcross sits on its Board.

Got \$260 million tax break.

2nd largest grant from the EDA in NJ history.

Failed to disclose Holtec had been barred from federal contracts for a year for bribing a TVA procurement officer.

Also failed to disclose Holtec had been stripped of tax credits in Ohio for failing to create the jobs it had promised as part of a similar program.

Holtec got a \$26 million tax credit in 2017.

Was scheduled for \$26 million per year for 9 years.

EDA has now suspended its grant to Holtec.

A Governor's Task Force and a grand jury investigation of the grant program are now in progress.

Singh makes generous, 'strategic' political contributions.

SNC-Lavalin – Canadian transnational also convicted in major bribery scandals.

Partnering with Holtec in **Decommissioning International (DCI)** to buy at least 6 shuttered US nuclear plants to demolish them, manage their radioactive waste – and get access to billions of dollars in existing decommissioning trust funds.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-CA

In 2013, **Christopher Thompson**, a man with a political science background, who had been Senator Dianne Feinstein's Chief of Staff for ten years, suddenly left government to become Edison's Vice President for Decommissioning at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

On his watch, Edison abandoned its former contractor AREVA, which had built the existing above ground horizontal dry cask facility, and awarded a contract to Holtec International's HI-STORM UMAX underground vertical storage system. Thompson moved on soon after.

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