
The Open Society Policy Center Summary of Lobbying Activities

JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 (Q3)

The Open Society Policy Center supports transparency and is proud of the causes and groups it supports.

The Open Society Policy Center (OSPC) is registered under the Lobbying Disclosure Act (LDA) and regularly reports on its activities as required by the Act. However, very few OSPC staff members meet the legal threshold for reporting their lobbying. Consequently, OSPC has chosen to voluntarily post on a quarterly basis the “lobbying activities” as defined by the LDA of its Washington staff regardless of whether they meet the LDA’s reporting threshold. In other words, the lobbying activities listed below go well beyond the requirements of the LDA by including all the OSPC activities that would have been reported under the LDA if all of the OSPC Washington advocates were “registered lobbyists.”

In addition, OSPC reports on an annual basis all of its grants on IRS Form 990 as required by law. However, there is a substantial lag time before Form 990 information becomes available to the public. Accordingly, OSPC also voluntarily makes this information easily and publicly available below on a quarterly basis.

Domestic Policy

Civil Rights/Civil Liberties (CIV)

H.R. 885, the Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2015, pertaining to restoring and strengthening the Voting Rights Act

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

H.R. 2867: The Voting Rights Advancement Act, pertaining to restoring and strengthening the Voting Rights Act

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

S. 1659: The Voting Rights Advancement Act, pertaining to restoring and strengthening the Voting Rights Act

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Exploring reforms to promote judicial review of government action, (unnumbered)

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Education (EDU)

S. 1169: Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Act, pertaining to correctional education and racial disparities in enforcement

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Act, (unnumbered), pertaining to prevention and intervention services and funding, correctional education and racial disparities in enforcement

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

Higher Education Act, (unnumbered), pertaining to Pell grant access and greater access to postsecondary education for incarcerated students and returning individuals

Entities Lobbied: House of Representatives, Senate

Perkins Law, (unnumbered), pertaining to career and technical education and supports for at-risk students

Entity Lobbied: Senate

School discipline and climate, (unnumbered), pertaining to civil rights enforcement, data collection, school discipline and climate, and law enforcement in schools and training/professional development

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives, Senate, Department of Education, Department of Justice, White House

Immigration (IMM)

S. 3241: Refugee Protection Act of 2016, pertaining to statelessness and related issues

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Law Enforcement/Crime/Criminal Justice (LAW)

S. 2123: Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2015, pertaining to adjusting mandatory minimums, allowing for judges' discretion in sentencing and expanding pre-release and re-entry programming

Entities Lobbied: Senate, White House

H.R. 3713: Sentencing Reform Act of 2015, pertaining to adjusting mandatory minimums

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

Foreign Policy

S.2943 – National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2017, provisions relating to the provision of security sector assistance

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Reauthorization of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, (unnumbered), provision to modify the Child Soldier Prevention Act of 2008

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

Supporting ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty to assist visually impaired persons

Entities Lobbied: Senate, White House, Department of State

H.R. 4909: House National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2017, provision relating to DOD budgeting of foreign military assistance

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

H.R. 5568: Combatting Terrorism in Tunisia, authorizing assistance for the government of Tunisia to combat terrorism, strengthen and reform the security sector and support economic reforms, democracy and civil society

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

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Open Society Policy Center Grants**Period: July 1 – September 30, 2016 (Q3)**

Grantee Name	Purpose	Amount	Period
Advance Carolina	To provide organization-level support	\$112,500	1 year
Center for Popular Democracy Action	To support advocacy on access to economic opportunity	\$500,000	1 year
Center for Popular Democracy Action	To support efforts challenging anti-Muslim sentiment	\$205,000	6 mos.
Fund for Constitutional Government	To support the Peace and Security Funders Group	\$50,000	1 year
National Security Archive Fund, Inc.	To support a fellowship on human rights	\$100,000	1 year
No on Prop 66	To support advocacy against the death penalty	\$500,000	4 mos.
Sixteen Thirty Fund	To provide support to Demand Progress Action for advocacy on human rights	\$106,483	7 mos.
Sixteen Thirty Fund	To provide support to Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund for advocacy on tax policy	\$150,000	1 year
Taxpayers for Sentencing Reform	To support advocacy against the death penalty	\$500,000	4 mos.