
The Open Society Policy Center Summary of Lobbying Activities

OCTOBER 1– DECEMBER 31, 2017 (Q4)

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

Budget/Appropriations (BUD)

Supplemental Appropriations Request for FY 2017, provisions related to deportation forces, and detention space. Additionally, provisions related to hurricane relief for Puerto Rico

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Education (EDU)

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

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

School discipline, pertaining to civil rights enforcement, data collection, and law enforcement in schools and training/professional development

Entities Lobbied: House of Representatives, Senate, Department of Education

Government Issues (GOV)

Senate consideration of executive branch nominations

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Immigration (IMM)

Legislation on Immigration, including deferred action for childhood arrivals, enforcement policies and temporary protected status

Entity Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Law Enforcement/Crime/Criminal Justice (LAW)

Legislation on criminal justice reform, including S.1917, Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2017, pertaining to mandatory minimum sentences and recidivism reduction.

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S. 1593, Pretrial Integrity and Safety Act, pertaining to the replacement of money bail as a condition of pretrial release.

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.1524, Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act, pertaining to unjust conditions for incarcerated women.

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Congressional Black Caucus comprehensive criminal justice reform bill (unnumbered)

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

S. 1610, Walter Scott Act, pertaining to data collection and training for law enforcement

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Tax/Internal Revenue Code (TAX)

Legislation to reform the Tax Code, in particular provisions that significantly impact Puerto Rico.

Entities Lobbied: Senate and House of Representatives

Foreign Policy

Foreign Relations (FOR)

Legislation to counter terrorism and improve homeland security

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Bill on Foreign Funded Organizations in Hungary (LexNGO)

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives, Department of State

Amendments to the Higher Education Act in Hungary (LexCEU)

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives, White House, Department of State

Amendments to the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA)

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

H.R. 2200, Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2017, provisions on child soldiers

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

S.1862, Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2017, provisions on child soldiers

Entity Lobbied: Senate

H.R.669/ S. 200, Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017, provisions regarding withholding funds for any U.S. military action against North Korea unless authorized by Congress

Entity Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

S. 2047, Preventing Preemptive War in North Korea Act of 2017, provision regarding withholding funds for any U.S. military action against North Korea unless authorized by Congress

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S. 924, National Security Diversity and Inclusion Workforce Act of 2017

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Budget/Appropriations (BUD)

S.1780, Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2018, provisions related to security sector assistance, funding for Leahy vetting, provisions regarding assistance for Egypt and Tunisia

Entity Lobbied: Senate

H.R. 3362, Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2018, provisions related to assistance for Egypt

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

H.R. 2810, National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2018, provisions regarding the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies and authority for Special Operations Forces to train foreign irregular forces

S.1519, National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2018, provisions regarding the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies and authority for Special Operations Forces to train foreign irregular forces

Defense Department Appropriations bill for FY 2018, pertaining to restrictions on war with North Korea

Entity Lobbied: Senate

H.R. 2810, National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2018, regarding security sector assistance, civilian casualties and use of force policy

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

S.1519, National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2018, regarding security sector assistance, civilian casualties and use of force policy

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Open Society Policy Center

Open Society Policy Center Grants**Period: October 1 – December 31, 2017 (Q4)**

| Grantee Name | Purpose | Amount | Period |
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| Advance Carolina | To provide organizational support | \$112,500 | 1 year |
| Alliance of San Diego Mobilization Fund | To support policy advocacy on immigration enforcement | \$100,000 | 1 year |
| American Constitution Society for Law and Policy | To support advocacy on government oversight | \$92,000 | 1 year |
| American Immigration Council | To support policy advocacy on immigration | \$120,000 | 7 mos. |
| American Jewish World Service | To support policy advocacy on U.S. financing for global health | \$150,000 | 15 mos. |
| Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund | To support policy advocacy on tax reform | \$1,000,000 | 4 mos. |
| America's Voice Education Fund | To support policy advocacy on immigration | \$200,000 | 1 year |
| Arizona Wins | To support policy advocacy on Arizona's ballot measure process | \$300,000 | 2 years |
| Ballot Initiative Strategy Center Inc. | To support a project on state ballot initiatives | \$175,000 | 1 year |
| Beyond the Choir | To support foreign policy advocacy | \$110,000 | 1 year |
| Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. | To support policy advocacy on immigration | \$80,000 | 6 mos. |

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| Center for a New Economy | To support policy advocacy on disaster relief for Puerto Rico | \$100,000 | 5 mos. |
| Center for American Progress Action Fund | To support advocacy related to federal and state courts | \$40,000 | 6 mos. |
| Center for American Progress Action Fund | To support policy advocacy on disaster relief for Puerto Rico | \$50,000 | 6 mos. |
| Center for Community Change Action | To support policy advocacy on expanded access to childcare | \$500,000 | 1 year |
| Center for Community Change Action | To support policy advocacy on immigration and provide organizational support | \$2,000,000 | 25 mos. |
| Center for Community Change Action | To support policy advocacy on immigration | \$110,000 | 1 mo. |
| Center for Popular Democracy Action | To support Local Progress Action, a project of the Grantee | \$60,000 | 2 years |
| Center for Victims of Torture | To support foreign and domestic policy advocacy | \$250,000 | 2 years |
| CPD ACTION/Living United for Change Arizona | To provide support for Living United for Change in Arizona (LUCHA), a project of the grantee | \$250,000 | 2 years |
| Domestic Worker Legacy Fund, Inc. | To provide organizational support | \$400,000 | 2 years |
| Engage Cuba | To support policy advocacy on Cuba | \$750,000 | 2 years |
| Family Always Comes First, Inc. | To support policy advocacy in Florida | \$1,000,000 | 13 mos. |
| Fund for Constitutional Government | To support Jubilee USA Network, a project of the grantee | \$50,000 | 6 mos. |
| Human Rights First | To support policy advocacy on refugee and asylum issues | \$100,000 | 1 year |

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| Innovation Ohio | To support policy advocacy on redistricting | \$65,000 | 7 mos. |
| Latin America Working Group | To support foreign policy advocacy | \$45,000 | 1 year |
| Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights | To support policy advocacy on racial and economic justice | \$225,000 | 2 years |
| Maine People's Alliance | To support policy advocacy on universal home care | \$200,000 | 2 years |
| Maine People's Alliance | To support policy advocacy in Maine | \$200,000 | 2 years |
| Mercy Corps | To support foreign policy advocacy | \$150,000 | 18 mos. |
| MOVE Action | to support policy advocacy in Missouri | \$225,000 | 2 years |
| MOVE Ballot Fund | To support policy advocacy in Missouri | \$300,000 | 16 mos. |
| National Immigration Forum Action Fund | To support policy advocacy on immigration | \$50,000 | 3 mos. |
| National Peace Corps Association | To support foreign policy advocacy | \$115,000 | 1 year |
| National Religious Campaign Against Torture Action Fund | To provide organizational support | \$135,000 | 1 year |
| National Religious Campaign Against Torture Action Fund | To support policy advocacy on torture | \$30,000 | 5.2 mos. |
| NEO Philanthropy | To support MoveOn's participation in the OPEN Network | \$44,000 | 1 year |
| New Left Accelerator | To provide organizational support | \$250,000 | 1 year |

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| No on I-27 | To support policy advocacy on protecting public health | \$40,000 | 7 mos. |
| Ohio Environmental Council Action Fund | To support policy advocacy on redistricting | \$85,000 | 7 mos. |
| Ohio Safe and Healthy Communities Campaign | To support the Ohio Safe and Healthy Communities Campaign, a project of the grantee | \$1,000,000 | 2 years |
| Organize Florida | To support policy advocacy in Florida | \$500,000 | 2 years |
| Oxfam America, Inc. | To support foreign policy advocacy | \$300,000 | 17 mos. |
| People's Action/Down Home North Carolina | To support policy advocacy in North Carolina | \$150,000 | 2 years |
| PICO Action Fund | To provide organizational support | \$500,000 | 19 mos. |
| Pretrial Justice Institute | To support policy advocacy on bail reform | \$50,000 | 5 mos. |
| Progressive Maryland | To support policy advocacy on criminal and economic justice in Maryland | \$75,000 | 1 year |
| Project on Government Oversight, Inc. | To support congressional oversight | \$300,000 | 16 mos. |
| Project on Middle East Democracy | To support policy advocacy on U.S. aid to Egypt and Tunisia | \$90,000 | 1 year |
| Protecting Arizona's Family Coalition | To support policy advocacy in Arizona. | \$150,000 | 25 mos. |
| Proteus Action League | To support Piper Action Fund, a project of the grantee | \$25,000 | 1 year |
| Rethink Media | To support policy advocacy on national security and civil liberties | \$250,000 | 1 year |

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| Sister District Action | To provide organizational support | \$75,000 | 1 year |
| Sixteen Thirty Fund | To support Demand Progress Action, a project of the grantee | \$150,000 | 8 mos. |
| Stand Up for Ohio | to support policy advocacy on criminal justice reform in Ohio | \$500,000 | 2 years |
| State Engagement Fund | To support policy advocacy in Florida, Georgia and Arizona | \$170,000 | 2 years |
| Truman National Security Project | To support policy advocacy on domestic authoritarianism and foreign policy | \$110,000 | 1 year |