
The Open Society Policy Center Summary of Lobbying Activities

JANUARY 1–MARCH 31, 2018 (Q1)

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

Immigration (IMM)

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

Entities 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

H.R. 5682, First Step Act

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

H.R. 3356, Prison Reform and Redemption Act

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

Legislation related to police week activities and policing legislation

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Foreign Policy

Foreign Relations (FOR)

Nominations of David B. Cornstein (U.S. Ambassador to Hungary), Gina Haspel and Mike Pompeo

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Amendments to the Higher Education Act in Hungary (LexCEU)

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

Bills on Foreign Funded Organizations in Hungary (LexNGO & StopSoros)

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

S. 2482, Foreign Agents Registration Amendments Act

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S. 625/H.R. 2811, Foreign Agents Registration Modernization and Enforcement Act

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

S. 2039/H.R. 4170, Disclosing Foreign Influence Act

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

S. 1679, Foreign Agent Lobbying Transparency Enforcement Act

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S. 2583/H.R. 5336, Foreign Influence Transparency Act

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

H.R. 5354, Countering Foreign Propaganda Act

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

H.R. 484, DRAIN the SWAMP Act

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

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

Entity Lobbied: Senate

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. 4837, No Unconstitutional Strike Against North Korea Act, regarding withholding funds for any U.S. military action against North Korea unless authorized by Congress

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

H.R. 5273, Global Fragility and Violence Reduction Act of 2018

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

Unnumbered, draft bill on support for diplomacy, deterrence and containment regarding North Korea weapons programs

Entities 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

U.S. foreign policy concerning human rights and governance issues in DRC and Zimbabwe

Entities Lobbied: House of Representatives, Senate, State Department

Budget/Appropriations (BUD)

Unnumbered/H.R. 5515, National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2019, provisions regarding security sector assistance, “Leahy Law” and civilian casualties and use of force policy

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

H.R. 5592, State Department Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, provisions regarding security sector assistance and “Leahy Law”

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

Government Issues (GOV)

Senate consideration of executive branch nominations

Entity Lobbied: Senate

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Open Society Policy Center Grants**Period: January 1–March 31, 2018 (Q1)**

Grantee Name	Purpose	Amount	Period
The Aspen Institute, Inc.	to support a seminar on foreign policy	\$65,000	4 mos.
Light of Freedom Ballot Fund	to support policy advocacy on immigration in Nevada	\$500,000	2 yrs
Center for Community Change Action	to provide support for Progressive Multiplier Fund, a project of the grantee	\$300,000	1 year
Progress North Carolina Action	to support policy advocacy related to North Carolina state courts	\$150,000	2 mos.
Center for Community Change Action	to support policy advocacy on immigration	\$250,000	3 mos.
American Immigration Council	to support policy advocacy on immigration	\$35,000	1 mo
National Immigration Forum Action Fund	to provide organizational support	\$150,000	1.9 mos.
America's Voice	to support policy advocacy on immigration	\$210,000	2 mos.
Foreign Policy for America	to provide organizational support	\$200,000	18 mos.
Human Rights First	to support policy advocacy on refugees	\$20,000	1.5 mos.
United States Public Interest Research Group (USPIRG)	to support the Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency Coalition, a project of the grantee	\$200,000	1 year

Korean Americans in Action	to support policy advocacy on North Korea	\$85,000	11 mos.
Peace Action	to support policy advocacy on North Korea	\$5,000	3 mos.
