
The Open Society Policy Center Summary of Lobbying Activities

JULY 1–SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 (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

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

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

H.R. 5698: Protect and Serve Act of 2018

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

S. 3195: Law Enforcement and Trust and Integrity Act

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

H.R. 5785: Jobs and Justice Act of 2018

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

Budget/Appropriations (BUD)

Issues pertaining to Puerto Rico disaster relief

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Government Issues (GOV)

Nomination of Brett Kavanaugh

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Foreign Policy

Foreign Relations (FOR)

H.Con.Res. 138, Directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress.

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

Bills on Foreign Funded Organizations in Hungary

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

Amendments to the Higher Education Act in Hungary

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

Assistance for Government Transition in Armenia

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

Issues related to U.S. Strategy for Europe

Entities lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Issues related to Violence against Roma in Ukraine

Entities Lobbied: Department of State, 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

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

Entities Lobbied: House of Representatives, Senate, State Department

Issues related to organization of refugee and humanitarian agencies

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Budget/Appropriations (BUD)

S. 2987, National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2019, provisions regarding security sector assistance, North Korea, Defense for Institute for International Legal Studies and “Leahy Law”

Entity Lobbied: Senate

FY 2019 Foreign Assistance to Europe and Eurasia

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Government Issues (GOV)

Nominations of Ronald Mortensen, Robert Destro and David Hale

Entity Lobbied: Senate

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Open Society Policy Center Grants**Period: July 1–September 30, 2018 (Q3)**

Grantee Name	Purpose	Amount	Period
American Jewish World Service, Inc.	to support foreign policy advocacy	\$300,000	2 years
American College of National Security Leaders	to provide organizational support	\$25,000	1 year
Ballot Initiative Strategy Center, Inc.	to provide organizational support	\$650,000	2 years
Center for American Progress Action Fund	to support advocacy on judicial nominations	\$150,000	1 year
Center for Community Change Action	to support policy advocacy on expanded access to childcare	\$400,000	1 year
Center for Popular Democracy Action – Vamos	to support policy advocacy in Puerto Rico	\$150,000	2 years
Color of Change	to support advocacy on judicial nominations and voting rights	\$350,000	2 years
Committee for a Fair Judiciary	to support advocacy on judicial nominations	\$150,000	3 mos.
Committee to Save Our Neighborhoods (ACCE Action)	to support policy advocacy in California	\$300,000	4 mos.
De-Escalate Washington	to support policy advocacy in Washington	\$230,000	2 mos.
Fairness Project	to support Medicaid expansion ballot initiatives	\$500,000	3 mos.

Fund for Constitutional Government	to support the Peace and Security Funders Group	\$75,000	17 mos.
GS Action Inc.	to support policy advocacy on behalf of marginalized youth	\$200,000	2 years
Human Rights First	to support policy advocacy on refugees and asylum-seekers	\$200,000	18 mos.
Institute for Asian Democracy	to support policy advocacy on Burma	\$25,000	14 mos.
Jolt Action	To support policy advocacy in Texas.	\$100,000	1 year
Leadership Conference for Civil and Human Rights	to support advocacy on judicial nominations	\$200,000	4 mos.
Leadership Conference for Civil and Human Rights (LCCHR)	to support advocacy on judicial nominations	\$200,000	4 mo
Leandra English Legal Expense Trust	to provide organizational support	\$25,000	1 year
Maine People's Alliance	to support advocacy on judicial nominations	\$100,000	3 mos.
Missouri Organizing and Voter Engagement Action	to support policy advocacy in Missouri	\$300,000	2 years
MomsRising Together	to support policy advocacy on immigration	\$200,000	6 mos.
Ohio Safe and Healthy Communities	to support policy advocacy on criminal justice	\$350,000	2 years
ONE Action	to provide organizational support	\$2,000,000	19 mos.
Organize Florida	to support policy advocacy in Florida	\$600,000	3 years

People's Action	to provide organizational support	\$300,000	1 year
People's Action – Down Home North Carolina	to support policy advocacy in North Carolina	\$300,000	3 years
Planned Parenthood Action Fund	to support advocacy on judicial nominations	\$750,000	6 mos.
The Advocacy Fund – Florida Rights Restoration Coalition	to support policy advocacy in Florida	\$450,000	3 years
Voters Not Politicians Ballot Committee	to provide organizational support	\$100,000	3 mos.
Working Families Organization	to support policy advocacy on corporate accountability	\$700,000	1 year
Yes on 2 – Unanimous Jury Coalition	to support policy advocacy on criminal justice reform in Louisiana	\$420,000	6 mos.