
The Open Society Policy Center Summary of Lobbying Activities

OCTOBER 1–DECEMBER 31, 2018 (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

Health Issues (HCR)

Issues related to prescription drug pricing

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

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

Consumer Issues/Safety/Protection (CSP)

Issues related to platform accountability

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Budget/Appropriations (BUD)

Issues pertaining to immigration

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

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.

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

H.Con.Res.142 – 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

S.J. Res. 54, Directing the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress

- S.Amdt.4098
- S.Amdt.4095
- S.Amdt.4090
- S.Amdt.4080

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.3652, Saudi Arabia Accountability and Yemen Act of 2018

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Issues related to 22 USC 2378d and 10 USC 362 aka “Leahy Law”

Entity Lobbied: Department of State

S. 720, Israel Anti-Boycott Act, Opposing the United Nations Human Rights Council resolution of March 24, 2016, which urges countries to pressure companies to divest from, or break contracts with Israel

Entity lobbied: Senate

S.3142, North Korea Policy Oversight Act of 2018

Entity Lobbied: Senate

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.924, National Security Diversity and Inclusion Workforce Act

Entity Lobbied: Senate

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

U.S.-Georgia Strategic Partnership

Entities Lobbied: Department of State

Issues related to U.S. strategy for Georgia

Entities Lobbied: Department of State

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

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

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

Entities Lobbied: House of Representatives, Senate, State Department

Issues related to refugee admissions

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Health Issues (HCR)

S. 3476/ H.R. 6651 – PEPFAR Extension Act of 2018

Entities lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

S. 210/ H.R. 671 – Global Health, Empowerment and Rights Act (HER Act)

Entities lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Budget/Appropriations (BUD)

FY 2019 Foreign Assistance to Europe and Eurasia

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

H.R.695 – Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Open Society Policy Center

Open Society Policy Center Grants**Period: October 1–December 31, 2018 (Q4)**

Grantee Name	Purpose	Amount	Period
Alliance San Diego Mobilization Fund	to support policy advocacy on immigration	\$150,000	1 year
Americans for Financial Reform	to support policy advocacy on racial and economic justice	\$446,250	2 years
America's Voice	to support policy advocacy on immigration	\$290,000	1 year
America's Voice	to support policy advocacy on immigration	\$75,000	7 months
Beyond the Choir	to support foreign policy advocacy	\$140,000	1 year
By the People Amendment Committee	to support policy advocacy in North Carolina	\$300,000	3 months
Caring Across Action Fund	to support policy advocacy on caregiving infrastructure	\$200,000	1 year
Center for American Progress Action	to support policy advocacy on Puerto Rico disaster relief	\$40,000	3 months
Center for Economic and Policy Research	to support congressional oversight	\$25,000	4 months
Center for Popular Democracy Action	to support policy advocacy on health justice	\$300,000	2 years
Center for Popular Democracy Action	to provide organizational support	\$250,000	1 year

Center for Strategic and International Studies	to support policy advocacy on elections in Africa	\$38,965	3.5 months
Crisis Action	to support policy advocacy on military assistance	\$50,000	3 months
Groundswell Action Fund	to provide support to democracy reform in Georgia and Virginia	\$300,000	1 year
Groundswell Action Fund	to provide organizational support	\$1,000,000	2 years
InterAction American Council for Voluntary International Action	to support policy advocacy on securing space for civil society	\$110,000	11 months
International Rescue Committee, Inc.	to support policy advocacy on refugees and asylees	\$50,000	18 months
LatinAmerica Working Group	to support advocacy on U.S. policy toward Latin America	\$90,000	1 year
Make North Carolina First	to support policy advocacy in North Carolina	\$220,000	1 year
Movement Impact Lab	to provide organizational support	\$150,000	1 year
National Religious Campaign Against Torture Action Fund	to support policy advocacy on torture (supplemental)	\$21,660	4.4 months
National Religious Campaign Against Torture Action Fund	to provide organizational support	\$300,000	2 years
Natl Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO)	to support policy advocacy on to the 2020 census	\$20,000	1 year
NEO Action Fund	to support policy advocacy on immigration	\$605,000	1 year
New Media Ventures Action Fund	to provide organizational support	\$335,000	1 year

New Venture Fund – Fines and Fees Justice Center	to support policy advocacy on fines and fees	\$300,000	2 years
New Venture Fund – The Enough Project	to support policy advocacy on sanctions in Africa	\$40,000	6.5 months
Organize Florida	to support policy advocacy on democracy reforms	\$150,000	6 months
PICO Action Fund	to support policy advocacy on immigration	\$40,000	6 months
Planned Parenthood Action Fund	to support advocacy on judicial nominations	\$250,000	3 months
Project on Government Oversight, Inc.	to support congressional oversight	\$150,000	1 year
Public Citizen, Inc.	to support policy advocacy on government accountability and oversight	\$325,000	1 year
Resource Impact	to support policy advocacy on criminal justice	\$700,000	3 years
San Diegans for Full Voter Participation	to support policy advocacy on voter participation	\$150,000	1.2 months
September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows	to support policy advocacy on human rights in counter-terrorism	\$22,500	18 months
Sixteen Thirty Fund – Demand Progress Action	to support policy advocacy on House oversight of the intelligence community	\$50,000	8.5 months
Sixteen Thirty Fund – Co-Equal Action Fund	to support work to enhance congressional effectiveness and oversight	\$300,000	13 months
Sixteen Thirty Fund – Demand Justice	to support advocacy on judicial nominations	\$87,000	3 months
Stop Deceptive Amendments	to support policy advocacy in North Carolina	\$200,000	1.2 months

Tides Advocacy	to support the Civic Engagement Narrative Change collaborative	\$150,000	1 year
Tides Advocacy – Demos Action	to provide organizational support	\$200,000	21 months
Tides Advocacy – Florida Rights Restoration Campaign	to support policy advocacy on criminal justice reform	\$125,000	6 months
The Indivisible Project	to provide organizational support	\$500,000	1 year
United to Protect Democracy	to provide organizational support	\$300,000	2 years
Way to Win Action Fund	to support policy advocacy capacity-building	\$250,000	6 months
Working Families Organization	to support advocacy on fair workweek policies	\$300,000	2 years
Working Families Organization	to support the recruitment and training of women candidates	\$500,000	2 years