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# The Open Society Policy Center Summary of Lobbying Activities

JANUARY 1–MARCH 31, 2019 (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**

### **Health Issues (HCR)**

Issues related to prescription drug pricing

*Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives*

Reintroduction of the CARE Act (opioids legislation)

*Entities lobbied: Senate, 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)**

H.R. 2168, REAL Act of 2019

*Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives*

H.R. 1714, Stop Militarizing Law Enforcement Act of 2019

*Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives*

Legislation on jobs and criminal justice reform for underserved communities.

*Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives*

Legislation related to cannabis legalization and cannabis equity

*Entity lobbied: House of Representatives*

S. 597, Marijuana Justice Act of 2019

*Entity Lobbied: Senate*

Legislation pertaining to data collection and training for law enforcement

*Entity Lobbied: Senate*

Legislation related to police accountability

*Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives*

Legislation pertaining to Use of Force by police officers

*Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives*

Legislation on independent prosecution and investigation of police officers who use deadly force (grand jury bill)

*Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives*

Legislation related to “cooling off periods” for officers involved in police shootings or criminal misconduct

*Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives*

## **Budget/Appropriations (BUD)**

Issues pertaining to immigration

*Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives*

Issues pertaining to Puerto Rico disaster relief

*Entity Lobbied: House*

## Foreign Policy

### Foreign Relations (FOR)

H.R.1004, Prohibiting Unauthorized Military Action in Venezuela Act

*Entity Lobbied: House*

H.R. 1274, Repeal of the Authorization for Use of Military Force

*Entity Lobbied: House*

H.R. 2037, Bill to encourage accountability for the murder of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi

*Entity Lobbied: House*

S.J.Res.7, Joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress

*Entities Lobbied: House and Senate*

S. 544, Bill to require the Director of National Intelligence to submit to Congress a report on the death of Jamal Khashoggi, and for other purposes

*Entity Lobbied: Senate*

S.398, Saudi Arabia Accountability and Yemen Act of 2019

*Entity Lobbied: Senate*

Democratic Republic of the Congo Democracy and Accountability

*Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives*

Bill to repeal the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act

*Entities Lobbied: Senate, 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*

Assistance for Government Transition in Armenia

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

Issues related to U.S. strategy for Kyrgyzstan

*Entity Lobbied: Department of State*

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

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

Issues related to asset recovery

*Entity Lobbied: U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*

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

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

Issues related to North Korea

*Entity lobbied: Senate*

Issues related to use of force and reporting of civilian casualties

*Entity Lobbied: House*

## **Health Issues (HCR)**

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

*Entities lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives*

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

*Entities lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives*

**Budget/Appropriations (BUD)**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2019

*Entity Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives*

State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Act, 2019

*Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives*

National Defense Authorization Act, 2019

*Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives*

FY 2020 State and Foreign Operations and Related Programs

*Entity lobbied: House of Representatives*

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**Open Society Policy Center Grants****Period: January 1–March 31, 2019 (Q1)**

| <b>Grantee Name</b>  | <b>Purpose</b>  | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Period</b> |
|--|---|---------------|---------------|
| <b>America's Voice</b>                                       | to support policy advocacy on immigration   | \$150,000     | 6 months      |
| <b>Border Network for Human Rights</b>                       | to support policy advocacy on immigration   | \$200,000     | 11 months     |
| <b>Congressional Progressive Caucus Center</b>               | to provide organizational support   | \$750,000     | 18 months     |
| <b>Foreign Policy for America</b>                            | to provide organizational support   | \$500,000     | 2 years       |
| <b>International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL)</b>    | to support policy advocacy to preserve civil society                                  | \$100,000     | 10 months     |
| <b>Partnership for a Secure America</b>                      | to support policy advocacy briefings on North Korea                                   | \$25,000      | 5 months      |
| <b>Project on Middle East Democracy</b>                      | to support policy advocacy on U.S. aid to Egypt, Tunisia, and the Gulf                | \$115,000     | 1 year        |
| <b>Public Citizen</b>  | to support policy advocacy on government accountability and oversight                 | \$150,000     | 1 year        |
| <b>United States Public Interest Research Group (USPIRG)</b> | to support FACT Coalition for policy advocacy on ending anonymous shell company abuse | \$400,000     | 2 years       |