
The Open Society Policy Center Summary of Lobbying Activities

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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)

H.R. 2203, Homeland Security Improvement Act, pertaining to border oversight and accountability

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

H.R. 2662, Asylum Seeker Protection Act, pertaining access to protection

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

Refugee Protection Act, unnumbered, pertaining access to protection

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

HR. 2214/S. 1123, NO BAN Act

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House

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. 3214/S. 1779, Equal Access to Justice for Victims of Gun Violence Act

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

S. 597, Marijuana Justice Act of 2019

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Legislation related to cannabis legalization and cannabis equity

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

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

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Legislation related to COPs Reauthorization

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Legislation related to sentencing reform

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Budget/Appropriations (BUD)

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Bill FY 2020, issues pertaining to Title X family planning, abortion access, and funding for HHS and CDC for global health

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

Issues pertaining to immigration

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Issues pertaining to Puerto Rico disaster relief

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

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 of Representatives

H.R. 7291, Reintroduction of the GLOBE Act, pertaining to promotion of global LGBTI rights and supporting strong U.S. leadership in human rights for LGBTI people around the world

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

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: Senate, House of Representatives

S.J.Res.48, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed transfer to the United Arab Emirates certain defense articles and services

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.J.Res.47, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed transfer to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia certain defense articles and services

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.J.Res.46, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed transfer to the United Arab Emirates certain defense articles and services

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.J.Res.45, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed transfer to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia certain defense articles and services

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.J.Res.44, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed retransfer of certain defense articles from the United Arab Emirates to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.J.Res.43, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed transfer to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia certain defense articles and services

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.J.Res.42, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of certain defense articles, including technical data and defense services

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.J.Res.41, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the Government of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of technical data and defense services

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.J.Res.40, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to India, Israel, Republic of Korea, and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia of certain defense articles, including technical data and defense services.

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.J.Res.39, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the United Arab Emirates and United Kingdom of certain defense articles, including technical data and defense services

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.J.Res.38, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of certain defense articles and services

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

S.J.Res.37, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Republic of France of certain defense articles and services

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

S.J.Res.36, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed transfer to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Kingdom of Spain, and the Italian Republic of certain defense articles and services

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

S.J.Res.35, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the United Arab Emirates of certain defense articles and services

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.J.Res.34, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the United Arab Emirates of certain defense articles and services

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.J.Res.33, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the United Arab Emirates of certain defense articles and services

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.J.Res.32, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia certain defense articles and services

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.J.Res.31, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia certain defense articles and services

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.J.Res.30, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the United Arab Emirates of certain defense articles and services

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.J.Res.29, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia certain defense articles and services

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.J.Res.28, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the United Arab Emirates of certain defense articles and services

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.J.Res.27, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed transfer to the United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and Australia certain defense articles and services

Entity Lobbied: 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

Democratic Republic of the Congo Democracy and Accountability

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

H.R. 598/ unnumbered Senate Bill, Georgia Support Act/U.S. Support for Georgia

Entities Lobbied: 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 Kazakhstan

Entity Lobbied: Department of State

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

*Entities Lobbied: Department of State, Senate, House of Representatives***Health Issues (HCR)**

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

*Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives***Budget/Appropriations (BUD)**

H.R.2740, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Defense, State, Foreign Operations, and Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, FY 2020

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

State and Foreign Operations Appropriations, FY 2020

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Defense (DEF)

Senate Department of Defense Appropriations Act, FY 2020

Entities Lobbied: Senate, Department of Defense

H.R. 2500/ S.1790, National Defense Authorization Act, FY 2020

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

Government Issues (GOV)

Nomination of Robert Destro

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Nomination of Andrew Bremberg

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Open Society Policy Center

Open Society Policy Center Grants**Period: April 1–June 30, 2019 (Q2)**

Grantee Name	Purpose	Amount	Period
Church World Services	to support Refugee Council USA, a project of the Grantee, in its refugee policy advocacy	\$50,000	2 months
Down East AIDS Network, Inc./ Health Equity Alliance	to support policy advocacy on criminal justice reform	\$40,000	1 year
Engage Action	to support policy advocacy on repealing the Muslim Ban	\$75,000	19 months
Equity Alliance Fund	to support policy advocacy on voter registration legislation in Tennessee	\$7,500	3 months
Friends Committee on National Legislation	to support foreign policy advocacy	\$600,000	2 years
Human Rights First	to support policy advocacy on the use of torture	\$4,000	8.5 months
J Street	to support policy advocacy on U.S. – Israel relations	\$100,000	1 year
Muslim Advocates	to support policy advocacy on repealing the Muslim Ban	\$100,000	19 months
NARAL Pro-Choice America Foundation	to support research and policy advocacy related to the anti-abortion movement's history and ongoing attacks on reproductive freedom	\$200,000	1 year
National Day Laborers Organization Network (NDLON)	to support policy advocacy on immigration	\$10,000	2.5 months
National Iranian American Council Action	to support policy advocacy on repealing the Muslim Ban	\$100,000	19 months

National Security Action	to support development of foreign/national security policy ideas and leadership	\$3,254,000	2 years
NEO Philanthropy Action Fund/ MPower Change	to support policy advocacy on repealing the Muslim Ban	\$100,000	19 months
NILC Immigrant Justice Fund	to support policy advocacy on repealing the Muslim Ban	\$250,000	19 months
Proteus Action League	to support policy advocacy on repealing the Muslim Ban	\$125,000	19 months
Public Citizen	to support policy advocacy on military spending.	\$25,000	1 year
Sixteen Thirty Fund	to support Governing for Impact Action, a project of the grantee	\$950,000	5 months
Spendrise, Inc.	to support the grantee's work on economic security	\$100,000	1 year