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# The Open Society Policy Center Summary of Lobbying Activities

APRIL 1–JUNE 30, 2016 (Q2)

## **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

### Bankruptcy (BNK)

In support of federal legislation allowing Puerto Rico to restructure its debt

*Entities Lobbied: Senate, Department of Treasury*

### Civil Rights/Civil Liberties (CIV)

H.R. 885, the Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2015, pertaining to restoring and strengthening the Voting Rights Act

*Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives*

S.1659: The Voting Rights Advancement Act, pertaining to restoring and strengthening the Voting Rights Act

*Entity Lobbied: Senate*

Reforms to promote government oversight, (unnumbered)

*Entity Lobbied: Senate*

### Education (EDU)

S. 1169: Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Act, pertaining to correctional education and disproportionate minority contact

*Entity Lobbied: Senate*

Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Act, (unnumbered), pertaining to prevention and intervention services and funding, correctional education and disproportionate minority contact

*Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives*

Higher Education Act, (unnumbered), pertaining to Pell grant access and greater access to postsecondary education for incarcerated students and returning individuals

*Entities Lobbied: House of Representatives, Senate*

Perkins Law, (unnumbered), pertaining to career and technical education and supports for at-risk students

*Entity Lobbied: Senate*

School discipline and climate, (unnumbered), pertaining to law enforcement in schools and training/professional development

*Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives, Senate, Department of Education, Department of Justice, White House*

**Immigration (IMM)**

S. 3241: Refugee Protection Act of 2016, pertaining to statelessness and related issues

*Entity Lobbied: Senate*

**Law Enforcement/Crime/Criminal Justice (LAW)**

S. 2123: Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2015, pertaining to adjusting mandatory minimums, allowing for judges' discretion in sentencing and expanding pre-release and re-entry programming

*Entities Lobbied: Senate, White House*

H.R. 3713: Sentencing Reform Act of 2015, pertaining to adjusting mandatory minimums

*Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives*

## Foreign Policy

### Foreign Relations (FOR)

S. 2943: National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2017, provisions relating to the provision of security sector assistance

*Entity Lobbied: Senate*

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

*Entity Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives*

Supporting ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty to assist visually impaired persons

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

U.S. Foreign Policy concerning Ukraine and U.S. assistance to Ukraine

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

FY 2017 Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, (unnumbered), related to U.S. military assistance, U.N. funding and U.S. assistance to Ukraine, Tunisia and Afghanistan

*Entity Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives*

H.R. 4909: House National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2017, provision relating to DOD budgeting of foreign military assistance

*Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives*

H.R. 5568: Combatting Terrorism in Tunisia, authorizing assistance for the government of Tunisia to combat terrorism, strengthen and reform the security sector and support economic reforms, democracy and civil society

*Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives*

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## Open Society Policy Center Grants

### April 1–June 30, 2016 (Q2)

<b>Grantee Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Period</b>
<b>Center for Community Change Action</b>	To support policy advocacy on access to economic opportunity	\$725,000	1 year
<b>Center for a New Economy</b>	To support policy advocacy on the Puerto Rico debt crisis	\$120,000	6 mos.