
The Open Society Policy Center Summary of Lobbying Activities

OCTOBER 1–DECEMBER 31, 2016 (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

Civil Rights/Civil Liberties (CIV)

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

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Government Issues (GOV)

Senate consideration of executive branch nominations

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Draft legislative reforms to facilitate judicial review of rights abuses by the federal government, (unnumbered)

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Education (EDU)

S. 1169: Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Act, pertaining to correctional education and racial disparities in enforcement

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Act, (unnumbered), pertaining to prevention and intervention services and funding, correctional education and racial disparities in enforcement

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 civil rights enforcement, data collection, school discipline and climate, and law enforcement in schools and training/professional development

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

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 DOD budgeting of foreign military assistance, reporting on prior security assistance, countering violent extremism

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Reauthorization of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, (unnumbered), provision to modify the Child Soldier Prevention Act of 2008

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

Appropriations for State Department and Foreign Operations for FY 2017

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Supporting ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty to assist visually impaired persons

Entities Lobbied: Senate, White House, Department of State

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

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Open Society Policy Center Grants**Period: October 1–December 31, 2016 (Q4)**

Grantee Name	Purpose	Amount	Period
Arizona Wins	To support research on state ballot initiative strategy	\$75,000	1 year
Ballot Initiative Strategy Center, Inc.	To support a project on state ballot initiatives	\$150,000	1 year
Center for Health and Gender Equity, Inc.	To support advocacy on reproductive health	\$75,000	1 year
Center for International Policy	To provide communications support to Security Assistance Monitor	\$200,000	1 year
Common Cause	To support advocacy on campaign finance reform	\$25,000	1 year
Every Voice	To support advocacy on campaign finance reform	\$175,000	1 year
Friends Committee on National Legislation	To support advocacy on criminal justice	\$50,000	1 year
Friends Committee on National Legislation	To support building its grassroots lobbying capacity	\$350,000	2 years
Institute for Asian Democracy	To support advocacy on Burma	\$25,000	1 year
Latin America Working Group	To support advocacy on security assistance	\$23,000	6 mos.

Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights	To support Americans for Financial Reform for advocacy on access to economic opportunity	\$250,000	2 years
London School of Economics	To support research on drug policy	\$50,000	9 mos.
MoveOn.org Civic Action	To support development of an advocacy video on drug pricing	\$24,995	7 mos.
National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, Inc.	To support advocacy to ensure a fair and accurate census count	\$55,000	2 years
National Religious Campaign Against Torture Action Fund	To support advocacy on torture	\$135,000	1 year
Project on Government Oversight, Inc.	To support advocacy on government transparency	\$50,000	7 mos.
San Diegans for Full Voter Participation, Yes on K & L, Sponsored by Community and Voter Rights Organizations	To support San Diego ballot initiatives on voter participation and turnout	\$200,000	1.5 mos.
The Constitution Project	To support advocacy on torture	\$50,000	1 year
Tides Center	To support advocacy of September 11 th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows	\$20,000	1 year 4 mos.