
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

Budget/Appropriations (BUD)

Supplemental Appropriations Request for FY 2017, provisions related to deportation forces, detention space and border wall

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Civil Rights/Civil Liberties (CIV)

Legislation to restore and strengthen the Voting Rights Act

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Education (EDU)

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

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

School discipline, pertaining to civil rights enforcement, data collection, and law enforcement in schools and training/professional development

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

Government Issues (GOV)

Senate consideration of executive branch nominations

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Immigration (IMM)

Legislation on Immigration, including deferred action for childhood arrivals, enforcement policies and temporary protected status

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Foreign Policy

Foreign Relations (FOR)

Burma Human Rights Legislation

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Legislation to counter terrorism and improve homeland security

Entity Lobbied: Senate

H.R. 394, Supporting International Academic Freedom in Hungary

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

Bill on Foreign Funded Organizations in Hungary (LexNGO)

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

H.R. 353, Supporting a democratic Hungary and reaffirming the long-standing and mutually-beneficial relationship between the United States and Hungary

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2017, provision to prevent the use of child soldiers by modifying the Child Soldier Prevention Act of 2008

Entity Lobbied: Senate

H.R. 2200, Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2017, provision to prevent the use of child soldiers by modifying the Child Soldier Prevention Act of 2008

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

H.R.669, Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

H.R. 732, Stop Settlement Slush Fund Act of 2017

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

S.1311, Abolish Human Trafficking Act of 2017

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.1312, Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2017

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Budget/Appropriations (BUD)

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, provisions regarding global health funding, military assistance and assistance to Egypt

Entity Lobbied: Senate

State Department Authorization for FY 2018

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Legislative Branch Appropriations for FY 2018, provision dealing with funding for the Lantos Commission
State & Foreign Operations Appropriations FY 2018, provisions regarding Assistance for Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia (AEECA)

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

H.R. 2810, National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2018

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

S.1519, National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2018

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Government Issues (GOV)

Senate consideration of executive branch nominations

Entity Lobbied: Senate