

Form **990**

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**  
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2012**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

**Open to Public Inspection**

**A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning JUL 1, 2012 and ending JUN 30, 2013**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C Name of organization</b> <b>COMMON CAUSE</b>		<b>D Employer identification number</b> <b>52-6078441</b>
	Doing Business As		<b>E Telephone number</b> <b>(202) 833-1200</b>
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	
	<b>1133 19TH STREET, NW</b>		<b>900</b>
City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code		<b>G Gross receipts \$ 6,019,180.</b>	
<b>WASHINGTON, DC 20036</b>		<b>H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>F Name and address of principal officer: ELIZABETH G. MARCHANT</b>		<b>H(b) Are all affiliates included?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>SAME AS C ABOVE</b>		If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)	
<b>I Tax-exempt status:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( <b>4</b> ) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		<b>H(c) Group exemption number</b> ▶	
<b>J Website:</b> ▶ <b>WWW.COMMONCAUSE.ORG</b>		<b>L Year of formation: 1968</b>	
<b>K Form of organization:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		<b>M State of legal domicile: DC</b>	

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>SEE SCHEDULE O</u>		
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<b>27</b>
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<b>87</b>
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<b>1273</b>
	<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	<b>0.</b>
	<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Current Year</b>
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<b>5,835,849.</b>	<b>5,578,583.</b>
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<b>158,255.</b>	<b>58,048.</b>
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<b>14,916.</b>	<b>7,769.</b>
	<b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>19,145.</b>	<b>64,503.</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	<b>6,028,165.</b>	<b>5,708,903.</b>
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<b>3,082,598.</b>	<b>2,625,315.</b>
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <b>1,559,878.</b>	<b>278,082.</b>	<b>368,630.</b>
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	<b>2,931,759.</b>	<b>3,160,194.</b>
	<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>6,292,439.</b>	<b>6,154,139.</b>
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>-264,274.</b>	<b>-445,236.</b>	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<b>Beginning of Current Year</b>	<b>End of Year</b>
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>2,505,844.</b>	<b>2,366,327.</b>
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>911,862.</b>	<b>1,276,606.</b>
		<b>1,593,982.</b>	<b>1,089,721.</b>

**Part II Signature Block**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer	Date			
	<b>ELIZABETH G. MARCHANT, SR. VP, OPERATIONS</b> Type or print name and title				
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name <b>ELIZABETH W. HELLER</b>	Preparer's signature	Date <b>11/8/13</b>	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN <b>P00397829</b>
	Firm's name ▶ <b>TATE AND TRYON</b>	Firm's EIN ▶ <b>52-1855942</b>	Firm's address ▶ <b>2021 L STREET, NW SUITE 400 WASHINGTON, DC 20036</b>		
					Phone no. <b>(202) 293-2200</b>

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)  Yes  No

Form **8879-EO**

IRS *e-file* Signature Authorization  
for an Exempt Organization

OMB No. 1545-1878

For calendar year 2012, or fiscal year beginning JUL 1, 2012, and ending JUN 30, 2013

**2012**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records.

Name of exempt organization

Employer identification number

**COMMON CAUSE**

**52-6078441**

Name and title of officer

**ELIZABETH G MARCHANT  
SR VP, OPERATIONS**

**Part I** Type of Return and Return Information (Whole Dollars Only)

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-EO and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, or 5a, below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, or 5b, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. Do not complete more than 1 line in Part I.

1a Form 990 check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12) .....	1b	<u>5708903</u>
2a Form 990-EZ check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9) .....	2b	_____
3a Form 1120-POL check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22) .....	3b	_____
4a Form 990-PF check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part VI, line 5) .....	4b	_____
5a Form 8868 check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Balance Due (Form 8868, Part I, line 3c or Part II, line 8c) .....	5b	_____

**Part II** Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above organization and that I have examined a copy of the organization's 2012 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the organization's electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the organization's return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the organization's federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the organization's electronic return and, if applicable, the organization's consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

Officer's PIN: check one box only

I authorize TATE AND TRYON ERO firm name to enter my PIN 24673 Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

as my signature on the organization's tax year 2012 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

As an officer of the organization, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the organization's tax year 2012 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Officer's signature ▶ *Elizabeth Marchant* Date ▶ 11/12/13

**Part III** Certification and Authentication

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN.

52472820878  
do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2012 electronically filed return for the organization indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of Pub. 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature ▶ *Eagle* Date ▶ 11/8/2013

**ERO Must Retain This Form - See Instructions  
Do Not Submit This Form To the IRS Unless Requested To Do So**

**Product: Exempt**

**Category:**

**Name:** COMMON CAUSE

**IRS Center:** Ogden

**e-Postmark:** 11/12/2013 10:10:53 AM

**FEIN:** 52-6078441

**Notification:**

**Fiscal Year** 7/1/2012

**Fiscal Year** 6/30/2013

**Begin Date:**

**End Date:**

DCN	Date	Type Of Activity	Submission ID	Refund/(Due)	Updated By
	11/12/2013	Upload Started			
	11/12/2013	Released for Transmission - Validation in Progress			System
	11/12/2013	Ready to transmit - Validation Complete			
	11/12/2013	Transmitted to FD	524728201331607fce59		
	11/12/2013	Accepted by FD on 11/12/2013			

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: COMMON CAUSE IS A NONPARTISAN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO RESTORING THE CORE VALUES OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY, TO REINVENTING AN OPEN, HONEST AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT THAT SERVES THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND TO EMPOWERING ORDINARY PEOPLE TO MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD IN THE POLITICAL

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [ ] Yes [X] No

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [ ] Yes [X] No

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 1,155,378. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 19,784.) MONEY AND POLITICS -LED AN AMBITIOUS CAMPAIGN TO GIVE VOTERS THE ABILITY TO MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD DURING ELECTIONS ON THE NEED FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO OVERTURN CITIZENS UNITED THROUGH STATE AND LOCAL "VOTER INSTRUCTIONS." MORE THAN SEVEN MILLION VOTERS HAD THE CHANCE TO WEIGH IN DIRECTLY WITH THEIR VIEWS REGARDING CITIZENS UNITED IN COMMON CAUSE-BACKED BALLOT MEASURES IN NOVEMBER 2012, INCLUDING WINS IN COLORADO AND MONTANA.

-IN MARYLAND, LED A SUCCESSFUL EFFORT FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM ACT OF 2013, A COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE OF REFORMS INCLUDING SEVERAL MAJOR POLICIES WE HAVE BEEN WORKING TO ACHIEVE FOR

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 960,952. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 36,364.) VOTING AND ELECTIONS -LED SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNS TO ELIMINATE HURDLES FOR ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN CALIFORNIA, CONNECTICUT, COLORADO, AND MARYLAND BY PASSING SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION. -LED CAMPAIGNS TO WIN AND IMPLEMENT ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION IN HAWAII AND ILLINOIS WHICH WILL INCREASE THE ACCURACY OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS AND SAVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR STATE OFFICIALS.

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 888,556. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 1,900.) ETHICS, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT -FOUGHT FOR STRONGER POST-CITIZENS UNITED DISCLOSURE AND ELECTIONEERING LAWS IN MANY STATES, FOR EXAMPLE: -IN GEORGIA, WORKED WITH THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, GEORGIA TEA PARTY PATRIOTS, AND GEORGIA CONSERVATIVES IN ACTION AND OTHERS TO PASS A BILL ESTABLISHING A \$75 LIMIT ON LOBBYIST GIFTS AND STRENGTHENING REQUIREMENTS TO REGISTER WITH THE STATE'S GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMMISSION.

-IN CONNECTICUT, WON PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO REFORM AND MODERNIZE STATE DISCLOSURE LAWS.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ 3,550. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses 3,008,436.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> .....		X
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ? .....	X	
<b>3</b> Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i> .....	N/A	
<b>5</b> Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> .....	X	
<b>6</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>7</b> Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> .....		X
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> .....		X
<b>9</b> Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>10</b> Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> .....	X	
<b>11</b> If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
<b>a</b> Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> .....	X	
<b>b</b> Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> .....		X
<b>c</b> Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i> .....		X
<b>d</b> Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> .....	X	
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> .....		X
<b>f</b> Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> .....	X	
<b>12a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i> .....	X	
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> .....		X
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? .....		X
<b>b</b> Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i> .....		X
<b>15</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i> .....		X
<b>16</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i> .....		X
<b>17</b> Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> .....	X	
<b>18</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> .....	X	
<b>19</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> .....		X
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? .....		

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

	Yes	No
<b>21</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> .....		X
<b>22</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> .....		X
<b>23</b> Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> .....	X	
<b>24a</b> Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? .....		
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? .....		
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? .....		
<b>25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>26</b> Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highest compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i> .....		X
<b>27</b> Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i> .....		X
<b>28</b> Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>c</b> An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> .....	X	
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> .....		X
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>32</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i> .....		X
<b>33</b> Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>34</b> Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i> .....	X	
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? .....	X	
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> .....	X	
<b>36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> .....		N/A
<b>37</b> Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i> .....		X
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? .....	X	

**Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O .....

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

Table with columns for question number, description, and Yes/No boxes. Includes questions 1a through 14b regarding Form 1096, Form W-2G, backup withholding, Form W-3, unrelated business gross income, foreign accounts, prohibited tax shelter transactions, and charitable contributions.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year (27); 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent (27); 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? (X); 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? (X); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (X); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? (X); 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? (X); 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? (X); 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? (X); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a The governing body? (X); 8b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (X); 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O (X).

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? (X); 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? (X); 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? (X); 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990; 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 (X); 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (X); 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done (X); 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? (X); 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? (X); 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official (X); 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization (X); 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? (X); 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed: AL, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. [ ] Own website [ ] Another's website [X] Upon request [ ] Other (explain in Schedule O)
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: BETTE MARCHANT, SR. VP, OPERATIONS - 202-833-1200 1133 19TH STREET, NW #900, WASHINGTON, DC 20036

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
ROBERT B. REICH	1.00									
CHAIR	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
MARTHA TIERNEY	1.00									
VICE CHAIR	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
RIC BAINTER	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
BENJAMIN BARBER	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
CRAIG S. BARNES	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
EMMET J. BONDURANT	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
CORNELL W. BROOKS, ESQ.	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
PETER A. BUTZIN	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
DAN CONLEY	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
GLORIA RUBIO-CORTES	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
BUTLER C. DERRICK, ESQ.	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
RICHARD DREYFUSS	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
DR. JONATHAN F. FANTON	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
LEONARD HILL	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
WILLIAM HUBBARD	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
OLGA KAUFFMAN	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
OLENA BERG LACY	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	

**Part VII** Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
MARILYN MELKONIAN	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
LENNY MENDONCA	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
ANGELA ONWUACHI-WILLIG	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
HAROLD PACHIOS (THROUGH FEBRUARY)	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
CHANG K. PARK	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
NANCY RATZAN	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
PATRICIA S. SCHROEDER	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
RICHARD STANLEY	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
MARGERIE TELLER	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
<b>1b Sub-total</b>								0.	0.	0.
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>								490,334.	384,716.	102,478.
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>								490,334.	384,716.	102,478.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **1**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	X	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person		X

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
BLACKBAUD, INC. PO BOX 930256, ATLANTA, GA 31193	WEB DATABASE	413,438.
OMP, 1133 19TH STREET, NW, SUITE 300, WASHINGTON, DC 20036	FUNDRAISING CONSULTANT	235,281.
PUBLIC INTEREST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 7700 LEESBURG PIKE, SUITE 301, FALLS CHURCH, VA	TELEMARKETING	133,349.
CONVIO, INC., 2000 DANIEL ISLAND DR., CHARLESTON, SC 29492	WEB REDESIGN	125,000.

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **4**

SEE PART VII, SECTION A CONTINUATION SHEETS



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VIII

		(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
		Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b				
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	5,578,583.			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		34,376.			
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		5,578,583.			
Program Service Revenue	2 a PROGRAM FEES	Business Code 900099	56,548.	56,548.		
	b HONORARIA	900099	1,500.	1,500.		
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		58,048.			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		9,127.		9,127.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties		44,734.		44,734.	
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real	127,656.			
		(ii) Personal				
		b Less: rental expenses	114,659.			
		c Rental income or (loss)	12,997.			
	d Net rental income or (loss)		12,997.		12,997.	
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	165,917.			
		(ii) Other				
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	167,275.			
		c Gain or (loss)	-1,358.			
	d Net gain or (loss)		-1,358.		-1,358.	
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a	31,781.			
b Less: direct expenses		28,343.				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			3,438.		3,438.	
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a					
	b Less: direct expenses					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
	b Less: cost of goods sold					
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11 a MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	900099	3,334.			3,334.	
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		3,334.				
12 Total revenue. See instructions.		5,708,903.	58,048.	0.	72,272.	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	461,348.	296,006.	101,262.	64,080.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	1,747,265.	1,175,199.	568,281.	3,785.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	89,954.	59,920.	27,270.	2,764.
9 Other employee benefits	160,178.	196,649.	-45,575.	9,104.
10 Payroll taxes	166,570.	110,956.	50,496.	5,118.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	24,115.	24,115.		
b Legal	46,781.	38,781.	8,000.	
c Accounting	26,290.		26,290.	
d Lobbying	45,625.	45,625.		
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	368,630.			368,630.
f Investment management fees	2,774.		2,774.	
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	289,806.	259,674.	248.	29,884.
12 Advertising and promotion	1,221,548.	144,595.	4,149.	1,072,804.
13 Office expenses	220,045.	88,305.	128,390.	3,350.
14 Information technology	631,022.	278,105.	352,845.	72.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	355,133.	97,971.	257,129.	33.
17 Travel	68,748.	61,571.	536.	6,641.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	112,864.	85,895.	5,013.	21,956.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	19,166.		19,166.	
23 Insurance	25,876.		25,876.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <b>FINANCIAL SERVICES &amp; BA</b>	43,772.	1,252.	42,520.	
b <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	36,693.	36,693.		
c <b>REGISTRATION FEES</b>	18,279.	7,124.	11,155.	
d <b>SPECIAL EVENTS REPORTED</b>	-28,343.			-28,343.
e All other expenses				
25 <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	6,154,139.	3,008,436.	1,585,825.	1,559,878.
26 <b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here  if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

**Part X Balance Sheet**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing .....	950.	<b>1</b>	3,156.	
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments .....	698,431.	<b>2</b>	883,278.	
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net .....		<b>3</b>		
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net .....	426,150.	<b>4</b>	206,929.	
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		<b>5</b>		
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L .....		<b>6</b>		
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net .....		<b>7</b>		
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use .....		<b>8</b>		
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....	94,804.	<b>9</b>	72,525.	
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	<b>10a</b> 1,145,785.			
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation .....	<b>10b</b> 823,167.			
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities .....	57,195.	<b>10c</b>	322,618.	
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....	351,936.	<b>11</b>	404,562.	
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>12</b>		
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets .....		<b>13</b>		
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....	876,378.	<b>14</b>	473,259.	
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) .....	2,505,844.	<b>15</b>	2,366,327.		
<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	526,385.	<b>16</b>	958,174.		
<b>18</b> Grants payable .....		<b>17</b>			
<b>19</b> Deferred revenue .....	385,477.	<b>18</b>	318,432.		
<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		<b>19</b>			
<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....		<b>20</b>			
<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		<b>21</b>			
<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>22</b>			
<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>23</b>			
<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D .....		<b>24</b>			
<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....	911,862.	<b>25</b>	1,276,606.		
<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....		<b>26</b>			
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>				
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets .....	913,983.	<b>27</b>	378,896.	
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets .....	679,999.	<b>28</b>	710,825.	
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets .....		<b>29</b>		
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>				
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds .....		<b>30</b>		
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund .....		<b>31</b>		
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....		<b>32</b>		
<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances .....	1,593,982.	<b>33</b>	1,089,721.		
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances .....	2,505,844.	<b>34</b>	2,366,327.		

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	5,708,903.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	6,154,139.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-445,236.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	1,593,982.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	47,190.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	-106,215.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	1,089,721.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	X	
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

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**Schedule B**  
(Form 990, 990-EZ,  
or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Schedule of Contributors**

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.

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**2012**

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

COMMON CAUSE

52-6078441

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)( 4 ) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

**Note.** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

**General Rule**

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

**Special Rules**

For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not total to more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution.** An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on Part I, line 2 of its Form 990-PF, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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**Part I Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
<u>1</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>48,681.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>2</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>8,978.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>3</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>4,377.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>4</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>5,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>5</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>5,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>6</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>5,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
<u>7</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>50,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>8</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>7,436.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>9</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>4,936.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>10</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>34,330.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>11</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>5,622.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>12</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>13,020.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
13	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 5,780.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
14	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
15	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 20,443.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
16	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 41,333.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
17	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 63,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
18	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 6,500.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
19		\$ 9,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
20		\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
21		\$ 11,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
22		\$ 22,110.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
23		\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
24		\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
25	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
26	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
27	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 6,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
28	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
29	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 15,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
30	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 6,250.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
31		\$ 7,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
32		\$ 36,653.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
33		\$ 8,336.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
34		\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
35		\$ 8,208.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
36		\$ 2,979.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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**Part I Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
37		\$ 5,055.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
38		\$ 9,945.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
39		\$ 4,945.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
40		\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
41		\$ 11,111.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
42		\$ 5,055.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
43		\$ 5,228.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
44		\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
45		\$ 81,250.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
46		\$ 75,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
47		\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
48		\$ 23,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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**Part I Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
49		\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
50		\$ 500,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
51		\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
52		\$ 22,500.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
53		\$ 25,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
54		\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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**Part II Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
3	132 SHARES ALTRIA GROUP	\$ 4,377.	12/14/12
9	55 SHARES EXXON MOBIL	\$ 4,936.	06/12/13
36	34 SHARES CATEPILLAR	\$ 2,979.	08/23/12
37	52 SHARES CATEPILLAR	\$ 5,055.	03/31/13
39	120 SHARES MERCK STOCK	\$ 4,945.	07/11/12
43	26 SHARES IBM	\$ 5,228.	02/22/13

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**Part III** Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., individual contributions to section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations that total more than \$1,000 for the year. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once.) ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	

**SCHEDULE C**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

OMB No. 1545-0047

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

**2012**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**

**Open to Public Inspection**

▶ **See separate instructions.**

**If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then**

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

**If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then**

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

**If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax), or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax), then**

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

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**Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.**

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.
- 2 Political expenditures ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Volunteer hours ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).**

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? .....  Yes  No
- 4a Was a correction made? .....  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

**Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).**

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? .....  Yes  No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.

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**Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

- A** Check  if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** Check  if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b> (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1 a</b>	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) .....														
<b>b</b>	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) .....														
<b>c</b>	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1 a and 1 b) .....														
<b>d</b>	Other exempt purpose expenditures .....														
<b>e</b>	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1 c and 1 d) .....														
<b>f</b>	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.														
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
<b>g</b>	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) .....														
<b>h</b>	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- .....														
<b>i</b>	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- .....														
<b>j</b>	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? .....														

Yes  No

**4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)**  
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

<b>Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period</b>					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount					
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures					
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount					
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

**Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

For each "Yes," response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
<b>1</b> During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
<b>a</b> Volunteers? .....			
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)? ..			
<b>c</b> Media advertisements? .....			
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public? .....			
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements? .....			
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes? .....			
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body? .....			
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means? .....			
<b>i</b> Other activities? .....			
<b>j</b> Total. Add lines 1c through 1i .....			
<b>2a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)? .....			
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912 .....			
<b>c</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912 .....			
<b>d</b> If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? .....			

**Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members? .....	X	
<b>2</b> Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? .....		X
<b>3</b> Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year? .....		X

**Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No," OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."**

<b>1</b> Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members .....	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
<b>a</b> Current year .....	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year .....	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b> Total .....	<b>2c</b>	
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues .....	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year? .....	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions) .....	<b>5</b>	

**Part IV Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, line 2; and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions.

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 3 columns: Question number, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include total number at end of year, aggregate contributions, grants, value, and questions about donor advisement and grant fund usage.

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Form for Part II Conservation Easements. Includes checkboxes for purposes (land for public use, natural habitat, open space, historic land, historic structure) and a table for details on easements held at the end of the tax year (2a-2d).

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Form for Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Includes questions about reporting works of art and historical treasures, and amounts for revenues and assets.

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** (continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items

(check all that apply):

- a  Public exhibition
- b  Scholarly research
- c  Preservation for future generations
- d  Loan or exchange programs
- e  Other \_\_\_\_\_

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

	Amount
c Beginning balance	<b>1c</b>
d Additions during the year	<b>1d</b>
e Distributions during the year	<b>1e</b>
f Ending balance	<b>1f</b>

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?  Yes  No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	14,953.	14,989.	12,451.	10,929.	907,557.
b Contributions	750,000.				
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	109,803.	-36.	2,668.	2,572.	-148,457.
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					744,290.
f Administrative expenses	32,106.		130.	1,050.	3,881.
g End of year balance	842,650.	14,953.	14,989.	12,451.	10,929.

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment  1.97 %
- b Permanent endowment  .00 %
- c Temporarily restricted endowment  98.03 %

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations		X
(ii) related organizations		X

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.** See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		46,963.	34,956.	12,007.
d Equipment		1,098,822.	788,211.	310,611.
e Other				
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				<b>322,618.</b>

Part VII Investments - Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

Table with 3 columns: (a) Description of security or category, (b) Book value, (c) Method of valuation. Rows include Financial derivatives, Closely-held equity interests, and Other (A-I). Total row at the bottom.

Part VIII Investments - Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

Table with 3 columns: (a) Description of investment type, (b) Book value, (c) Method of valuation. Rows numbered 1-10. Total row at the bottom.

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Description, (b) Book value. Row 1: DUE FROM EDUCATION FUND with book value 473,259. Total row at the bottom.

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Description of liability, (b) Book value. Row 1: Federal income taxes. Total row at the bottom.

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII [X]

**Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return**

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	<b>1</b>	6,844,080.
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains on investments	<b>2a</b>	47,190.
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>2b</b>	944,985.
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>2d</b>	143,002.
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b>	<b>2e</b>	1,135,177.
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	5,708,903.
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b>	<b>4c</b>	0.
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	<b>5</b>	5,708,903.

**Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return**

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	<b>1</b>	7,242,126.
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>2a</b>	944,985.
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Other losses	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>2d</b>	143,002.
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b>	<b>2e</b>	1,087,987.
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	6,154,139.
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b>	<b>4c</b>	0.
<b>5</b>	Total expenses. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	<b>5</b>	6,154,139.

**Part XIII Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

**PART V, LINE 4: THE COMMON CAUSE QUASI-ENDOWMENT (BOARD DESIGNATED)**

FUND WAS USED TO FUND THE OPERATING CASH NEEDS OF THE ORGANIZATION. IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE BOARD TO BEGIN RE-FUNDING THE ENDOWMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE IF CASH FLOWS PERMIT. THERE WERE NO REPAYMENTS MADE DURING FISCAL YEAR 2013.

**PART X, LINE 2: THE ORGANIZATION BELIEVES THAT IT HAS APPROPRIATE**

SUPPORT FOR INCOME TAX POSITIONS TAKEN. THEREFORE, MANAGEMENT HAS NOT

**Part XIII** Supplemental Information (continued)

IDENTIFIED ANY UNCERTAIN INCOME TAX POSITIONS. GENERALLY, INCOME TAX RETURNS RELATED TO THE CURRENT AND THREE PRIOR YEARS REMAIN OPEN FOR EXAMINATION BY TAXING AUTHORITIES.

PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

RENTAL EXPENSE TO PART VIII	114,659.
SPECIAL EVENTS EXPENSE TO PART VIII	28,343.
TOTAL TO SCHEDULE D, PART XI, LINE 2D	143,002.

PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

RENTAL EXPENSE TO PART VIII	114,659.
SPECIAL EVENTS EXPENSE TO PART VIII	28,343.
TOTAL TO SCHEDULE D, PART XII, LINE 2D	143,002.



**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))	
		DINNER (RI) (event type)	DINNER (DE) (event type)	1 (total number)		
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	16,661.	10,120.	5,000.	31,781.
	2	Less: Contributions				
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	16,661.	10,120.	5,000.	31,781.
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes				
	5	Noncash prizes				
	6	Rent/facility costs	11,838.	4,505.	1,000.	17,343.
	7	Food and beverages				
	8	Entertainment				
	9	Other direct expenses	2,744.	4,800.	3,456.	11,000.
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				( 28,343 )
11	Net income summary. Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10				3,438.	

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		1	Gross revenue		
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes			
	3	Noncash prizes			
	4	Rent/facility costs			
	5	Other direct expenses			
	6	Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No
7	Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				( _____ )
8	Net gaming income summary. Combine line 1, column d, and line 7				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
 a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?  Yes  No  
 b If "No," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?  Yes  No  
 b If "Yes," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- 11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?  Yes  No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?  Yes  No
- 13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in:
 

a The organization's facility	13a	%
b An outside facility	13b	%
- 14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ► \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address ► \_\_\_\_\_

- 15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ► \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address ► \_\_\_\_\_

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ► \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gaming manager compensation ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Description of services provided ► \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Director/officer       Employee       Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

- a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?  Yes  No
- b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part IV Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

SCHEDULE G, PART I, LINE 2B, LIST OF TEN HIGHEST PAID FUNDRAISERS:

(I) NAME OF FUNDRAISER: OMP, INC.

(I) ADDRESS OF FUNDRAISER:

1133 19TH STREET, NW STE 300, WASHINGTON, DC 20036

(I) NAME OF FUNDRAISER: PUBLIC INTEREST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

(I) ADDRESS OF FUNDRAISER:

7700 LEESBURG PIKE, STE 301, FALLS CHURCH, VA 22043



**Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

**Note.** The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported as deferred in prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
ROBERT EDGAR PRESIDENT, AND CEO (THROUGH APRIL)	(i)	170,238.	0.	26,400.	11,995.	19,294.	227,927.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
ELIZABETH MARCHANT SR. VP, OPERATIONS	(i)	90,132.	0.	0.	5,251.	5,931.	101,314.	0.
	(ii)	83,199.	0.	0.	4,847.	5,475.	93,521.	0.
KAREN HOBERT FLYNN SR. VP, STRATEGY & PROGRAMS	(i)	32,269.	0.	0.	591.	1,548.	34,408.	0.
	(ii)	129,077.	0.	0.	2,362.	6,192.	137,631.	0.
MARY ANDERSON VP, COMMUNICATIONS	(i)	96,279.	0.	0.	6,104.	16,089.	118,472.	0.
	(ii)	26,110.	0.	0.	1,655.	4,363.	32,128.	0.
	(i)							
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**Part III** Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

PART I, LINE 1A: SEE EXPLANATION FOR LINE 1B.

PART I, LINE 1B: BOB EDGAR, WHO RECEIVED THE HOUSING ALLOWANCE, WAS A METHODIST MINISTER WHO HAD BEEN GIVEN DISPENSATION BY HIS CHURCH TO WORK WITH COMMON CAUSE AND THE EDUCATION FUND. HIS BISHOP APPROVED THE HOUSING ALLOWANCE AND CC/EF'S BOARDS CONSIDERED AND APPROVED IT. HIS SALARY WAS NOT REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE HOUSING ALLOWANCE. CC/EF WOULD ORDINARILY NOT PROVIDE A HOUSING ALLOWANCE IN THE CASE OF NON-CLERGY, AND SO A SEPARATE WRITTEN POLICY WAS NOT DEVELOPED.

**SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)**

**Noncash Contributions**

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▶ **Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.**  
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

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**Part I Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art - Works of art				
2 Art - Historical treasures				
3 Art - Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities - Publicly traded	X	8	34,376.	FMV
10 Securities - Closely held stock				
11 Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities - Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution - Other				
15 Real estate - Residential				
16 Real estate - Commercial				
17 Real estate - Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ( )				
26 Other ( )				
27 Other ( )				
28 Other ( )				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement **29**

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1-28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		X
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?		X
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		X
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990. Schedule M (Form 990) (2012)

**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

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**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

COMMON CAUSE IS A NON-PARTISAN CITIZENS ORGANIZATION WHOSE GOAL IS TO ENSURE OPEN, HONEST, ACCOUNTABLE, AND EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT AT THE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS THROUGH SUSTAINED AND FOCUSED LOBBYING CAMPAIGNS, GRASSROOTS ACTIVITIES, AND OTHER EFFORTS.

THE MISSION OF COMMON CAUSE IS TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND FAITH IN OUR INSTITUTIONS OF SELF-GOVERNMENT; TO ENSURE THAT GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL PROCESSES SERVE THE GENERAL INTEREST, RATHER THAN SPECIAL INTERESTS; TO CURB THE EXCESSIVE INFLUENCE OF MONEY ON GOVERNMENT DECISIONS AND ELECTIONS; TO PROMOTE FAIR ELECTIONS AND HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS; AND TO PROTECT THE CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES OF ALL AMERICANS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

PROCESS. WITH OFFICES IN WASHINGTON, DC AND 36 STATES AND 400,000 SUPPORTERS AND ACTIVISTS, COMMON CAUSE WORKS TO ADVANCE DEMOCRACY REFORMS AT THE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS THROUGH CRAFTING MODEL LEGISLATION, LOBBYING, PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, AND JOINT EFFORTS WITH OTHER REFORM ORGANIZATIONS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

MORE THAN A DECADE.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4C, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

-IN MARYLAND, WON PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION THAT INCREASES PUBLIC ACCESS

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TO ETHICS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST INFORMATION FILED BY STATE  
 LEGISLATORS AND SETS UP A TASK FORCE REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF  
 LEGISLATORS' FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

-IN NEW MEXICO, PASSED A BILL THAT REQUIRES NOTICES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS  
 TO BE POSTED AT LEAST 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE, AND ALSO TO BE  
 ELECTRONICALLY POSTED ON WEBSITES.

-WORKED TO BUILD SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO HOLD THE U.S.  
 SUPREME COURT ACCOUNTABLE UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR U.S. JUDGES.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS:

-ASSISTED WITH CIVIL SOCIETY EFFORTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES  
 EXPENSES \$ 3,550. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6: COMMON CAUSE HAS ONLY ONE CLASS OF  
 MEMBERSHIP, CONSISTING OF THOSE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO CHOOSE  
 TO JOIN COMMON CAUSE AND MAKE A MONETARY CONTRIBUTION. SUCH MEMBERS HAVE NO  
 VOTING RIGHTS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
 PROVIDES THE FORM 990 TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW. ONCE THAT  
 COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED THE DOCUMENT, IT IS SENT TO THE FULL BOARD FOR  
 REVIEW. THE BOARD MEMBERS HAVE TWO (2) DAYS TO RESPOND WITH ANY COMMENTS  
 THEY MIGHT HAVE BEFORE THE DOCUMENT IS FILED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: PROCEDURE FOR MONITORING AND

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ENFORCING COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY:

BOARD --

WHENEVER A DIRECTOR, OFFICER, OR COMMITTEE MEMBER BECOMES AWARE OF A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST, WHETHER FINANCIAL OR OTHERWISE, HE OR SHE SHALL MAKE THE SITUATION KNOWN TO THE BOARD OR GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (AS THE CASE MIGHT BE) AND PROVIDE ALL FACTS MATERIAL TO UNDERSTANDING THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE CONFLICT, INCLUDING WHETHER THE INTERESTED PERSON BELIEVES HIS OR HER ABILITY TO MAKE AN INDEPENDENT DECISION BASED SOLELY ON THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CORPORATION HAS BEEN COMPROMISED. IF THE INTERESTED PERSON INVOLVED DOES NOT MAKE THIS DISCLOSURE, ANOTHER DIRECTOR OR COMMITTEE MEMBER WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE POTENTIAL CONFLICT SHOULD DRAW IT TO THE BODY'S ATTENTION.

THE INTERESTED PERSON WITH THE POTENTIAL CONFLICT MUST RETIRE FROM THE MEETING AND NOT PARTICIPATE IN FINAL DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON THE EXISTENCE OF THE CONFLICT. IF A CONFLICT IS FOUND TO EXIST, THE INTERESTED PERSON MAY BE INVITED TO PROVIDE ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION THAT COULD BE OF USE TO THE BOARD IN MAKING ITS DECISION, BUT SHALL AGAIN RETIRE AND NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE FINAL DISCUSSION AND VOTING REGARDING THE TRANSACTION. THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE'S DECISION SHALL BE BASED ON CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER THE TRANSACTION:

- A) IS IN THE ORGANIZATION'S BEST INTEREST AND FOR ITS OWN BENEFIT;
- B) IS FAIR AND REASONABLE TO THE ORGANIZATION; AND
- C) IS THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TRANSACTION OR ARRANGEMENT THE ORGANIZATION CAN OBTAIN WITH REASONABLE EFFORT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

STAFF --

WHENEVER A STAFF MEMBER BECOMES AWARE OF A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN AN AREA WHERE HE OR SHE EXERCISES ANY DISCRETION IN CARRYING OUT HIS OR

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HER DUTIES FOR COMMON CAUSE, HE OR SHE SHALL PROMPTLY DISCLOSE THE POTENTIAL CONFLICT TO AN IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR OR TO THE PRESIDENT. IF THE PRESIDENT HAS A POTENTIAL CONFLICT, HE OR SHE SHALL DISCLOSE IT TO THE BOARD OR AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE PERSON OR BODY TO WHOM DISCLOSURE IS MADE (HEREINAFTER "SUPERVISOR") SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS A CONFLICT THAT REQUIRES RECUSAL OF THE INTERESTED PERSON. WHEN A CONFLICT IS FOUND TO EXIST, THE INTERESTED PERSON SHALL PROVIDE THE SUPERVISOR WITH ALL INFORMATION HE OR SHE HAS RELEVANT TO ANY DECISION TO BE MADE IN WHICH HE OR SHE HAS AN INTEREST, AND THE FINAL DECISION SHALL BE MADE BY THE SUPERVISOR.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD CONDUCTS A 360 DEGREE REVIEW OF THE CEO PRIOR TO DETERMINING THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION. THE COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS THE SENIOR STAFF, REVIEWS A COMPARABILITY STUDY, AND THEN CONFERS AS A COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE BRINGS ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING OF THE YEAR. MINUTES ARE TAKEN OF THE SALARY DELIBERATIONS.

OTHER OFFICERS OR KEY EMPLOYEES: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONDUCTS A REVIEW OF THE CFO, REVIEWS A COMPARABILITY STUDY, AND THEN CONFERS AS A COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE BRINGS ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING OF THE YEAR. MINUTES ARE TAKEN OF THE SALARY DELIBERATIONS.

THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT REVIEW COMPENSATION OF KEY EMPLOYEES; THAT IS PERFORMED BY MANAGEMENT.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 17, LIST OF STATES RECEIVING COPY OF FORM 990:

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AL, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NH  
 NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, DC, WV, WI

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: COMMON CAUSE SEEKS TO BE FAITHFUL TO ITS MISSION BY BEING OPEN AND ACCOUNTABLE TO OUR MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS. WE WILL MAKE OUR GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UPON REQUEST. OUR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE ALSO PART OF OUR ANNUAL REPORT WHICH IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9, CHANGES IN NET ASSETS:  
 UNREIMBURSED STATE AFFILIATE COSTS -106,215.

FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C  
 THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN THE REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS DURING THE YEAR.

**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.  
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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**Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

**Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND - 31-1705370 1133 19TH STREET, NW, STE 900 WASHINGTON, DC 20036	CHARITABLE ARM OF COMMON CAUSE	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	501(C)(3)	LINE 7		X	



**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.)

**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

**1** During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

	Yes	No
<b>a</b> Receipt of <b>(i)</b> interest <b>(ii)</b> annuities <b>(iii)</b> royalties or <b>(iv)</b> rent from a controlled entity .....		X
<b>b</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s) .....		X
<b>c</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s) .....		X
<b>d</b> Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s) .....		X
<b>e</b> Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s) .....		X
<b>f</b> Dividends from related organization(s) .....		X
<b>g</b> Sale of assets to related organization(s) .....		X
<b>h</b> Purchase of assets from related organization(s) .....		X
<b>i</b> Exchange of assets with related organization(s) .....		X
<b>j</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s) .....		X
<b>k</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s) .....		X
<b>l</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s) .....		X
<b>m</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s) .....		X
<b>n</b> Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s) .....	X	
<b>o</b> Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s) .....	X	
<b>p</b> Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses .....		X
<b>q</b> Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses .....	X	
<b>r</b> Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s) .....		X
<b>s</b> Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s) .....		X

**2** If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND	N	376,531.	ACTUAL COST
(2) COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND	O	3,394,615.	ACTUAL COST
(3) COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND	Q	4,879,925.	ACTUAL COST
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			



**Part VII** Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions).

Lined area for supplemental information.