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EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 15, 2018

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No 1545-0047

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		nue Service	► Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the lat	est information.	Inspection
A F	or the	2017 caler	ndar year, or tax year beginning and ending		
Вс	heck if pplicabl	C Name	of organization	D Employer identificati	on number
X	Addre	SS CON	VENTION OF STATES ACTION		
	Name chang		business as	47-224	5708
F	Initial return		er and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/su		
F	Final	1 585	O SAN FELIPE 580A	540-44	1-7227
	Jreturn, termin ated		r town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code	G Gross receipts \$	3,237,607.
Г	Amen		STON, TX 77057	H(a) Is this a group return	
Ē	Applic		and address of principal officer MARK MECKLER	for subordinates?	Yes X No
	pendir		AS C ABOVE A 4	H(b) Are all subordinates includ	
1 T	ax-ex	empt status	1 1 177 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	If "No," attach a list	
JV	Vebsi	e: WWW	.COSACTION.COM	H(c) Group exemption nu	ımber 🕨
K F	orm of	organization;	X Corporation Trust Association Other ▶ \ L Yo	ear of formation; 2014 M Sta	ate of legal domicile, $\mathbf{T}\mathbf{X}$
Pa	ırt I	Summar			
Activities & Governance			ribe the organization's mission or most significant activities TO ADVOCATUTIONALLY LIMITED GOVERNMENT.	ATE FOR A	
rna	l		pox If the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of m	nore than 25% of its net asset	s
Ş.			voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	4
Ğ			ndependent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	3
S &			er of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
Ĭ			er of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	75000
cti	7 a	Total unrela	ted business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
	b	Net unrelate	ed business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0.
			——··	Prior Year	Current Year
Revenue	8	Contribution	ns and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	4,903,002.	3,217,816.
	9	Program ser	rvice revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0.	0.
ě	10	Investment	ue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) RECEIVED ue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0.	0.
-				26,012.	19,791.
			ue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part WH, column (A), line 12)	++	3,237,607.
			similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), liness (-3) NUV 21 2018 Ĉ	0.	0.
	14	Benefits pai	d to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.
es	15	Salaries, oth	ner compensation, employee benefits (Part X, column) ines 6-10)	1,153,532.	884,916. 876,276.
Expenses	16a	Professiona	I fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	1,155,552.	070,270.
Exp				1,777,933.	2,231,405.
			nses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	3,571,988.	3,992,597.
			ses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,357,026.	-754,990.
- SS	19	nevenue les	ss expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total acceta	s (Part X, line 16)	1,820,586.	1,148,554.
Asse	20 21		es (Part X, line 26)	226,160.	309,118.
et d	22		or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	1,594,426.	839,436.
Pa	irt II		ire Block		
			y, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and state	tements, and to the best of my know	owledge and belief, it is
			ete. Declaration of proparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which prepare		
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Sıgı	n	Signat	ACCO OFFICE	Date	
Her			K MECKLER, CEO		
		Туре о	or print name and title		
		Print/Type p	reparer's name Preparer's signature	Date Check	PTIN
Paid	1	DENNIS	K. WEISS, CPA Dennis K. Weiss, CPA	909/12/18 self-employed	P01330013
Prep	arer	Firm's name	D. K. WEISS & ASSOCIATES, PLLC	Firm's EIN ▶ 3	0-0022324
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			KENTWOOD, MI 49508	Phone no. 616 –	
May	the II	RS discuss t	this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)		X Yes No

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Pai	rt III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments		
	Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III		
1	Briefly describe the organization's mission		
•	TO ADVOCATE FOR A CONSTITUTIONALLY LIMITED GOVERNMENT.		
			
		······	
2	Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the		₹
	prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?	L Yes	X No
	If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O		
3	Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?	Yes	X No
	If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O		
4	Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as	measured by expenses	s
•	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to other		
	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	,	
4-	revenue, if any, for each program service reported (Code) (Expenses \$ 2,317,222 • including grants of \$) (Revenue)	0	
4a	(Code) (Expenses \$ 2,317,222. including grants of \$) (Revenue COSA ADVOCATES FOR A RETURN TO THE ORIGINAL VISION OF A		ERAL.
	GOVERNMENT THAT IS OF, BY AND FOR THE PEOPLE. THIS WILL	DE ACCOMPLE	Chel
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4b	(Code) (Expenses \$	ue \$	
			
		-	
			
			
4c	(Code) (Expenses \$	Je \$)
		· · -	
4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)		
	(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)	
	Total program service expenses ▶ 2,317,222.		
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Kar	tive Checklist of Required Schedules		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)?		103	110
•	If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1		х
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors	2	Х	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for			
	public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	Х	
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4		
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or	-		
3	similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5		Х
6	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6	<u> </u>	Х
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space,			٠,
	the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7		Х
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete			_v
	Schedule D, Part III	8	<u> </u>	X
9	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?			х
_	If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9		
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent	40		l x
	endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10	T AF	
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VIII, VIII, IX, or X	1 A	17.00	1
_	as applicable Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D,	2 1 2		1. A
а	Part VI	11a		x
	Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total	I Ia		-
Ь	assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	11b		x
_	Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total			
C	assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	11c		Х
d	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d		X
е	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e		Х
f	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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11f	Х	
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete		\ ,,	
	Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a	Х	
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year?	400		
	If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	12b		X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13		X
	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business,	14a		- 25
D	investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$10,000			
	or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b		х
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any	140		
15	foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15		х
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to	-10		
10	or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16		х
17	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I	17	х	1
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines			
. •	1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18		Х
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes,"			
	complete Schedule G, Part III	19		Х

			Yes	No
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a		Х
	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b		
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or			
	domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21		Х
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on			
	Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22		Х
23	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? If "Yes," complete			
	Schedule J	23	Х	
24a	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? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete			
	Schedule K If "No", go to line 25a	24a		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
С	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease			
	any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit			
	transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a	1	Х
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? If "Yes," complete			
	Schedule L, Part I	25b		Х
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or			
	former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes,"			
	complete Schedule L, Part II	26		Х
27	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27		Х
28	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)		ŀ	
а	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a	l	X
	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b		X
	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c		Х
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29		Х
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation			
	contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30		Х
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations?			
	If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete			
	Schedule N, Part II	32		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations			
	sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33		Х
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and			
	Part V, line 1	34	Х	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		X
	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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b	<u> </u>	
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?			
	If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36	L	
37	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37	L	Х
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19?			
	Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Х	<u> </u>
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<u></u> Par	Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V	•						
			Yes	No				
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable 1a 22							
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable 1b 0	1						
С	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming							
	(gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Х					
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements,	1						
	filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return 2a 2a 2	—						
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b						
	Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)			لــــا				
	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a		X				
	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b		<u> </u>				
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a	l		v				
	financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a		X				
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country							
_	See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)	<u></u> -		$\overline{\mathbf{x}}$				
•	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		X				
	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b 5c	-	<u>~</u>				
	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	- SC						
ьа	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit	6a	х					
h	any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts	-00						
b	were not tax deductible?	6b	x					
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			· · · · · ·				
, a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a		X				
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b						
С	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required							
	to file Form 8282?	7c		X				
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year 7d							
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e						
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f						
9	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g						
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h						
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the		—					
	sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8						
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.							
а	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	$\overline{}$					
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b						
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			.				
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities 10b			.				
				. 1				
11 a	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter Gross income from members or shareholders 11a			. !				
	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against			. !				
	amounts due or received from them)	1		. 1				
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a						
	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year							
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			. J				
	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?	13a						
	Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O							
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the	l		, [
	organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans			. !				
С	Enter the amount of reserves on hand]						
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a		X				
	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b						
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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

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	Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI			X
Sec	tion A. Governing Body and Management			r
		r	Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year 4	ļ		
	If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing			l
	body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule 0.			
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent 1b 3	ł		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other	<u> </u>		- <u>-</u>
_	officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	 	 ^-
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision	١,	х	
	of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	Λ	Х
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	5		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	6		X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders? Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or	┡	 	
/ a		7a		Х
h	more members of the governing body? Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or	<u>'</u>		
b	persons other than the governing body?	7b		х
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following	ٿ		
	The governing body?	8a	$\overline{\mathbf{x}}$	
	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	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	9		х
Sec	tion B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code)			
			Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a		Х
	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?	10b		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	Х	
	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	12a	X	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b		Х
С	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe			
	ın Schedule O how this was done	12c	Х	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	X	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Χ	
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?	 		
а	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a		X
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b		Х
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)			
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?	16a		X
b	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?	16b		
<u>Sec</u>	tion C. Disclosure			
17	List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed AL, AK, AR, CA, CT, CO, FL, GA, IL			, ME
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) a	avaılab	le	
	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	l fınan	cıal	
	statements available to the public during the tax year			
20	State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records			
	CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN LP - 317-574-9100			
	9365 COUNSELORS ROW #200, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46240-2045			
732004	SIL-28-17 SEE SCHEDULE O FOR FULL LIST OF STATES	Form	990	(2017)

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line 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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per	box	, unle:	ss pe	ntion more	than is boti	h an	(D) Reportable compensation	(E) Reportable compensation	(F) Estimated amount of
	week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	stee or director	Institutional trustee			Highest compensated		from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	other compensation from the organization and related organizations
(1) MARK MECKLER PRESIDENT / CEO	1.00	x		х				0.	223,588.	22,221
(2) TIM DUNN	1.00	 								- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
DIRECTOR		x						0.	0.	0
(3) ERIC O'KEEFE	3.00									
DIRECTOR		Х						0.	0.	0
(4) KYLE STALLINGS	1.00							_		
DIRECTOR	4 00	Х						0.	0.	0
(5) MICHAEL RUTHENBERG	1.00								100 000	25 740
SECRETARY	40.00	<u> </u>		Х		\vdash		0.	100,800.	25,749
(6) TIMOTHY MURPHY	1.00	l		х				0.	0.	0
CFO (7) MICHAEL TRANCHINA	1.00	┢┈		^		\vdash		0.	0.	0.
CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER	40.00					х		0.	131,249.	19,152
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Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Tr		ploy	ees			ghe	st C	T	es (continued)	
(A)	(B)				C)			(D)	(E)	(F)
Name and title	Average	(do	not c	Pos heck			one	Reportable	Reportable	Estimated
	hours per	бох	, unle	ss pe	rson	ıs bot	h an	compensation	compensation	amount of
	week	F	cer an	o a o	recto	T	iee)	from	from related	other
•	(list any	ecto						the	organizations	compensation
	hours for related	ő	 ;;		ŀ	ated		organization	(W-2/1099-MISC)	from the
	organizations	ustee	trus		يو	Suadu		(W-2/1099-MISC)		organization and related
	below	ual tr	gonal		ploye	t con	L			organizations
	line)	Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Кеу еп	Highest compensated employee	Forme			Organization 5
		⊢	L	L	<u> </u>	_				
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		1								
	-	 		_	_					
		1								
1b Sub-total		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	L	<u></u>		▶	0.	455,637.	67,122.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part	VII. Section A						>	0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							<u> </u>	0.	455,637.	67,122.
2 Total number of individuals (including bu	not limited to t	nose	liste	ed a	bov	e) wl	no r	eceived more than \$100	0,000 of reportable	0
compensation from the organization										Yes No
3 Did the organization list any former office	ar director or tr	uete	o ka	ov er	mole	WAA	or	highest compensated e	molovee on	Tes No
5 Did the organization list any former office			o, ne	.y e1	iipic	,,,,,	, Oi	ingricat compensated e	inployee on	- <u>·</u> -

line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual 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 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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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
MVP PRESS, 43720 TRADE CENTER PLACE, SUITE		
135, STERLING, VA 20166	FUNDRAISING PRINTING	279,138.
MASTER OF CODE GLOBAL, 541 JEFFERSON AVE,	WEBSITE/TECHNOLOGY	
SUITE 100, REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063	SERVICES	251,339.
TOM A COBURN MD INC		_
PO BOX 1760, MUSKOGEE, OK 74402	GOVERNMENT RELATIONS	240,000.
JIM DEMINT		·
132 COVENTRY RD , GREENVILLE, SC 29615	GOVERNMENT RELATIONS	140,000.
ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT, 113 EAST MARKET ST,		<u> </u>
SUITE 300, LEESBURG, VA 20176	EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS	108,870.
2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those lister \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ► 5	d above) who received more than	

_, 4	, t V:		eck if Schedule O cont		or note to any lu	ne in this Part VIII			
		CIT	eck ii Scheddie O cont	airis a response	or note to any in	(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts			ted campaigns	1a 1b	-				
ي ق			ership dues	10 1c	<u></u>	1			1
ifts F A			ising events d organizations	1d					
n Ba	1		i organizations iment grants (contribut			1			
Sir			r contributions, gifts, gran	·		-			
her	'		mounts not included abo		217,816.				
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Con	`		Add lines 1a-1f			3,217,816.			
					Business Code	 			
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e K	t								
Se									
am leve	c								
Program Service Revenue	€								
<u>q</u>	f	All othe	er program service reve	nue					
_			Add lines 2a-2f		<u> </u>		-		
	3		nent income (including	dividends, intere	est, and				
			ımılar amounts)						_
	4		from investment of tax	k-exempt bond p	roceeds	·			
	5	Royaltı	es		<u> </u>				
	_	_	_	(ı) Real	(ii) Personal	-			
		Gross i				-			,
			ental expenses			- ,			' r
			income or (loss) ital income or (loss)	L					
			amount from sales of	(i) Securities	(II) Other				
	, ,		other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other	1	i		
			ost or other basis			1		- 1-	
	,		les expenses						
		: Gain or	•			1	l i		
			n or (loss)		•				
ø		_	ncome from fundraisin	g events (not					
venue		ıncludı	ng \$	ot			ĺ		
Reve		contrib	utions reported on line	1c) See			İ		
<u>.</u>		Part IV	, line 18	a					
Other	t	Less o	lirect expenses	b					
•			ome or (loss) from fund		<u> </u>				
	9 a		ncome from gaming ac	tivities See				-	
	ŀ		, line 19	a		-			1
	i .		lirect expenses	b	L				
			ome or (loss) from gam			-			1
	10 8		sales of inventory, less						
	Ι.		owances ost of goods sold	a b	 	1			
	1		ome or (loss) from sale			 			
	 '		Miscellaneous Revenu		Business Code			_	
	 11 a		MISCEIIANEQUS NEVENU	<u> </u>	900099	19,791.	19,791.		
	''	-				1			-
	;				,	1			
	l		er revenue						
	l		Add lines 11a-11d			19,791.			
	12	Total re	venue See instructions.		>	3,237,607.	19,791.	0.	0.

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	on 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must com Check if Schedule O contains a respon	se or note to any line in	this Part IX		
	not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 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 domestic organizations				
	and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic	i			
	individuals See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign	į			,
	organizations, foreign governments, and foreign				
	individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16		.		
4	Benefits paid to or for members		-		
5	Compensation of current officers, directors,				
_	trustees, and key employees				
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified				
	persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and	ı			
_	persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	796,312.	445,936.	92,694.	257,682
7	Other salaries and wages Pension plan accruals and contributions (include	130,314.	443,330.	J2,094.	231,002
8	section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
n					
9	Other employee benefits	88,604.	47,492.	21,620.	19,492
10 11	Payroll taxes Fees for services (non-employees)	00,001.		22/0201	20,100
''	Management		!		
	Legal	98,291.	72,686.	25,605.	
	Accounting	67,549.		67,549.	· · · •
	Lobbying	239,042.	239,042.	,	
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	876,276.			876,276
f	Investment management fees	<u>-</u>	·		
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25,			- 1	
3	column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	100,077.	35,000.	5,458.	59,619
12	Advertising and promotion	1,117,297.	1,100,596.	13,947.	59,619, 2,754, 4,267,
13	Office expenses	17,562.	5,658.	7,637.	4,267
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	18,600.	10,416.	4,092.	4,092
17	Travel	201,455.	158,809.	38,062.	4,584
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses	<u>-</u>			
	for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23	Insurance	73,542.	41,184.	16,179.	16,179
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 0)				
а	POSTAGE & MAILING	166,091.	51,372.	30,082.	84,637
b	EVENTS	79,928.	79,928.	0.	0 .
c	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	51,971.	29,103.	11,435.	11,433
d					
	All other expenses		_		
25	Total functional expenses Add lines 1 through 24e	3,992,597.	2,317,222.	334,360.	1,341,015
26	Joint costs. 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)				

Rar	rt X	Balance Sheet				
		Check if Schedule O contains a response or note	to any line in this Part X			
				(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
	1	Cash · non-interest-bearing		1,804,086.	1	1,024,889.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		4		
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and for			(
		trustees, key employees, and highest compensat]	
		Part II of Schedule L		5		
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualifie	<u>.</u>			
		section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section	4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing			
		employers and sponsoring organizations of section				l
S		employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		6	
Assets	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7	
As	8	Inventories for sale or use			8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		16,500.	9	123,665.
		Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other				
	'''	basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a			
	 b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b	<u> </u>	10c	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	11	Investments - publicly traded securities			11	
	12	Investments - other securities See Part IV, line 11		12		
	13	Investments - program-related See Part IV, line 1		13	-	
	14	Intangible assets		14		
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11		15		
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal	line 34)	1,820,586.	16	1,148,554.
_	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	226,160.	17	309,118.	
	18	Grants payable			18	
	19	Deferred revenue		 	19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities	ŀ		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Pa	art IV of Schedule D		21	
s	22	Loans and other payables to current and former of		-		
Lrabilities		key employees, highest compensated employees				
liqe		Complete Part II of Schedule L	,		22	
Ľ	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelat	ed third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, pay	-			
		parties, and other liabilities not included on lines				,
		Schedule D			25	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	ľ	226,160.	26	309,118.
_		Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958),	check here			
S		complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and	•			
၁င	27	Unrestricted net assets		1,594,426.	27	839,436.
alaı	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			28	
ä	29	Permanently restricted net assets			29	
Š	- "	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (AS	C 958), check here ▶			
ř		and complete lines 30 through 34.				
Net Assets or Fund Balances	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			30	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
SSe	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equ	inment fund		31	
tΑ	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated inc			32	<u> </u>
ş	33	Total net assets or fund balances	J, 51 54.151 151100	1,594,426.	33	839,436.
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		1,820,586.	34	1,148,554.
	<u> </u>	Total liabilities and net assets/fully balances				Form 990 (2017)

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Rai	rt XI Reconciliation of Net Assets				_
	Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI				
		1 1			
1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	3,23		
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	3,99		
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-75		
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	1,59	4,4	<u> 26.</u>
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5			
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			0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33,				
	column (B))	10	83	9,4	<u> 36.</u>
Pa	rt XII Financial Statements and Reporting				_
	Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII				<u> </u>
				Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 L Cash X Accrual Cother				1 1
	If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule	0			
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		2a		Х
	If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed	d on a			1
	separate basis, consolidated basis, or both				
	Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis		<u> </u>		لــــا
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?		2b	Х	<u> </u>
	If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate	te basis,	.		[
	consolidated basis, or both				i i
	X Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis				l
С	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the	ie audit,			
	review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?		2c	Х	$oxed{oxed}$
	If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Sch	edule O			
За	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Si	ngle Au	dit		
	Act and OMB Circular A-133?		3a		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the requi	ired aud	dit /		
	or guides, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		3b		l

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SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

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

► Complete if the organization is described below. ► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Open to Public Inspection

Employer identification number

OMB No 1545-0047

If the organization answered "Yes," on 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

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

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

Name of organization		,		Employ	er identification numb	er
	ION OF STATES AG				47-2245708	
Part I-A Complete if the org	anization is exempt un	der section 501(c)	or is a section t	27 org	janization.	
 Provide a description of the organiz Political campaign activity expendit Volunteer hours for political campai 	ures	ical campaign activities	ın Part IV	▶ \$	8,799	€.
Part I-B Complete if the org	anization is exempt un	der section 501(c))(3).			
1 Enter the amount of any excise tax	incurred by the organization ur	der section 4955		▶ \$_		
2 Enter the amount of any excise tax	incurred by organization manag	gers under section 495	5	▶ \$ _		
3 If the organization incurred a section	n 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720	o for this year?				ю
4a Was a correction made?					└─ Yes └─ N	10
b If "Yes," describe in Part IV	anization is exempt un	der coetion 501/o	- avaant saction	501/61	/3/	
		··		→ \$	327	,
1 Enter the amount directly expended				- \$ _		-
2 Enter the amount of the filing organ exempt function activities	ization's funds contributed to c	uner organizations for s	Section 327	▶ \$	8,472	2.
3 Total exempt function expenditures	Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here	and on Form 1120-POI	1	· • _		_
line 17b	THE THE PROPERTY OF	and on 1 on 1 1201 of	-,	▶ \$	8,799	€.
4 Did the filing organization file Form	1120-POL for this year?			-	X Yes N	10
5 Enter the names, addresses and er made payments For each organiza contributions received that were pr political action committee (PAC) If	tion listed, enter the amount pa omptly and directly delivered to	aid from the filing organ o a separate political org	ization's funds. Also e ganization, such as a	nter the	amount of political	
(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid filing organization funds If none, ent	on's C	(e) Amount of political contributions received an promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-	nd

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2017

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Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2017	CONVE	NTION	OF STATES A	CTION	47-	2245708 Page 2
Part II-A Complete if the org section 501(h)).	janizatio	on is exe	mpt under sectio	n 501(c)(3) and fil	ed Form 5768 (e	election under
expenses, and share	re`of exces	ss lobbying		Part IV each affiliated	group member's nar	me, address, EIN,
Limi	ts on Lob	bying Expe			(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
1a Total lobbying expenditures to infli	uence pub	lic opinion (grass roots lobbying)			
b Total lobbying expenditures to influ				"		
c Total lobbying expenditures (add li	ines 1a an	d 1b)				
d Other exempt purpose expenditure	es					
e Total exempt purpose expenditure	s (add line	s 1c and 1c	d)			
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter	er the amo	unt from the	e following table in bot	h columns		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) o	or (b) is:	The lob	bying nontaxable am	ount is:		
Not over \$500,000		20% of	the amount on line 1e			
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000	0,000	\$100,00	00 plus 15% of the exc	ess over \$500,000		
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,5	00,000	\$175,00	00 plus 10% of the exc	ess over \$1,000,000.		
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,	,000,000	\$225,00	00 plus 5% of the exce	ess over \$1,500,000		
Over \$17,000,000		\$1,000,	000		`	
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (er	tor 25% o	flino 1fl			<u></u>	<u></u> !
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zer						
Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero						
j If there is an amount other than ze			line 1. did the organiz	ا atıon file Form 4720		<u> </u>
reporting section 4911 tax for this			into 11, did the organiz	u		Yes No
(Some organizations to		a section 5	eraging Period Under 01(h) election do not ate instructions for li	have to complete all	of the five columns	below.
	Lobi	oying Expe	nditures During 4-Ye	ar Averaging Period	-	
Calendar year (or:fiscal year beginning in)	, (a) :	2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	ſ					
b Lobbying ceiling amount						•
(150% of line 2a, column(e))						
c Total lobbying expenditures			-			
d Grassroots nontaxable amount						
e Grassroots ceiling amount						
(150% of line 2d, column (e))						ļ
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures						<u> </u>

Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2017

Schedule C (Form 990 or 990 EZ) 2017 CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION 47-2245708 Page 3 [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 ea	ach "Yes," response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description	1 0	a)	(t	o)
	lobbying activity	Yes	No	Amo	·
1	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				
	Volunteers?				
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?				
С	Media advertisements?				
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		-		
е	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?				
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?				
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?				
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?				
i	Other activities?				
J	Total Add lines 1c through 1i				
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?				
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912	İ			
С	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912				
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?	<u> </u>			
Par	t III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(4)	on 501(c))(5), or se	ction	
	501(c)(6).			^	
	^			Yes	No
	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?		1		
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?		2		
3	Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the control of the carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the carry over lobbying and political carry over lo				
Par	t III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(4)				0 : .
	501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered answered "Yes."	i "No," O	н (b) Par	t III-A, III	ne 3, is
1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members		1		
2	Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenditures)	ical			
	expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).				
а	Current year . 1		2a		
b	Carryover from last year		2b		
С	Total		2c		
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues		3		
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the ex	cess			
	does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and	political			
	expenditure next year?		4		
	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)		5		
Par					
	de the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated grou	p list), Part l	I-A, lines 1 a	and 2 (see	
ınstru	ctions), 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" on Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

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Name of the organization

CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION

Employer identification number 47-2245708

Pai	t I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advise		Accounts. Complete if the
•	organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Iir	ne 6	
		(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year		
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4	Aggregate value at end of year		
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in	writing that the assets held in donor advised fu	nds
	are the organization's property, subject to the organization's	exclusive legal control?	Yes No
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor a	advisors in writing that grant funds can be used	only
	for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor	or donor advisor, or for any other purpose confe	erring
	impermissible private benefit?		Yes No
Pai	t II Conservation Easements. Complete if the or	ganization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part I	V, line 7
1	Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organizat	ion (check all that apply)	
	Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or	education) Preservation of a historical	ly important land area
	Protection of natural habitat	Preservation of a certified I	nistoric structure
	Preservation of open space		
2	Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a quali	fied conservation contribution in the form of a c	conservation easement on the last
	day of the tax year		Held at the End of the Tax Year
а	Total number of conservation easements		2a
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements		2b
С	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic sta	ructure included in (a)	2c
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired	after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure	
	listed in the National Register		2d
3	Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, re	eleased, extinguished, or terminated by the orga	anization during the tax
	year >		
4	Number of states where property subject to conservation ea	sement is located >	
5	Does the organization have a written policy regarding the pe	riodic monitoring, inspection, handling of	
	violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements	t holds?	L Yes
6	Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting,	, handling of violations, and enforcing conserva	tion easements during the year
	>		
7	Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, hand	dling of violations, and enforcing conservation e	easements during the year
	▶ \$		
8	Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) about	ve satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)((B)(ı)
	and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?		└── Yes
9	In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservat	ion easements in its revenue and expense state	ement, and balance sheet, and
	include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization	ition's financial statements that describes the o	rganization's accounting for
	conservation easements		
Pai	t III Organizations Maintaining Collections of		Similar Assets.
	Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form	n 990, Part IV, line 8	
1a	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (AS	*	
	historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public ex	hibition, education, or research in furtherance of	of public service, provide, in Part XIII,
	the text of the footnote to its financial statements that descr	ribes these items	
b	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (AS	SC 958), to report in its revenue statement and	balance sheet works of art, historical
	treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, e	ducation, or research in furtherance of public s	ervice, provide the following amounts
	relating to these items		
	(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1		> \$
	(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X		> \$
2	If the organization received or held works of art, historical tre	easures, or other similar assets for financial gain	, provide
	the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 1	16 (ASC 958) relating to these items	
а	Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1		> \$
b	Assets included in Form 990, Part X		> \$
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Rar	t III Organizations Maintaining C	collections of A	rt, His	torical Tr	easures, or Oth	ner (Simil	ar Asse	ts (continu	ed)
3	Using the organization's acquisition, accessi	on, and other record	ds, chec	k any of the	following that are a	sıgnı	ficant	use of its	collection	items
	(check all that apply)									
а	Public exhibition	C	, <u> </u>	Loan or exc	hange programs					
b	Scholarly research	e	• 🗀	Other						
С	Preservation for future generations									
4	Provide a description of the organization's co	ollections and expla	ın how t	hey further t	he organization's ex	empt	purpo	ose in Par	t XIII	
5	During the year, did the organization solicit of	or receive donations	of art, h	istorical trea	sures, or other simil	ar as	sets		_	
	to be sold to raise funds rather than to be m				 .				Yes	<u> </u>
Par	t IV Escrow and Custodial Arran	•	ete if the	e organizatio	n answered "Yes" o	n Fo	rm 990), Part IV,	line 9, or	,
	reported an amount on Form 990, Pa									
1a	Is the organization an agent, trustee, custod	ian or other intermed	diary for	contribution	ns or other assets no	ot inc	luded	_	٦	
	on Form 990, Part X?							L	Yes	L No
b	If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII	and complete the fo	ollowing	table						
									Amount	
С	Beginning balance						1c			
	Additions during the year						1d			
е	Distributions during the year						1e			
f	Ending balance						1f		1.4	
	Did the organization include an amount on F						,		」Yes	⊢ No
	If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII									<u> </u>
Par	t V Endowment Funds. Complete	T				T	Thron	oara baak	(e) Four y	ann back
		(a) Current year	(b) !	Prior year	(c) Two years back	(a)	inree y	ears back	(e) Four y	ears back
1a	Beginning of year balance		<u> </u>			╁				
Ь	Contributions					╁				
C	Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					╁				
	Grants or scholarships		-			1		-		
е	Other expenditures for facilities				į					
	and programs					╁╌				
	Administrative expenses					┼──				
	End of year balance	reat year and balan) 	la soluma (s	l hold as					
2	Provide the estimated percentage of the cur	rem year end balanc	% %	rg, column (a	a)) Held as					
	Board designated or quasi-endowment									
	Permanent endowment	⁷⁰								
C	Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c sho									
20	Are there endowment funds not in the posse	•	ation th	at are held a	ind administered for	the	rnaniz	zation		
Sa	,	2351011 OF THE OFGATHE	auon ui	at are ricio a	ina administered for		or gui iiz	ation	۲	es No
	(i) unrelated organizations								3a(ı)	55 115
	(ii) related organizations								3a(II)	\top
h	If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organization	ations listed as requi	red on S	Schedule B?					3b	
4	Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the	•							<u> </u>	
	t VI Land, Buildings, and Equipm			10.100					* ***	
	Complete if the organization answere		0. Part I	V. line 11a S	See Form 990, Part	X, line	10			
	Description of property	(a) Cost or o					mulate	ed	(d) Book	value
	Decempes of property	basis (investi		1 ' '	1 ' '		ciation		` '	
	Land		· ·							
	Buildings									
	Leasehold improvements							1 "		
	Equipment									
	Other									
_	I. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must e	equal Form 990, Part	X, colu	mn (B), line 1	10c)			▶		0.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" o				
(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valu	lation Cost or en	d-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives				
(2) Closely-held equity interests				
(3) Other				
(A)				
(B) ·			 	
(C)				- `
(D)				
(E)				" "
(F)				
(G)				
(H) 15 100 P 17 100 P				-
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)				
Part VIII Investments - Program Related.				
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" o				d of-year market value
(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) iviethod of Vall	ration Cost or en	u oryear market value
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(8)				
(9)				
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶ Part IX Other Assets.		<u></u>		
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" o	n Form 000 Port IV	line 11d See Form 000 Dr	ort V line 15	
	escription	ine ita See roini 990, ra	art X, lille 13	(b) Book value
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(9) Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line	15)			
Part X Other Liabilities.	13)	 		1
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" o	n Form 990 Part IV	line 11e or 11f See Form 0	ION Part Y line 2	5
(a) December of behilder	11 FORTH 990, Fart TV,	(b) Book value	30, Fait A, line 2.	<u> </u>
***************************************		(8) 2001 14100		
(1) Federal income taxes				
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(9)	05)			
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line		<u></u>		
2. Liability for uncertain tax positions In Part XIII, provide t				
organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under F	-IN 48 (ASC 740) C	neck here if the text of the f	ootnote has beer	n provided in Part XIII LA

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SCHEDULE G (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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Name of the organization					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1		entification number
	CONVENT	ION OF STATES ACT	ION		-		47-2245	708
	ing Activities complete this par	Complete if the organization answ	ered "\	es" o	n Form 990, Part IV,	line 17	Form 990-E2	Z filers are not
1 Indicate whether the	e organization rais	sed funds through any of the follow	ıng actı	vities	Check all that apply		-	
a X Mail solicitati	ons	e 🔲 Solicita	ation of	non-g	overnment grants			
	email solicitations	s f 🦳 Solicita	ation of	gover	nment grants			
c X Phone solicit		g L Specia	ıl fundra	aising	events			
d X In-person sol								
_		or oral agreement with any individua					or X Yes	
, , ,	•	art VII) or entity in connection with	•					
compensated at lea	•	viduals or entities (fundraisers) purs e organization	suant to	agree	ements under which	trie iui	ioraiser is to t	je
	·		(iii)	Did			Amount paid	(vi) Amount paid
(i) Name and address		(ii) Activity	I have c	ustody	(iv) Gross receipts from activity		r retained by) undraiser	to (or retained by)
or entity (fund	raiseri		contrib	itrol of utions?	noin activity		ed in col (i)	organization
THE RICHARD NORMAN	COMPANY -		Yes	No				
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ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT -	113 E							
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SEE PART IV FOR CONTINUATIONS

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13 Does the organization conduct 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 conducted in	يه ا ميا
a The organization's facility b An outside facility	13a %
14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and reco	
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 am	ount
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 L No
b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or speni organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$	in the
Part IV Supplemental Information. 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 provide any additional information. See instructions	
SCHEDULE G, PART I, LINE 2B, LIST OF TEN HIGHEST PAID FUNDRA	AISERS:
/ T \ MANE OF BUNDDATGED. BUE DIGUADD NODWAN GONDANY	
(I) NAME OF FUNDRAISER: THE RICHARD NORMAN COMPANY	
(I) ADDRESS OF FUNDRAISER: 113 E MARKET ST SUITE 300, LEESBU	URG, VA 20176
/T\ NAME OF BUNDDATOED ACTUE THOUGHT	
(I) NAME OF FUNDRAISER: ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT	
(I) ADDRESS OF FUNDRAISER: 113 E MARKET ST SUITE 300, LEESBU	URG, VA 20176
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SCHEDULE J (Form 990)

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

► Attach to Form 990.

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Name of the organization

CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION

Employer identification number 47-2245708

Pa	irt i Questions Regarding Compensation			
			Yes	No
1a	Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990,			
	Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items			
	First-class or charter travel Housing allowance or residence for personal use			
	Travel for companions Payments for business use of personal residence			
	Tax indemnification and gross-up payments Health or social club dues or initiation fees			i I
	Discretionary spending account . Personal services (such as, maid, chauffeur, chef)	ļ		l i
b	If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or			
	reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b		
2	Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors,			
	trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?	2		
	,			1 1
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's			
	CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to			
	establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III			
	Compensation committee Written employment contract			
	Independent compensation consultant Compensation survey or study			1]
	Form 990 of other organizations Approval by the board or compensation committee			
				1 1
4	During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing			
	organization or a related organization			
а	Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	4a	ш	X
b	Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4b		X
С	Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?	4c		X
	If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III	,		
				l i
	Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.			1 1
5	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation			1 1
	contingent on the revenues of	<u></u> -		
	The organization?	5a	igwdown	X
b	Any related organization?	5b	$\vdash \vdash \vdash$	 ^- ,
	If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III			
6	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation			1 1
	contingent on the net earnings of			
	The organization?	6a	\vdash	$\frac{\hat{x}}{x}$
b	Any related organization?	6b		<u> </u>
_	If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III	- 1		
7		 -		$\frac{1}{x}$
_	not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	7	$\vdash \vdash \vdash$	 ^- .
8	Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the	<u>_</u>		_ <u></u> _
	initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53 4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	8	$\vdash\vdash\vdash$	<u> </u>
9	If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in			
	Regulations section 53 4958-6/c)?	9		1

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2017

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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 on 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 aren't 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

		(B) Breakdown of \	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation	SC compensation	(C) Retirement and	(D) Nontaxable	(E) Total of columns	(F) Compensation
(A) Name and Trile	•	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation	other deferred compensation		(D)·(J)·(B)	in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
(1) MARK MECKLER	3	0	0	0.	0	0	0	0
	Ξ	223,588.	0	0.	0	22,221.	245,80	0
(2) MICHAEL TRANCHINA	Ξ	0	0	0.	0	0		0
CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER	Ξ	131,249.	0	0.	0	19,152.	150,401.	0
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SCHEDULE 0

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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.

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Name of the organization CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION	Employer identification number 47-2245708
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 3:	
CONTRACT WITH CITIZENS FOR SELF GOVERNANCE FOR PERSONNEL.	
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:	1
THE RETURN IS PROVIDED TO EACH BOARD MEMBER PRIOR TO FILI	NG.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:	
LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEWS OUTGOING ORGANIZATIONAL PAYMENTS AN	D ROUTINELY
MONITORS FOR POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. ALL MEMBERS	OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS ARE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE ANY POSSIBLE CONFLICTS	OF INTEREST AT
THE ORGANIZATION'S ANNUAL BOARD MEETING. ANY OFFICER OR	DIRECTOR WHO FAILS
TO PROPERLY REPORT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IS SUBJECT TO S.	ANCTION BY THE
BOARD.	
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 17, LIST OF STATES RECEIVING COPY	OF FORM 990:
AL, AK, AR, CA, CT, CO, FL, GA, IL, KS, KY, ME, MA, MI, MN, MS, NH, NJ, NM,	NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR
PA,RI,SC,TN,UT,VA,WV,WI,AZ,HI,LA,MO,WA	
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:	
THE ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTER	EST POLICY, AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON	REQUEST.

SCHEDULE R

(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Part

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Identification of Disregarded Entitles. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33

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Direct controlling Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year entity Ξ End-of-year assets <u>e</u> Total income Ð Legal domicile (state or foreign country) Primary activity 9 Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity Part II

(a)	(q)	(2)	(p)	(e)	(a)	(6)	
Name, address, and EIN	Primary activity	Legal domicile (state or	Exempt Code	Public charity	Direct controlling	Section 512(b)(Z(b)(13)
of related organization		foreign country)	section	status (if section	entity	entity?	<i>'</i> '
				501(c)(3))		Yes	N _o
CITIZENS FOR SELF-GOVERNANCE - 27-1657203					,		
5850 SAN PELIPE, SUITE 575A	`						
HOUSTON, TX 77057	CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION	TEXAS	501(C)(3)	LINE 7			×
CSG ACTION - 27-4648506							
5850 SAN FELIPE, SUITE 585							
HOUSTON, TX 77057	ADVOCACY	TEXAS	501(C)(4)				×
DEFENDING LIBERTY INC - 81-2322002							
1464 MORENA BLVD							
SAN DIEGO, CA 92110	ADVOCACY	MISSOURI	501(C)(4)				×
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Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year

(k)	General or Percentage managing ownership partner?											ore related
()	beneral or nanaging partner?	Yes No	\	_					 			ne or mo
(1)	Code V-UBI											, because it had or
(y)	Disproportionate allocations?	Yes No										art IV, line 34
(6)	Share of end-of-year	assets										" on Form 990, Pa
(J)	Share of total income											on answered "Yes
(e)	Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under	sections 512-514)										oration or Trust. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related year
(p)	Direct controlling entity											oration or Trust. Cor
<u>ت</u>	Legal domicile (state or	country)										as a Corposite tax
(Q)	Primary activity											ganizations Taxable a
(a)	Name, address, and EIN of related organization	·										[Part IV] Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or trust during the tax

	(i) (u) (b) (j)	total Share of Per-				7					
	(e)	Type of entity (C corp, S corp,	(Jens) IO			 					
	(p)	Direct controlling entity									
	၁	Legal domicile (state or foreign	country)								
ing the tax year	(q) ,	Primary activity									
organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year	(a)	Name, address, and EIN of related organization									

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[Part V] Transactions With Related Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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.					Yes	å
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?	is with one or more re	ated organizations listed	ın Parts II·IV?		_	_
a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity	•	•		1 a	7	×
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)				1p		×
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)				10		×
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)				19		×
e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)				1e		×
					-	,
f Dividends from related organization(s)				=	1	4
g Sale of assets to related organization(s)				1g	_	×
h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)				÷	1	×
 Exchange of assets with related organization(s) 				-	+	×
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)				<u>;</u>		×
k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)				*		x
I Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)	anization(s)			=		×
m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)	ınızatıon(s)			Ę	_	×
n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)	ion(s)			Ę	_	×
o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)				٩		×
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 Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses 				₽	-	- ⊳
r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)				=		ן∝ן
s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)				18		×
2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on w	who must complete th	is line, including covered	information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds			
(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a·s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved	volved		
(1) CITIZENS FOR SELF-GOVERNANCE	Ъ	1,469,913.	ACTUAL AMOUNT INVOICED			
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
(5)						
(6)						
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Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue)

(state or foreign excluded from tax united tax occurry) sections 512-514) Yes No income sections 512-514) Yes No income	(a) Name, address, and EIN	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile	(d) Predominant income	(e) Are all partners sec	(f) Share of	(g) Share of	(h) Dispropor-	(i) Code V-UBI	(j) General o	(k) rPercentage
	of entity	,	ng	(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	501(c)(3) orgs 7	total income	end-of-year assets	tonate affocations?	amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	partner?	ownership
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	Provide additional inform	ation for responses to questions on Sch	edule R See instructions	
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