

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)

2008

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning JUL 1, 2008 and ending JUN 30, 2009

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B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type: See Specific Instructions	C Name of organization COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND Doing Business As Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 1133 19TH STREET, NW 900 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 WASHINGTON, DC 20036 F Name and address of principal officer: ROBERT W. EDGAR SAME AS C ABOVE	D Employer identification number 31-1705370 E Telephone number (202) 833-1200 G Gross receipts \$ 3,949,439. H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶
I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (3) (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		J Website: ▶ N/A	
K Type of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶ EDUCATION		L Year of formation 2000 M State of legal domicile DE	

Part I Summary																				
	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: SUPPORTING COMMON CAUSE IN ITS MISSION TO RESTORE THE CORE VALUES OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY.																		
Activities & Governance	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets.																		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3		11															
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4		10															
	5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5		0															
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6		300															
	7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	7a		0.															
	7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b		0.															
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width:15%;"></th> <th style="width:15%;">Prior Year</th> <th style="width:15%;">Current Year</th> </tr> <tr> <td>8</td> <td>4,282,124.</td> <td>3,912,186.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9</td> <td></td> <td>25,687.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10</td> <td>40,518.</td> <td>11,566.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12</td> <td>4,322,642.</td> <td>3,949,439.</td> </tr> </table>			Prior Year	Current Year	8	4,282,124.	3,912,186.	9		25,687.	10	40,518.	11,566.	12	4,322,642.	3,949,439.	
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	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)																		
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 10d)																		
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)																		
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)																		
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-6)																		
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)																		
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	2,017,527.		3,227,639.															
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	13,500.																	
	16b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 490,486.																		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	1,117,075.		2,473,331.															
	18	Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	3,148,102.		5,700,970.															
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	1,174,540.		<1,751,531.>															
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width:15%;"></th> <th style="width:15%;">Beginning of Year</th> <th style="width:15%;">End of Year</th> </tr> <tr> <td>20</td> <td>2,495,738.</td> <td>975,774.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21</td> <td>1,176,641.</td> <td>1,408,208.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22</td> <td>1,319,097.</td> <td><432,434.></td> </tr> </table>			Beginning of Year	End of Year	20	2,495,738.	975,774.	21	1,176,641.	1,408,208.	22	1,319,097.	<432,434.>				
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	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)																		
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20																		

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.				
Sign Here	Signature of officer	Date 4/16/2010		
	ROBERT W. EDGAR, PRESIDENT AND CEO Type or print name and title			
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 TATE AND TRYON 805 15TH STREET, NW SUITE 900 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	Date 4/16/10	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions) EIN ▶ Phone no ▶ (202) 293-2200

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

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: SEE SCHEDULE O FOR CONTINUATION IN SUPPORT OF COMMON CAUSE'S MISSION OF PROMOTING OPEN, HONEST, AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT, THE COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND SEEKS, THROUGH RESEARCH, PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS, TO: INCREASE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE,

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 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 exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported. SEE SCHEDULE O FOR CONTINUATION(S)

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,714,338. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) VOTING AND ELECTIONS RAISED PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE INTEGRITY OF ELECTIONS BY IMPROVING THE ACCURACY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF VOTING SYSTEMS AND REDUCING BARRIERS TO VOTING, ESPECIALLY FOR TRADITIONALLY DISENFRANCHISED CITIZENS WORKED WITH ALLIES AND STATE ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS TO ENSURE THE USE OF VOTER-VERIFIED PAPER BALLOTS AND ROUTINE POST-ELECTION AUDITS EDUCATED THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE NEED FOR REDISTRICTING REFORM AND, IN CALIFORNIA, HELPED IMPLEMENT NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING REFORMS ENACTED BY THE VOTERS.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,642,555. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) MONEY AND POLITICS: EDUCATED THE PUBLIC ABOUT HOW SPECIAL INTEREST MONEY IMPACTS LEGISLATION ON THE CRITICAL ISSUES FACING OUR SOCIETY, FROM HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION AND JOBS TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND FINANCIAL REGULATION DEVELOPED MODEL POLICIES FOR VOLUNTARY CITIZEN-FUNDED ELECTION PROGRAMS AT FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS DEFENDED THE LANDMARK CITIZENS ELECTION PROGRAM IN CONNECTICUT

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 723,444. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT: EDUCATED THE PUBLIC AND POLICYMAKERS ABOUT STANDARDS AND PRACTICES TO ENSURE THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS AND GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATORS OPERATE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST WATCHDOGGED IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW HOUSE OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS CONVENED BROAD STATE-BASED COALITIONS TO ENSURE PUBLIC OVERSIGHT OF FEDERAL STIMULUS SPENDING, INCLUDING SPEARHEADING A MODEL INITIATIVE IN NEW YORK STATE ADVOCATED FOR CREATION OF AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION OF INQUIRY TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED ABUSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CONCERNING THE USE OF TORTURE AND WARRENTLESS SURVEILLANCE HONORED MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO RISKED THEIR CAREERS BY REFUSING TO USE

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ 892,174. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 25,687.)

4e Total program service expenses \$ 4,972,511. (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B))

Part IV 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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
3	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
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	X	
5	Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	N/A	
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where 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
7	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
8	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
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, 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
10	Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		X
11	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable</i>	X	
12	Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i>		X
13	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.?		X
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U.S.? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</i>	X	
15	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, Part II</i>		X
16	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, Part III</i>		X
17	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		X
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		X
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	X	
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? <i>If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K</i> <i>If "No," go to question 25</i>		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. 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	Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly 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
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
28 During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee:		
a Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
c Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
30 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
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
32 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
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>	X	
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	X	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X

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Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Section A. Governing Body and Management

For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		
1b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent		
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 organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
7b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		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	
9a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
9b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
10	Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990	X	
11	Is there any officer, director or 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

		Yes	No
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
12b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
12c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	X	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14	Does 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? Describe the process in Schedule O. (see instructions)		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," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken 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 (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.
- 20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: **BETTE MARCHANT - VP, FIN & ADMIN - 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

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

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed

• List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

• 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 the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee, or key employee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(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			
MARTHA TIERNEY CHAIRMAN	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
JACK TAYLOR VICE CHAIRMAN	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
MAYA MACGUINEAS SECRETARY (PART YR)	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
BETH GARRETT TREASURER (PART YR)	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
BENJAMIN BARBER BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
LEONARD BAYNES BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
JULIE FERNANDES BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
MARGARET FUNG BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
JACK GOULD BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
LEONARD HILL BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
PETER LAURIA BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
HAROLD PACHIOS BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
ROBERT W. EDGAR PRESIDENT AND CEO	26.30	X		X			126,538.	54,231.	12,127.	
ELIZABETH MARCHANT VP/FINANCE & ADMIN	11.30			X			42,282.	98,660.	10,454.	
SARAH DUFENDACH CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE AFF	1.50				X		5,801.	139,209.	15,252.	
KAREN HOBART-FLYNN VP/STATE OPERATIONS	22.50				X		71,568.	47,712.	9,823.	
MARY ANDERSON VP/COMMUNICATIONS	30.00				X		86,048.	21,512.	20,923.	

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(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			
EDWIN DAVIS VP/POLICY & RESEARCH	33.80					X		90,104.	10,012.	13,042.
1b Total								422,341.	371,336.	81,621.

2 Total number of individuals (including those in 1a) who received more than \$100,000 in 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 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.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
GUARDIAN P.O. BOX 95101, CHICAGO, IL 60694	HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDER	475,775.
STRATEGIC MARKETING AND MAILING, INC P.O. BOX 6013, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61826	FUNDRAISING SERVICES	285,050.
TARGET SOFTWARE 1030 MASSACHUSETTS AVE, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138	WEB DATABASE HOSTING	173,860.
OMP, 1133 19TH ST NW 3RD FL, WASHINGTON, DC 20036	FUNDRAISING CONSULTANT	152,224.

2 Total number of independent contractors (including those in 1) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization ▶ 4

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) 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	3912186.				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$						
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		3,912,186.				
	Program Service Revenue	2 a	PROGRAM FEES	Business Code 900099	25,687.	25,687.		
b								
c								
d								
e								
f		All other program service revenue						
g		Total. Add lines 2a-2f		25,687.				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		11,566.			11,566.	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5	Royalties						
	6 a	Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		Less. rental expenses						
		Rental income or (loss)						
		Net rental income or (loss)						
	7 a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		Less. cost or other basis and sales expenses						
		Gain or (loss)						
		Net gain or (loss)						
	8 a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a					
		Less: direct expenses	b					
		Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
	9 a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a					
Less. direct expenses		b						
Net income or (loss) from gaming activities								
10 a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a						
	Less: cost of goods sold	b						
	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code					
11 a								
	b							
	c							
	d	All other revenue						
	e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
12	Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e			3,949,439.	25,687.	0.	11,566.	

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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

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 U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	430,159.	271,663.	61,348.	97,148.
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	2,173,066.	1,927,224.		245,842.
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	66,198.	54,895.	1,424.	9,879.
9 Other employee benefits	179,030.	148,144.	4,977.	25,909.
10 Payroll taxes	379,186.	320,290.	8,936.	49,960.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	193,704.	193,704.		
b Legal	13,232.		12,381.	851.
c Accounting	14,236.		14,236.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	143,810.	143,810.		
12 Advertising and promotion	359,518.	337,650.		21,868.
13 Office expenses	66,293.		53,138.	13,155.
14 Information technology	136,937.	107,785.	29,152.	
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	320,625.	301,152.	15,850.	3,623.
17 Travel	153,712.	131,461.		22,251.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	164,722.	164,722.		
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	4,277.		4,277.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a CONSULTANT FEES & EXPEN	870,003.	870,003.		
b REGISTRATION FEES	14,717.		14,717.	
c MISCELLANEOUS	13,923.	8.	13,915.	
d FINANCE SERVICES & BANK	3,622.		3,622.	
e				
f All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	5,700,970.	4,972,511.	237,973.	490,486.
26 Joint Costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	1,273,616.	1	152,795.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	1,179,704.	3	785,000.
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	5,647.	9	<810.>
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost basis	10a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10b	10c	
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	36,771.	11	38,789.
	12 Investments - other securities See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		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)	2,495,738.	16	975,774.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	69,317.	17	291,507.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable		24	
	25 Other liabilities Complete Part X of Schedule D	1,107,324.	25	1,116,701.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	1,176,641.	26	1,408,208.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	<732,422.>	27	<2,693,456.>
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	2,051,519.	28	2,261,022.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	1,319,097.	33	<432,434.>	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	2,495,738.	34	975,774.	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?		X
c	If "Yes" to lines 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?		
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?		

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	2237698.	5181974.	2285162.	4282124.	3912186.	17899144.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 - 3	2237698.	5181974.	2285162.	4282124.	3912186.	17899144.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						5946210.
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						11952934.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	2237698.	5181974.	2285162.	4282124.	3912186.	17899144.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	2,570.	80,387.	55,358.	59,913.	11,566.	209,794.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						18108938.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	66.01	%
15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	51.55	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
b 33 1/3% support test - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2) (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 - 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

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

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▶ To be completed by organizations described below.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, 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), then

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

Name of organization: **COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND** Employer identification number: **31-1705370**

Part I-A To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c) and section 527 organizations.
See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

- 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 To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3).
See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

- 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 To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).
See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

- 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 of direct and indirect exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2 and enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$ _____
- 4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No
- 5 State the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which payments were made. Enter the amount paid and indicate if the amount was paid from the filing organization's funds or were political contributions received and 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-

Part II-A To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that filed Form 5768

(election under section 501(h)). See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

- A Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group.
 B Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1 a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	0.													
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	0.													
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	0.													
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	5,700,970.													
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	5,700,970.													
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns	435,049.													
<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.		
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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.														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	108,762.													
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. Enter -0- if line g is more than line a	0.													
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. Enter -0- if line f is more than line c	0.													
j	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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 of the instructions.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) Total	
2a	Lobbying non-taxable amount	347,307.	348,706.	308,410.	435,049.	1,439,472.
b	Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					2,159,208.
c	Total lobbying expenditures	0.				
d	Grassroots non-taxable amount	86,827.	87,177.	77,103.	108,762.	359,869.
e	Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					539,804.
f	Grassroots lobbying expenditures	0.				

Part II-B To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
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:			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e 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 other means?			
i Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV			
j Total 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			
c 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?			

Part III-A To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6). See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

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

Part III-B To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, questions 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, question 3 is answered "Yes." See Schedule C instructions for details.

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) non-deductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid):		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c 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 excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 2c total minus 3 and 4)	5	

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, and Part II-B, line 1i. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Schedule D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

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Name of the organization **COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND** Employer identification number **31-1705370**

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.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate 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 funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or other impermissible private benefit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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

- Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	
- Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
2a	
2b	
2c	
2d	

 - Total number of conservation easements
 - Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
 - Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
 - Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06
- Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ▶ _____
- Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____
- Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No
- Staff or volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ▶ _____
- Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ▶ \$ _____
- Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No
- In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

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

- If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.
- If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:
 - Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____
 - Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____
- If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items:
 - Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____
 - Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

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

3 Using the organization's 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 XIV.

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 Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if 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 XIV and complete the following table:

- c Beginning balance
- d Additions during the year
- e Distributions during the year
- f Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

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

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if 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					
b Contributions					
c Investment earnings or losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment _____ %
- b Permanent endowment _____ %
- c Term endowment _____ %

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

- (i) unrelated organizations
- (ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

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

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

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

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other				

Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) ▶ 0.

**Schedule F
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Statement of Activities Outside the United States

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▶ Attach to Form 990. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, line 15, or line 16.

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Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No

2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds outside the United States

3 Activities per Region. (Use Schedule F-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees or agents in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (i.e., fundraising, program services, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures in region
EUROPE	0	0	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	ADVOCACY TRAINING	18,091.
NORTH AMERICA	0	0	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	ADVOCACY TRAINING	5,164.
CENTRAL AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN	0	0	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	ADVOCACY TRAINING	20,689.
Totals					43,944.

**SCHEDULE J
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Compensation Information

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

▶ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If line 1a is 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

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change of control payment?
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete lines 5-8.

5 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?

If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?

If "Yes" to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs. section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

	Yes	No
1b		X
2	X	
4a		X
4b		X
4c		X
5a		X
5b		X
6a		X
6b		X
7		X
8		X

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2008

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use Schedule J-1 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) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a

(A) Name	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other compensation				
ROBERT W. EDGAR	(i) 93,708.	0.	32,830.	3,961.	10,417.	140,916.	0.
	(ii) 40,161.	0.	14,070.	1,697.	4,465.	60,393.	0.
ELIZABETH MARCHANT	(i) 36,193.	0.	6,089.	908.	2,958.	46,148.	0.
	(ii) 84,451.	0.	14,209.	2,118.	6,901.	107,679.	0.
SARAH DUFENDACH	(i) 5,346.	0.	455.	351.	337.	6,489.	0.
	(ii) 128,294.	0.	10,915.	8,432.	8,093.	155,734.	0.
	(i)						
	(ii)						
	(i)						
	(ii)						
	(i)						
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	(i)						
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	(i)						
	(ii)						
	(i)						
	(ii)						

Part III Supplemental Information

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

PART I, LINE 1B: BOB EDGAR, WHO RECEIVES THE HOUSING ALLOWANCE, IS A
METHODIST MINISTER WHO HAS 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
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.

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

THE NEED FOR CHANGE; EMPOWER CITIZENS AND PROMOTE THEIR EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL; AND EMPOWER CITIZENS TO HOLD THEIR GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE.

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

INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES THEY CONSIDERED TORTURE

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

MEDIA AND DEMOCRACY:

WORKED TO ENSURE NET NEUTRALITY AND OTHER POLICIES TO PROMOTE A VIBRANT, ACCESSIBLE AND DIVERSE MEDIA CULTURE.

EXPENSES \$ 694398. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS:

ASSISTED WITH CIVIL SOCIETY EFFORTS IN SEVERAL FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

EXPENSES \$ 116183. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 25687.

YOUTH PROGRAMS:

WORKED TO DEVELOP AND PROMOTE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES.

EXPENSES \$ 81593. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 10: 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

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REVIEW. THE BOARD MEMBERS HAVE TWO 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 ENFORCING COMPLIANCE WITH 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;

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B) IS FAIR AND REASONABLE TO THE ORGANIZATION; AND

C) IS THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TRANSACTION OR ARRANGEMENT THE ORGANIZATION CAN OBTAIN WITH

REASONABLE EFFORTS 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 HER DUTIES FOR THE FUND, 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 15: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD CONDUCTS A 360 DEGREE REVIEW OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PRIOR TO DETERMINING THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION. THEY INTERVIEW THE SENIOR STAFF AND THEN CONFER AS A COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE BRINGS ITS DECISION TO THE FULL BOARD AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING OF THE YEAR BEFORE A CONTRACT IS WRITTEN FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR. THE SALARY OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.

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THE FULL BOARD APPROVES THE SALARY BUDGET FOR THE ORGANIZATION.

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

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 EDUCATION FUND SEEKS TO BE FAITHFUL TO ITS MISSION BY BEING OPEN AND ACCOUNTABLE TO OUR MEMBERS. 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.

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations

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

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?

a Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties (iv) rent from a controlled entity

b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s)

c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s)

d Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s)

e Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s)

f Sale of assets to other organization(s)

g Purchase of assets from other organization(s)

h Exchange of assets

i Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to other organization(s)

j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from other organization(s)

k Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s)

l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s)

m Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets

n Sharing of paid employees

o Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses

p Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses

q Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s)

r Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s)

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(s)	(B) Transaction type (a-r)	(C) Amount involved
(1) COMMON CAUSE		M	320,626.
(2) COMMON CAUSE		N	2,603,225.
(3) COMMON CAUSE		O	3,387,000.
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

▶ **File a separate application for each return.**

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box
 - If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form)
- Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed)

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns

Electronic Filing (e-file). Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T). However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*

Type or print	Name of Exempt Organization COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND	Employer identification number 31-1705370
File by the due date for filing your return See instructions	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions 1133 19TH STREET, NW, NO. 900	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code For a foreign address, see instructions WASHINGTON, DC 20036	

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return)

- | | | |
|--|--|------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

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- The books are in the care of ▶ **1133 19TH STREET, NW #900 - WASHINGTON, DC 20036**
Telephone No ▶ **202-833-1200** FAX No ▶ _____
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____. If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6-months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until **FEBRUARY 15, 2010**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
 ▶ calendar year _____ or
 ▶ tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2008**, and ending **JUN 30, 2009**

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990 T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits See instructions	3a	\$	
b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$	
c Balance Due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System) See instructions	3c	\$	N/A

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions

- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II and check this box **X**
- Note.** Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.
- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I (on page 1)

Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time. Only file the original (no copies needed)		
Type or print File by the extended due date for filing the return See instructions.	Name of Exempt Organization COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND	Employer identification number 31-1705370
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions 1133 19TH STREET, NW, NO. 900	For IRS use only
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code For a foreign address, see instructions. WASHINGTON, DC 20036	

Check type of return to be filed (File a separate application for each return):

- Form 990
 Form 990-EZ
 Form 990-T (sec 401(a) or 408(a) trust)
 Form 1041-A
 Form 5227
 Form 8870
 Form 990-BL
 Form 990-PF
 Form 990 T (trust other than above)
 Form 4720
 Form 6069

STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

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• The books are in the care of **1133 19TH STREET, NW #900 - WASHINGTON, DC 20036**
 Telephone No **202-833-1200** FAX No

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ If this is for the whole group, check this box If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for _____

4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until **MAY 15, 2010**
 5 For calendar year _____, or other tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2008**, and ending **JUN 30, 2009**
 6 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

7 State in detail why you need the extension
ADDITIONAL TIME IS NEEDED TO COMPILE THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO FILE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RETURN.

8a	If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions	8a	\$
b	If this application is for Form 990 PF, 990 T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868	8b	\$
c	Balance Due. Subtract line 8b from line 8a Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions	8c	\$ N/A

Signature and Verification

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature *Deborah E. Kosner* Title *CPA* Date *2/12/10*