

Form **990**
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

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)

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

OMB No 1545-0047
2011
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2011 and ending 06-30-2012

- B** Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

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 NO 900

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
 WASHINGTON, DC 20036

D Employer identification number
 31-1705370

E Telephone number
 (202) 833-1200

G Gross receipts \$ 4,733,112

F Name and address of principal officer
 ROBERT W EDGAR
 1133 19TH STREET NW NO 900
 WASHINGTON, DC 20036

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No

H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ▶ N/A

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation 2000 **M** State of legal domicile DE

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND OUTREACH TO RESTORE AND STRENGTHEN THE CORE VALUES OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	27
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	26
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	499
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	5,484,378	4,716,201
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	42,828	15,500
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	336	1,276
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	5,527,542	4,732,977
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0	0
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	2,511,045	2,844,695
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	1,568
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 543,080		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	1,983,531	1,527,481
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	4,494,576	4,373,744	
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	1,032,966	359,233	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,441,186	2,206,040
	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	533,138	938,947
		908,048	1,267,093

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: 2012-11-09

Type or print name and title: ROBERT W EDGAR PRESIDENT AND CEO

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: DEBORAH G KOSNETT Date: _____ Check if self-employed

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: TATE AND TRYON, 2021 L STREET NW SUITE 400, WASHINGTON, DC 20036

Preparer's taxpayer identification number (see instructions): P00290720

EIN: 52-1855942

Phone no: (202) 293-2200

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

THE COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND (CCFE) IS A NONPARTISAN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO RESTORING THE CORE VALUES OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY, REINVENTING AN OPEN, HONEST, AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT THAT SERVES THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND EMPOWERING ORDINARY PEOPLE TO MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS CCFE EMPLOYS RESEARCH, OUTREACH, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING, AND COALITION BUILDING TO INCREASE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF HOW OUR DEMOCRACY WORKS, EMPOWER CITIZENS TO HOLD THEIR GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE, AND PROMOTE BROAD AND EFFECTIVE CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT AT FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS

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 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 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 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

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 1,290,725 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 12,900)

VOTING AND ELECTIONS-WORKED IN NUMEROUS STATES TO EDUCATE AND ENGAGE THE PUBLIC ABOUT REDISTRICTING AND THE NEED FOR INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS THAT REPRESENT THE NEEDS OF CITIZENS AND NOT POLITICIANS -IN NEW YORK, WON INCLUSION OF COMMON CAUSE REFORM MAPS IN THE FEDERAL COURT'S CONGRESSIONAL MAP ENGAGED THE PUBLIC THROUGH CONTESTS TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN VERSIONS OF FAIR DISTRICTS - SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED CALIFORNIA'S REDISTRICTING REFORMS, AS ADOPTED BY THE VOTERS, AND HELPED DEFEND THE CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION'S NEW MAPS -CONVENED A NATIONAL STRATEGY CONFERENCE ON REDISTRICTING AND VOTER PROTECTION AND LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN TO ENSURE THAT ELECTIONS ARE ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL VOTERS AND THAT VOTING SYSTEMS ARE ACCURATE AND SECURE

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 1,251,148 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

MONEY AND POLITICS-MOBILIZED SHAREHOLDERS, INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS AND ALLIES TO PRESSURE MAJOR CORPORATIONS TO CEASE POLITICAL SPENDING USING CORPORATE FUNDS, WITH TARGETED ACTIONS TO PROMOTE SHAREHOLDER RESOLUTIONS AT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF BANK OF AMERICA, 3M AND TARGET -WORKED TO EXPOSE THE ROLE THAT THE AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL, PLAYS IN INFLUENCING LEGISLATION AT THE STATE LEVEL, FILED AN IRS WHISTLEBLOWER CLAIM DOCUMENTING ALEC'S EXTENSIVE LOBBYING IN VIOLATION OF ITS TAX-EXEMPT STATUS AND DESPITE CLAIMING NO LOBBYING ON SWORN TAX STATEMENTS, AND FILED REQUESTS FOR INVESTIGATIONS INTO ALEC'S SUSPECTED UNDISCLOSED LOBBYING WITH 48 STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL RELEASED DEEP DRILLING, DEEP POCKETS, A MAJOR REPORT DETAILING POLITICAL SPENDING BY THE NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 1,106,223 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

ETHICS, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT-DOCUMENTED EXAMPLES OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICES NOT FOLLOWING WIDELY ACCEPTED ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR JUDGES, AND CHALLENGED THE COURT TO VOLUNTARILY ADOPT THE JUDICIAL CODE OF CONDUCT, DELIVERING TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE A PETITION SIGNED BY OVER 10,000 COMMON CAUSE MEMBERS -BROUGHT SUIT AGAINST THE U S SENATE IN A COMPLAINT FILED IN THE U S DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHALLENGING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE SENATE FILIBUSTER RULE, THE CONTINUED ABUSE OF WHICH HAS STALLED FLOOR DEBATE ON HUNDREDS OF BILLS, LEFT 85 FEDERAL JUDGESHIPS VACANT, AND BLOCKED THE APPOINTMENT OF CRUCIAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY POSITIONS

(Code) (Expenses \$ 4,124 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 2,600)

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS -ASSISTED WITH CIVIL SOCIETY EFFORTS IN SEVERAL FOREIGN COUNTRIES

(Code) (Expenses \$ 1,005 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 0)

YOUTH PROGRAMS -WORKED IN NUMEROUS STATES TO RECRUIT AND TRAIN COLLEGE STUDENTS TO ACT AS POLL MONITORS DURING THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS -ENGAGED STUDENTS IN DEMOCRACY ISSUES ACROSS THE COUNTRY

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ 5,129 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 2,600)

4e Total program service expenses \$ 3,653,225

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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes,' then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E.</i>		No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
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 U S? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II and IV.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
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 U S? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III and IV.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I.</i>		No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II.</i>		No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III.</i>		No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H.</i>		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statement to this return? Note. All Form 990 filers that operated one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements.		
20b		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	Yes	
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. If "No," go to line 25</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
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?	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) 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>	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		No
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>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
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)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	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 owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c	Yes	
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		No
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>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
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>	32		No
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>	33		No
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>	34	Yes	
35a	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the filing organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b		No
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>	36	Yes	
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>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with columns for question number, question text, sub-questions (1a-14b), and Yes/No columns. Includes questions about Form 1096, W-2G forms, employee reporting, foreign accounts, and charitable trusts.

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who 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?		No
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?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	Yes	
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		No
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		No
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
8a	The governing body?	Yes	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	Yes	
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		No

Section 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?		No
10b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	Yes	
11b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	Yes	
12b	Were officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	Yes	
12c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	Yes	
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	Yes	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization		No
	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?		No
16b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **AL, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN, 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**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made 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 made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table.
- 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
 1133 19TH STREET NW 900
 WASHINGTON, DC 20036
 (202) 833-1200**

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
See Additional Data Table										
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							295,156	479,071	87,265	

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

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	Yes	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **▶**0

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	1a	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	4,716,201				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶	4,716,201				
Program Service Revenue	2a	PROGRAM FEES	15,500	15,500			
	b	_____					
	c	_____					
	d	_____					
	e	_____					
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶	15,500				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) ▶	1,411			1,411	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶					
	5	Royalties ▶					
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real				
			(ii) Personal				
			b Less rental expenses				
			c Rental income or (loss)				
	d	Net rental income or (loss) ▶					
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
			(ii) Other				
			b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	135			
			c Gain or (loss)	-135			
	d	Net gain or (loss) ▶	-135			-135	
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 a					
	b	Less direct expenses b					
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ▶						
9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 a						
b	Less direct expenses b						
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ▶						
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a						
b	Less cost of goods sold b						
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ▶						
	Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a	_____						
b	_____						
c	_____						
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶						
12	Total revenue. See Instructions ▶	4,732,977	15,500	0	1,276		

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)

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	176,561	127,997	48,564	
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	2,108,080	1,795,190	3,109	309,781
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	80,958	68,150	1,830	10,978
9	Other employee benefits	310,483	259,513	7,366	43,604
10	Payroll taxes	168,613	141,938	3,811	22,864
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management	124,800	124,800		
b	Legal	24,630	16,502	8,066	62
c	Accounting	16,275		16,275	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17	1,568			1,568
f	Investment management fees	1,470	273	1,197	
g	Other	205,455	205,455		
12	Advertising and promotion	100,145	99,616	240	289
13	Office expenses	88,779	75,601	1,260	11,918
14	Information technology	73,045	62,090	607	10,348
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	285,770	185,517	71,784	28,469
17	Travel	243,205	211,035	219	31,951
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	250,427	180,560		69,867
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates	74,000	74,000		
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23	Insurance				
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O)				
a	CONSULTANT FEES & EXPEN	22,560	22,560	0	0
b	REGISTRATION FEES	10,178	0	10,178	0
c	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	3,809	2,428	0	1,381
d	FINANCIAL SERVICES AND	2,933		2,933	0
e					
f	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	4,373,744	3,653,225	177,439	543,080
26	Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) 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)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	1,106,636	1	1,380,181
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	292,729	3	783,350
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees 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	1,555	9	3,425
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b		10c
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	40,266	11	39,084
	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)	1,441,186	16	2,206,040	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	48,227	17	62,569
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial 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 to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D	484,911	25	876,378
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	533,138	26	938,947
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	-617,958	27	-535,149
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	1,526,006	28	1,802,242
	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	908,048	33	1,267,093	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,441,186	34	2,206,040	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	4,732,977
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	4,373,744
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	359,233
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	908,048
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	-188
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	1,267,093

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

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

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2011

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Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND

Employer identification number

31-1705370

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state

- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 9 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h
 a Type I b Type II c Type III - Functionally integrated d Type III - Other
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
 (i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?
 (ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?
 (iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	4,282,124	3,912,186	4,240,292	5,484,378	4,716,201	22,635,181
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 through 3	4,282,124	3,912,186	4,240,292	5,484,378	4,716,201	22,635,181
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)						4,079,693
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						18,555,488

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	4,282,124	3,912,186	4,240,292	5,484,378	4,716,201	22,635,181
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	59,913	11,566	-1,806	344	1,411	71,428
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV.) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets			19,924			19,924
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						22,726,533
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (See instructions.)					12	15,500

13 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public Support Percentage for 2011 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	81.650%
15 Public Support Percentage for 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	78.340%

16a 33 1/3% support test—2011. 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

b 33 1/3% support test—2010. If the organization did not check the 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

17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2011. 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

b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2010. 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

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

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(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 through 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 \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
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) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(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 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public Support Percentage for 2011 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2011 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2011.** 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—2010.** 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

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Explanation

SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 10, EXPLANATION OF OTHER INCOME MISCELLANEOUS

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

Complete if the organization is described below.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of the organization COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND

Employer identification number

31-1705370

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

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office in Part IV
2 Political expenditures
3 Volunteer hours

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

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955
2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955
3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?
4a Was a correction made?
b If "Yes," describe in Part IV

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

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities
2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities
3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b
4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name, (b) Address, (c) EIN, (d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds, (e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization.

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

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

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing Organization's Totals	(b) Affiliated Group Totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots 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	4,373,744													
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	4,373,744													
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns	368,687													
<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="width: 50%;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	92,172													
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	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 on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) Total
2a Lobbying non-taxable amount	435,049	349,299	374,729	368,687	1,527,764
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					2,291,646
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots non-taxable amount	108,762	87,325	93,682	92,172	381,941
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					572,912
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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

	(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 similar 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 Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 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 carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	

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

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 (see instructions)	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.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

OMB No 1545-0047

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

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Name of the organization COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND

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

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows 1-4: Total number at end of year, Aggregate contributions to (during year), Aggregate grants from (during year), 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?
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 for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?

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

- 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply): Preservation of land for public use, Protection of natural habitat, Preservation of open space, Preservation of an historically importantly land area, Preservation of a certified historic structure.

2 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

Table with 2 columns: Description, Held at the End of the Year. Rows 2a-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.

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

9 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.

1a 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

b 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

(i) Revenues included in 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 treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1
b 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 Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

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

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

	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 the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current Year	(b) Prior Year	(c) Two Years Back	(d) Three Years Back	(e) Four Years Back
1a Beginning of year balance					
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

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)	
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)	
b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b	

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

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (Investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				0

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	4,732,977
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	4,373,744
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	359,233
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	-188
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	-188
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	359,045

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	4,732,789
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	-188
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-188
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	4,732,977
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	4,732,977

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	4,373,744
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	4,373,744
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 :		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	4,373,744

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b Also complete this part to provide any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
DESCRIPTION OF UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS UNDER FIN 48	PART X	THE ORGANIZATION BELIEVES THAT IT HAS APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FOR INCOME TAX POSITIONS TAKEN THEREFORE, MANAGEMENT HAS NOT IDENTIFIED ANY UNCERTAIN INCOME TAX POSITIONS GENERALLY, INCOME TAX RETURNS RELATED TO THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 THROUGH 2012 REMAIN OPEN FOR EXAMINATION BY TAXING AUTHORITIES

Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1 Was the organization a U S transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926 (see instructions for Form 926)* Yes No
- 2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 3520 and/or Form 3520-A. (see instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A)* Yes No
- 3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons with respect to Certain Foreign Corporations. (see instructions for Form 5471)* Yes No
- 4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund. (see instructions for Form 8621)* Yes No
- 5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons with respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships. (see instructions for Form 8865)* Yes No
- 6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see instructions for Form 5713).* Yes No

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

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

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part 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 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 idemnification 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 any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

1b No

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?

2 Yes

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" 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 with respect to the filing organization or a related organization

a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?

4a No

b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?

4b No

c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

4c No

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 only must complete lines 5-9.

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?

5a No

b Any related organization?

5b No

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?

6a No

b Any related organization?

6b No

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

7 No

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

8 No

9 If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53 4958-6(c)?

9

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use Schedule J-1 if additional space needed.

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

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

(A) Name		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) BOB EDGAR	(i)	22,339	0	3,450	1,635	2,497	29,921	0
	(ii)	148,626	0	22,950	10,881	16,615	199,072	0
(2) BETTE MARCHANT	(i)	47,991	0	0	2,955	3,543	54,489	0
	(ii)	117,117	0	0	7,210	8,646	132,973	0
(3) KAREN HOBERT FLYNN	(i)	101,547	0	0	0	5,391	106,938	0
	(ii)	52,312	0	0	0	2,777	55,089	0
(4) KATHRYN WITTNEBEN	(i)	66,147	0	0	0	3,650	69,797	0
	(ii)	81,502	0	0	0	4,498	86,000	0

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.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	PART I, LINE 1A	SEE ANSWER TO LINE 1B
	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.

Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Transactions with Interested Persons

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V lines 38a or 40b. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501 (c)(4) organizations only).

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b

Table with 3 main columns: (a) Name of disqualified person, (b) Description of transaction, (c) Corrected? (Yes/No)

2 Enter the amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958
3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a

Table with 7 main columns: (a) Name of interested person and purpose, (b) Loan to or from the organization?, (c) Original principal amount, (d) Balance due, (e) In default?, (f) Approved by board or committee?, (g) Written agreement?

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefitting Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

Table with 3 main columns: (a) Name of interested person, (b) Relationship between interested person and the organization, (c) Amount of grant or type of assistance

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) COMMON CAUSE	COMMON BOARD MEMBERS	0	PLEASE SEE SCHEDULE R FOR ALL REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND AND COMMON CAUSE		No

Part V Supplemental Information

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

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE L, PART IV		COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND AND COMMON CAUSE ARE TWO SECTION 501(C) ORGANIZATIONS THAT SHARE COMMON BOARD MEMBERS ALL OF THE EDUCATION FUND'S BOARD MEMBERS ARE ALSO BOARD MEMBERS OF COMMON CAUSE PLEASE SEE SCHEDULES L AND R FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN THE TWO ENTITIES

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 1	THE FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY DESIGNATE AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BY MAJORITY BOARD MEMBER RESOLUTION, TO HAVE AND EXERCISE AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE COMMITTEE MAY NOT AMEND THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION, ADOPT AN AGREEMENT OF MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION, OR AMEND THE FOUNDATION'S BYLAWS.
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 4	THE COMMON CAUSE BY-LAWS WERE CHANGED TO ALLOW NON-BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE IN THE POSITIONS OF TREASURER AND SECRETARY.
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PROVIDES THE FORM 990 TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW. ONCE THAT COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED THE DOCUMENT, IT IS SENT TO THE FULL BOARD FOR REVIEW. THE BOARD MEMBERS HAVE TWO (2) DAYS TO RESPOND WITH ANY COMMENTS THEY MIGHT HAVE BEFORE THE DOCUMENT IS FILED.
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	PROCEDURE FOR MONITORING AND 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, 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 15A	PERSONS PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE EDUCATION FUND ARE EMPLOYED BY COMMON CAUSE, A SISTER ORGANIZATION. THE NARRATIVE BELOW DESCRIBES COMMON CAUSE'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD CONDUCTS A 360 DEGREE REVIEW OF THE CEO PRIOR TO DETERMINING THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION. THE COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS THE SENIOR STAFF, REVIEW A COMPARABILITY STUDY, AND THEN CONFERS AS A COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE BRINGS ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING OF THE YEAR. MINUTES ARE TAKEN OF THE SALARY DELIBERATIONS. OTHER OFFICERS OR KEY EMPLOYEES: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONDUCTS A REVIEW OF THE CFO, REVIEWS A COMPARABILITY STUDY, AND THEN CONFERS AS A COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE BRINGS ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING OF THE YEAR. MINUTES ARE TAKEN OF THE SALARY DELIBERATIONS. THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT REVIEW COMPENSATION OF KEY EMPLOYEES, THAT IS PERFORMED BY MANAGEMENT.
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND SEEKS TO BE FAITHFUL TO ITS MISSION BY BEING OPEN AND ACCOUNTABLE TO OUR MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS. WE WILL MAKE OUR GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UPON REQUEST. OUR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE ALSO PART OF OUR ANNUAL REPORT WHICH IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 5	NET UNREALIZED LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS -188
	FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C	THERE WAS NO CHANGE TO THE REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS DURING THE YEAR.

**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)**

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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

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

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

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled organization	
						Yes	No
(1) COMMON CAUSE 1133 19TH STREET NW 900 WASHINGTON, DC 20036 52-6078441	ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION RELATED TO CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN THE NAT'L PROCESS	DC	501(C)(4)				No

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.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership

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

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 related organization(s)
- c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)
- d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)
- e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

- f** Sale of assets to related organization(s)
- g** Purchase of assets from related organization(s)
- h** Exchange of assets with related organization(s)
- i** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)
- j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)
- k** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)
- l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)
- m** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)
- n** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

- o** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses
- p** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

- q** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)
- r** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

	Yes	No
1a		No
1b		No
1c		No
1d		No
1e		No
1f		No
1g		No
1h		No
1i		No
1j		No
1k		No
1l		No
1m	Yes	
1n	Yes	
1o	Yes	
1p		No
1q		No
1r		No

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

(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type(a-r)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) COMMON CAUSE	M	160,733	ACTUAL COST
(2) COMMON CAUSE	N	2,789,226	ACTUAL COST
(3) COMMON CAUSE	O	550,089	ACTUAL COST
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Part VII Supplemental Information

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

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Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

4d. Other program services

(Code) (Expenses \$ 4,124 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 2,600)
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS -ASSISTED WITH CIVIL SOCIETY EFFORTS IN SEVERAL FOREIGN COUNTRIES
(Code) (Expenses \$ 1,005 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 0)
YOUTH PROGRAMS -WORKED IN NUMEROUS STATES TO RECRUIT AND TRAIN COLLEGE STUDENTS TO ACT AS POLL MONITORS DURING THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS -ENGAGED STUDENTS IN DEMOCRACY ISSUES ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(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			
NANCY RATZAN BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
BOB EDGAR PRESIDENT AND CEO	4 90	X		X				25,789	171,576	28,561
BETTE MARCHANT VP, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION	11 00			X				47,991	117,117	18,588
KAREN HOBERT FLYNN VP, STATE OPERATIONS	25 00				X			101,547	52,312	7,223
KATHRYN WITTNEBEN VP, DEVELOPMENT	17 00					X		66,147	81,502	7,282
ARN PEARSON VP, PROGRAMS	18 00					X		53,682	56,564	25,611

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
ROBERT B REICH CHAIR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
MARTHA TIERNEY VICE CHAIR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
RIC BAINTE BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
BENJAMIN BARBER BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
CRAIG S BARNES BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
EMMET J BONDUARANT BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
PETER A BUTZIN BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
BUTLER C DERRICK ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
LEONARD HILL BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
WILLIAM HUBBARD BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
LENNY MENDONCA BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
HAROLD PACHIOS BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
CHANG K PARK BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
PATRICIA S SCHROEDER BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
RICHARD STANLEY BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
TRACY WESTEN BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
GLORIA RUBIO-CORTES BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
RICHARD DREYFUSS BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
DR JONATHAN F FANTON BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
ALAN WIERSBA BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
CORNELL W BROOKS ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
HON MICHAEL J COPPS BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
OLGA KAUFFMAN BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
PETER LAURIA BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
ANGELA ONWUACHI-WILLIG BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0