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 private foundations)

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

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Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2021 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2021 , and ending 12-31-2021

B Check if applicable:
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Final return/terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
PRO PUBLICA INC

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite
155 AVE OF THE AMERICAS 13 FL

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
NEW YORK, NY 10013

D Employer identification number
14-2007220

E Telephone number
(212) 514-5250

G Gross receipts $ 36,838,949

F Name and address of principal officer:
ROBIN SPARKMAN
155 AVE OF THE AMERICAS 13 FL
NEW YORK,NY 10013

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☑ No

H(b) Are all subordinates 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: ▶ WWW.PROPUBLICA.ORG

K Form of organization: ☑ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation: 2007

M State of legal domicile: DE

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:
TO EXPOSE ABUSES OF POWER AND BETRAYALS OF THE PUBLIC TRUST. BY GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS, USING THE MORAL FORCE OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM TO SPUR REFORM THROUGH THE SUSTAINED SPOTLIGHTING OF WRONGDOING.

2 Check this box ▶☐ 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	12
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	12
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2021 (Part V, line 2a)	5	205
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	14
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	161,048
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	76,285

			Prior Year	Current Year
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	36,816,824	35,406,294
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	77,000	5,250
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	146,510	162,432
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	472,758	431,324
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	37,513,092	36,005,300
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	1,728,901	1,343,169
	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)	22,874,147	26,863,869
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	13,300	13,700
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶1,587,960		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	5,591,844	5,932,383
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	30,208,192	34,153,121
	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	7,304,900	1,852,179

			Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	58,666,359	60,782,681
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	883,526	855,582
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	57,782,833	59,927,099

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 2022-09-19

ROBIN SPARKMAN PRESIDENT
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
		2022-09-26		P00543254

Firm's name ▶ PKF O'CONNOR DAVIES LLP — Firm's EIN ▶ 27-1728945

Firm's address ▶ 245 PARK AVENUE 12TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10167 — Phone no. (212) 286-2600

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 or note to any line in this Part III . . . . ☑

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

PRO PUBLICA IS AN INDEPENDENT, NON-PROFIT, PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING NEWSROOM THAT PRODUCES INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST. OUR WORK FOCUSES EXCLUSIVELY ON TRULY IMPORTANT STORIES. WE PRODUCE JOURNALISM THAT SHINES A LIGHT ON EXPLOITATION OF THE WEAK BY THE STRONG AND ON THE FAILURES OF THOSE WITH POWER TO VINDICATE THE TRUST PLACED IN THEM. IN THE BEST TRADITIONS OF AMERICAN JOURNALISM IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE, WE AIM TO STIMULATE POSITIVE CHANGE, UNCOVERING UNSAVORY PRACTICES AND ABUSES OF POWER IN ORDER TO PROD REFORM. WE DO THIS IN AN ENTIRELY NON-PARTISAN AND NON-IDEOLOGICAL MANNER, ADHERING TO THE STRICTEST STANDARDS OF JOURNALISTIC IMPARTIALITY.OUR STATED MISSION IS "TO EXPOSE ABUSES OF POWER AND BETRAYALS OF THE PUBLIC TRUST BY GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS, USING THE MORAL FORCE OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM TO SPUR REFORM THROUGH THE SUSTAINED SPOTLIGHTING OF WRONGDOING."

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 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 $ 28,686,203 including grants of $ 1,343,169) (Revenue $ 21,842)

INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST:OUR WORK SPURRED A HOST OF REAL-WORLD CHANGES IN 2021. PROPUBLICA'S COVERAGE OF THE JAN. 6 ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITOL WAS USED TO IDENTIFY AND CHARGE SUSPECTS, AND IT WAS CITED IN MORE THAN 20 SUBPOENAS FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING THE EVENT. FLORIDA DRAMATICALLY REFORMED A DEEPLY FLAWED PROGRAM THAT FAILED TO PROVIDE BENEFITS FOR PARENTS OF BRAIN-DAMAGED NEWBORNS AFTER WE DREW ATTENTION TO IT. ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS BANNED THE USE OF RESTRAINTS AND SECLUSION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND ENDED THE DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE OF SUSPENDING DRIVERS' LICENSES FOR UNPAID TICKETS. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXTENDED PPP LOANS TO THOUSANDS OF BORROWERS WHO HAD FILED FOR BANKRUPTCY, AND OUR REPORTING HELPED SOLVE THE COLD CASE OF A 1983 MURDER IN BALTIMORE. OUR JOURNALISM SHINED LIGHT ON A MASSIVE TROVE OF SECRET IRS DATA, REVEALING SYSTEMIC INEQUITIES THAT ALLOW AMERICA'S WEALTHIEST CITIZENS TO PAY LITTLE OR NOTHING IN FEDERAL TAXES. WE IDENTIFIED MORE THAN 1,000 HOT SPOTS OF CANCER-CAUSING INDUSTRIAL AIR POLLUTION ACROSS AMERICA; SHOWED THAT SALMONELLA IS RUNNING RAMPANT AND UNCHECKED THROUGH THE CHICKEN INDUSTRY; AND INVESTIGATED HOW LIBERTY UNIVERSITY DISCOURAGES, DISMISSES AND THREATENS TO PUNISH STUDENTS WHO REPORT RAPE. OTHER MEMORABLE STORIES INCLUDED AN EXAMINATION OF AMERICA'S UNREGULATED, OFTEN DANGEROUS SHADOW FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, THE PANDEMIC'S TOLL ON THE EMOTIONAL HEALTH OF TEENAGERS AND A HEART PUMP THAT WAS IMPLANTED IN THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE DESPITE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S KNOWLEDGE THAT IT HAD POTENTIALLY DEADLY PROBLEMS.PROPUBLICA HIRED 15 NEW REPORTERS TO COMPLETE OUR REGIONAL REPORTING UNITS IN THE MIDWEST, SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST, AND 15 REPORTERS BEGAN NEW OR CONTINUED PROJECTS WITH THE PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK. STORIES FROM THE LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK IN 2021 EXPOSED A TENNESSEE COUNTY'S HARSH JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT JAILED BLACK CHILDREN FOR A CRIME THAT DIDN'T EXIST; AIR POLLUTION AND HEALTH RISKS POSED BY SUGAR CANE BURNING IN FLORIDA; IMPUNITY AFFORDED BY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES IN LOUISIANA ACCUSED OF EXCESSIVE FORCE; AND THE FIGHT FOR RACIAL JUSTICE IN A SMALL NORTH CAROLINA TOWN. OTHER LOCAL WORK INCLUDED STORIES ON GOVERNMENT FAILURES TO PROTECT TEXAS COMMUNITIES FROM CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING AND DEATHS, AND HOW DOZENS OF MISSOURI HOMEOWNERS WHO USED STATE-SUPPORTED "CLEAN ENERGY" LOANS TO FIX THEIR HOUSES ENDED UP TRAPPED IN DEBT.PROPUBLICA WON A NEWS & DOCUMENTARY EMMY - OUR FOURTH EMMY AWARD AND FIRST SOLO EMMY - FOR THE VIDEO "RESCUING HER FATHER FROM AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY IN THE CORONAVIRUS EPICENTER." OUR INVESTIGATIVE WORK ON THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC WAS A FINALIST FOR THE 2021 PULITZER PRIZE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE, WITH STORIES ABOUT DISPROPORTIONATE DEATHS AMONG BLACK AMERICANS AND HOW THE MEATPACKING INDUSTRY IGNORED PANDEMIC WARNINGS WINNING A GEORGE POLK AWARD IN JOURNALISM. WE ALSO WON FIVE NATIONAL MAGAZINE AWARDS RECOGNIZING WORK ON RACIAL DISPARITIES IN DIABETIC AMPUTATIONS AND KIDNEY CARE, HOW THE CORONAVIRUS WAS KILLING YOUNG BLACK MEN WITH DEADLY EFFICIENCY, A MICHIGAN TEEN JAILED FOR FAILING TO COMPLETE ONLINE SCHOOLWORK, THE EROSION OF HAWAII'S BEACHES, AND THE PORTRAITS AND STORIES OF 29 ALASKAN SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. OUR PUBLISHING PARTNERSHIPS CONTINUED TO GROW, WITH 71 IN 2021 ALONE. PARTNERS OVER THE PAST YEAR INCLUDED THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE WASHINGTON POST, THE NEW YORKER, UNIVISION, TIME AND VOX.WE EXPANDED OUR EVENTS PROGRAM WITH 28 VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON EVENTS IN 2021. TOPICS INCLUDED THE OVER-INCARCERATION OF CHILDREN IN TENNESSEE'S JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN NEVADA, SURGES IN VIOLENCE AGAINST ASIAN AMERICANS, HOW WHITE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS HAVE MARGINALIZED BLACK FARMERS IN ILLINOIS, THE RECORD DETENTION OF MIGRANTS AT THE U.S.-MEXICO BORDER AND THE UNEQUAL IMPACT THAT CLIMATE CHANGE IS HAVING ON PEOPLE OF COLOR IN A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TOWN. AMONG OTHERS, EVENT PARTNERS INCLUDED BRIDGE MICHIGAN, CLIMATE ONE, CODE FOR AMERICA, FLINT BEAT, GRIST, NASHVILLE PUBLIC RADIO, NEVADA HUMANITIES AND OUTLIER MEDIA.THE MOST IMPORTANT TEST AT PROPUBLICA IS WHETHER OUR WORK IS MAKING AN IMPACT. WE MEASURE IMPACT NOT IN TERMS OF AUDIENCE SIZE OR HONORS, BUT IN REAL-WORLD CHANGES TO BEHAVIORS, POLICIES OR LEGISLATION. WE PUBLISHED MORE THAN 470 STORIES IN 2021. THOSE ARTICLES LED TO THE RESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS, THE PASSAGE OF NEW LAWS AND OTHER CHANGES AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS. HERE ARE HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR WORK.

4b (Code:) (Expenses $ including grants of $) (Revenue $)

4c (Code:) (Expenses $ including grants of $) (Revenue $)

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

4e **Total program service expenses ▶** 28,686,203

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

#	Question	Line	Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule A*	1	Yes	
2	Is the organization required to complete *Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors*? See instructions.	2	Yes	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I*	3		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II*	4		No
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 Rev. Proc. 98-19? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III*	5		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D,* Part I	6		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II*	7		No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D,* Part III	8		No
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV*	9		No
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi endowments? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V*	10		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D,* Part VI.	11a	Yes	
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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII*	11b		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII*	11c		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX*	11d		No
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X*	11e		No
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X*	11f	Yes	
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII*	12a	Yes	
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional*	12b		No
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule E*	13		No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV*	14b		No
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV*	15		No
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV*	16		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I.* See instructions.	17		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II*	18		No
19	Did the organization report more than $15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III*	19		No
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? *If "Yes," complete Schedule H*	20a		No
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b		
21	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II*	21	Yes	

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

			Yes	No
22	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III*	22	Yes	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J*	23	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? *If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a*	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), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.** Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L,* Part I	25a		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L,* Part I	25b		No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II*	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L,* Part III	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see the Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28a		No
b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28b		No
c	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than $25,000 in non-cash contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	29	Yes	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I*	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II*	32		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I*	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1*	34		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	35b		
36	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	36		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI*	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b 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 or note to any line in this Part V ☐

					Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	159			
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0			
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?			1c		

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance *(continued)*

		Line	Amount	Line	Yes	No
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return . . .	2a	205			
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? **Note.** If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file. See instructions.			2b	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year? . . .			3a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? *If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O* . . .			3b	Yes	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?			4a		No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).					
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . .			5a		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			5b		No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? . . .			5c		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than $100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? . . .			6a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? . . .			6b		
7	**Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).**					
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of $75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? . . .			7a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? . . .			7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? . . .			7c		No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year . . .	7d				
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?			7e		No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			7f		No
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? . . .			7g		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? . . .			7h		
8	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.** Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?			8		
9	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.**					
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			9a		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? . . .			9b		
10	**Section 501(c)(7) organizations.** Enter:					
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 . . .	10a				
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b				
11	**Section 501(c)(12) organizations.** Enter:					
a	Gross income from members or shareholders . . .	11a				
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) . . .	11b				
12a	**Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.** Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?			12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b				
13	**Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.**					
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? . . . **Note.** See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			13a		
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans . . .	13b				
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand . . .	13c				
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? . . .			14a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? *If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O* . .			14b		
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than $1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? . . . If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.			15		No
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? . . If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.			16		No
17	**Section 501(c)(21) organizations.** Did the trust, any disqualified person, or mine operator engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953? . . If "Yes," complete Form 6069.			17		

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 or note to any line 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 . . . **1a** 12 If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.			
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent . . . **1b** 12			
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?	**2**		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?	**3**		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	**4**		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization’s assets?	**5**		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	**6**		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?	**7a**		No
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	**7b**		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:			
a	The governing body?	**8a**	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	**8b**	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*	**9**		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?	**10a**		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	**10b**		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	**11a**	Yes	
b	Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.			
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? *If "No," go to line 13*	**12a**	Yes	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	**12b**	Yes	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? *If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done*	**12c**	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	**13**	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	**14**	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?			
a	The organization’s CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	**15a**	Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	**15b**		No
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions.			
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	**16a**		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization’s exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	**16b**		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶ AL,AR,CA,FL,GA,HI,IL,KS,KY,MD,MA,MI,MN,MS,NH,NJ,NM,NY,NC,ND,OR,PA,RI,SC,TN,UT,VA,WV,WI

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.

☑ Own website ☑ Another's website ☑ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records:
▶STEPHANIE N LITTLE CHIEF FINANCIAL & ADMIN OFFICER 155 AVE OF THE AMERICAS 13 FL NEW YORK, NY 10013
(212) 514-5250

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII . . . . ☐

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

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

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than $100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than $10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position: Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
(1) PAUL SAGAN CHAIRMAN	2.00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) PAUL E STEIGER EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN THRU OCT 2021	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) CLAIRE BERNARD DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(4) MARK COLODNY DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(5) STEVE DAETZ DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(6) ANGELA FILO DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(7) HENRY LOUIS GATES JR DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(8) CLAIRE HOFFMAN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(9) ANU KHOSLA DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(10) KATIE MCGRATH DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(11) ROBERT CS MONKS DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(12) RONALD OLSON DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(13) JAMES STONE DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(14) S DONALD SUSSMAN DIRECTOR THRU MARCH 2021	1.00	X						0	0	0
(15) STEPHEN ENGELBERG CO-CEO & EDITOR-IN-CHIEF	40.00			X				423,346	0	51,338
(16) RICHARD TOFEL PRESIDENT CO-CEO & TREASURER THRU SEPT 2021	40.00			X				334,458	0	25,178
(17) ROBIN SPARKMAN PRESIDENT CO-CEO & TREASURER AS OF SEPT 2021	40.00			X				133,098	0	9,452

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Individual trustee or director	(C) Institutional Trustee	(C) Officer	(C) Key employee	(C) Highest compensated employee	(C) Former	(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
(18) RAGAN RHYNE SVP, DEVELOPMENT & SECRETARY	40.00			X				308,590	0	16,760
(19) STEPHANIE LITTLE VP, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION	40.00			X				207,030	0	47,642
(20) JEREMY KUTNER GENERAL COUNSEL	40.00				X			213,731	0	25,649
(21) ROBIN FIELDS MANAGING EDITOR	40.00					X		309,289	0	19,896
(22) CHARLES ORNSTEIN MANAGING EDITOR, LOCAL	40.00					X		285,296	0	42,882
(23) JESSE EISINGER SENIOR EDITOR & REPORTER	40.00					X		245,840	0	46,533
(24) TRACY WEBER DEPUTY MANAGING EDITOR	40.00					X		245,200	0	35,291
(25) GINGER THOMPSON CHIEF OF CORRESPONDENTS	40.00					X		222,215	0	24,145

	(D)	(E)	(F)
1b Sub-Total ▶			
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A ▶			
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) ▶	2,928,093	0	344,766

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 ▶ 98

			Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*	3		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*	4	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?*If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person*	5		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
AMAZON WEB SERVICES PO BOX 84023 SEATTLE, WA 981248423	WEBSITE HOSTING SERVICES	222,170
VELOCITY GLOBAL 3858 WALNUT STREET SUITE 107 DENVER, CO 80205	REPORTING SERVICES	152,187
BLINKHORN LLC 23 GRANT AVE OLD GREENWICH, CT 06870	RECRUITING CONSULTANT	142,000
HAYNES AND BOONE LLP PO BOX 841399 DALLAS, TX 752841399	LEGAL SERVICES	108,233

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

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII . . . . ☐

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other Similar Amounts					
1a Federated campaigns	1a				
b Membership dues	1b				
c Fundraising events	1c				
d Related organizations	1d				
e Government grants (contributions)	1e 12,054				
f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 35,394,240				
g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:$	1g 838,747				
h **Total.** Add lines 1a-1f		35,406,294			

Program Service Revenue	Business Code	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
2a EDITORIAL FEES	519100	5,250	5,250		
b					
c					
d					
e					
f All other program service revenue.					
g **Total.** Add lines 2a–2f		5,250			

Other Revenue	(i)	(ii)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			161,125			161,125
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
5 Royalties			138,043	16,592		121,451
	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
6a Gross rents	6a					
b Less: rental expenses	6b					
c Rental income or (loss)	6c					
d Net rental income or (loss)						
	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a 834,956					
b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b 833,649					
c Gain or (loss)	7c 1,307					
d Net gain or (loss)			1,307			1,307
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ ____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a					
b Less: direct expenses	8b					
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a					
b Less: direct expenses	9b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a					
b Less: cost of goods sold	10b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						

Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
11a ADVERTISING REVENUE	541800	161,048		161,048	
b INSURANCE REIMB. OF LEGAL FEES	900099	116,478			116,478
c HONORARIA AND OTHER REVENUE	900099	15,755			15,755
d All other revenue					
e **Total.** Add lines 11a–11d		293,281			
12 **Total revenue.** See instructions		36,005,300	21,842	161,048	416,116

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line 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 domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	1,160,056	1,160,056		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	183,113	183,113		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,796,272	474,684	996,238	325,350
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	20,541,534	18,315,663	1,636,281	589,590
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	826,676	774,485	41,572	10,619
9 Other employee benefits	2,033,358	1,829,700	144,311	59,347
10 Payroll taxes	1,666,029	1,414,872	189,653	61,504
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	198,156	175,901	9,019	13,236
c Accounting	65,702		65,702	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	13,700			13,700
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	295,881	273,555	21,365	961
12 Advertising and promotion	275,462	190,949	77,017	7,496
13 Office expenses	617,840	295,326	39,646	282,868
14 Information technology	1,139,463	898,473	112,371	128,619
15 Royalties . .				
16 Occupancy	1,439,788	1,242,916	132,634	64,238
17 Travel	475,333	450,494	21,049	3,790
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials .				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	81,156	66,568	14,074	514
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . .	262,498	223,123	34,404	4,971
23 Insurance . . .	445,018	338,601	90,203	16,214
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a PUBLIC REC. COPIES/SUBS	281,963	281,963		
b RECRUITMENT/PROF DEVEL.	245,988	40,983	203,273	1,732
c REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	65,135	54,778	7,146	3,211
d UBIT TAX EXPENSE	43,000		43,000	
e All other expenses				
25 **Total functional expenses.** Add lines 1 through 24e	34,153,121	28,686,203	3,878,958	1,587,960
26 **Joint costs.** Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ▶ ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X **Balance Sheet**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX . . . . ☐

				(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1	Cash–non-interest-bearing		4,195,076	1	7,676,182
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		37,782,891	2	7,804,311
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		15,350,410	3	11,587,301
	4	Accounts receivable, net		27,793	4	11,184
	5	Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons			5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)			6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use			8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		764,575	9	730,833
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 1,566,477			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 1,120,185	485,104	10c	446,292
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		14,866	11	32,458,969
	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		45,644	15	67,609
	16	**Total assets.** Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)		58,666,359	16	60,782,681
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		462,210	17	473,080
	18	Grants payable			18	
	19	Deferred revenue		421,316	19	382,502
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D			21	
	22	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons			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			25	
	26	**Total liabilities.** Add lines 17 through 25		883,526	26	855,582
Net Assets or Fund Balances		**Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ ☑ and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.**				
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions		34,370,956	27	42,999,335
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions		23,411,877	28	16,927,764
		Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 29 through 33.				
	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			29	
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund			30	
	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			31	
	32	Total net assets or fund balances		57,782,833	32	59,927,099
	33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		58,666,359	33	60,782,681

Part XI Reconcilliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI . . . . ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	36,005,300
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	34,153,121
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,852,179
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	57,782,833
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	292,087
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column	10	59,927,099

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII . . . . ☑

			Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☑ Accrual ☐ Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.			
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?	2a		No
	If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis			
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	Yes	
	If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: ☑ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis			
c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	2c	Yes	
	If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.			
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?	3a		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.	3b		

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SCHEDULE A
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047
2021
Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
PRO PUBLICA INC

Employer identification number
14-2007220

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 12, check only one box.)

1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)

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 agricultural research organization described in **170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture. See instructions. Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:

10 ☐ 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.)

11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**

12 ☐ 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 on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.

a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**

b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**

c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**

d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**

e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.

f Enter the number of supported organizations . . . .

g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	**(ii)** EIN	**(iii)** Type of organization (described on lines 1- 10 above (see instructions))	**(iv)** Is the organization listed in your governing document?		**(v)** Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	**(vi)** Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	**No**		
Total						

Part II **Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization failed to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . .	43,063,123	25,576,127	37,366,751	36,816,824	35,406,294	178,229,119
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	43,063,123	25,576,127	37,366,751	36,816,824	35,406,294	178,229,119
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) . .						19,049,987
6 **Public support.** Subtract line 5 from line 4.						159,179,132

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4. .	43,063,123	25,576,127	37,366,751	36,816,824	35,406,294	178,229,119
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . .	91,606	449,799	635,480	200,509	282,576	1,659,970
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on. .	52,755	36,395	68,949	137,708	76,285	372,092
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.). .	108,258	230,179	454,278	146,125	132,233	1,071,073
11 **Total support.** Add lines 7 through 10						181,332,254

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) **12** 1,469,250

13 **First 5 years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** . . . . ▶☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2021 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . **14** 87.780 %

15 Public support percentage for 2020 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . **15** 84.630 %

16a **33 1/3% support test—2021.** 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—2020.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . ▶☐

17a **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2021.** 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 VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . ▶☐

b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2020.** 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 VI 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 Section 509(a)(2)**
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 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) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(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) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(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 on 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 VI.) . .						
13 **Total support.** (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.). .						

14 **First 5 years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**. . . . . ▶ ☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2021 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2020 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for **2021** (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from **2020** Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

19a **33 1/3% support tests—2021.** 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—2020.** 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 Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

			Yes	No
1	Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? *If "No," describe in **Part VI** how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.*	1		
2	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? *If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).*	2		
3a	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? *If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.*	3a		
b	Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? *If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** when and how the organization made the determination.*	3b		
c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? *If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.*	3c		
4a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? *If "Yes" and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.*	4a		
b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? *If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.*	4b		
c	Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? *If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.*	4c		
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? *If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in **Part VI,** including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).*	5a		
b	**Type I or Type II only.** Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?	5b		
c	**Substitutions only.** Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?	5c		
6	Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? *If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI.***	6		
7	Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? *If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990) .*	7		
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? *If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).*	8		
9a	Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? *If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI.***	9a		
b	Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? *If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI.***	9b		
c	Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? *If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI.***	9c		
10a	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? *If "Yes," answer line 10b below.*	10a		
b	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? *(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).*	10b		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

			Yes	No
11	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?			
a	A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?	11a		
b	A family member of a person described on 11a above?	11b		
c	A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? *If "Yes" to 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in **Part VI**.*	11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

			Yes	No
1	Did the officers, directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? *If "No," describe in **Part VI** how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.*	1		
2	Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? *If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.*	2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

			Yes	No
1	Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? *If "No," describe in **Part VI** how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).*	1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

			Yes	No
1	Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?	1		
2	Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? *If "No," explain in **Part VI** how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).*	2		
3	By reason of the relationship described in line 2 above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? *If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.*	3		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year **(see instructions)**:

a ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below.

b ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below.

c ☐ The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in **Part VI** how you supported a government entity (see instructions)

2 Activities Test. **Answer lines 2a and 2b below.**

			Yes	No
a	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? *If "Yes," then in **Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain** how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.*	2a		
b	Did the activities described on line 2a, above constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? *If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.*	2b		

3 Parent of Supported Organizations. **Answer lines 3a and 3b below.**

			Yes	No
a	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations?*If "Yes" or "No", provide details in **Part VI.***	3a		
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? *If "Yes," describe in **Part VI.** the role played by the organization in this regard.*	3b		

Part V **Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations**

1 ☐ Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (*explain in* ***Part VI***). **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

	Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1		
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2		
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3		
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4		
5	Depreciation and depletion	5		
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6		
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7		
8	**Adjusted Net Income** (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8		

	Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):	1		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a		
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b		
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c		
d	**Total** (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d		
e	**Discount** claimed for blockage or other factors (*explain in detail in* ***Part VI***):			
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2		
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3		
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4		
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5		
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035	6		
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7		
8	**Minimum Asset Amount** (add line 7 to line 6)	8		

	Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1		
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2		
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3		
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4		
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5		
6	**Distributable Amount.** Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6		

7 ☐ Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)

Part V **Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations** (continued)

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (*prior IRS approval required - provide details in* ***Part VI***)	5	
6 Other distributions (*describe in* ***Part VI***). See instructions	6	
7 **Total annual distributions.** Add lines 1 through 6.	7	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (*provide details in* ***Part VI***). See instructions	8	
9 Distributable amount for 2021 from Section C, line 6	9	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	10	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	**(i) Excess Distributions**	**(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2021**	**(iii) Distributable Amount for 2021**
1 Distributable amount for 2021 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2021 (reasonable cause required-- *explain in* ***Part VI***). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2021:			
a From 2016.			
b From 2017.			
c From 2018.			
d From 2019.			
e From 2020.			
f **Total** of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2021 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2016 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2021 from Section D, line 7: $			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2021 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2021, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. If the amount is greater than zero, *explain in* ***Part VI***. See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2021. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. If the amount is greater than zero, *explain in* ***Part VI***. See instructions.			
7 **Excess distributions carryover to 2022.** Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2017.			
b Excess from 2018.			
c Excess from 2019.			
d Excess from 2020.			
e Excess from 2021.			

Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 10, EXPLANATION OF OTHER INCOME:	HONORARIA AND OTHER REVENUE - 2017 AMOUNT: $ 90,734. 2018 AMOUNT: $ 77,346. 2019 AMOUNT: $ 49,055. 2020 AMOUNT: $ 29,589. 2021 AMOUNT: $ 15,755. INSURANCE REIMB OF LEGAL FEES - 2017 AMOUNT: $ 17,524. 2018 AMOUNT: $ 152,833. 2019 AMOUNT: $ 405,223. 2020 AMOUNT: $ 116,536. 2021 AMOUNT: $ 116,478.

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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

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Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Name of the organization
PRO PUBLICA INC

Employer identification number
14-2007220

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

		(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year		
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4	Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part II Conservation Easements.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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 (e.g., recreation or education) ☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

			Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements	2a	
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b	
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c	
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register . . .	2d	

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax 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? . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
▶ ____________

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, 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 section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIII, 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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, 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 XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, 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) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 . . . . ▶ $ ____________

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X . . . . ▶ $ ____________

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items:

a Revenue included on 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 acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

a ☐ Public exhibition
b ☐ Scholarly research
c ☐ Preservation for future generations
d ☐ Loan or exchange programs
e ☐ Other ....

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

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

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

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

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

		Amount
c Beginning balance . . .	1c	
d Additions during the year . . .	1d	
e Distributions during the year . . .	1e	
f Ending balance . . .	1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Part V Endowment Funds.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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 Net investment earnings, gains, and 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 current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ ....

b Permanent endowment ▶ ....

c Term endowment ▶ ....

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

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

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

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

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. 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		266,318	166,454	99,864
d Equipment		949,629	699,302	250,327
e Other		350,530	254,429	96,101

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. *(Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)* . . ▶ 446,292

Part VII Investments - Other Securities.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b.See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3)Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)* ▶		

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 13.)* ▶		

Part IX Other Assets.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)* . . . . ▶	

Part X Other Liabilities.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f.
See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)* ▶	

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

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

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements			1	36,168,855
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:				
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	292,087		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b			
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d			
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	292,087
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	35,876,768
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 XIII.)	4b	128,532		
c	Add lines **4a** and **4b**			4c	128,532
5	Total revenue. Add lines **3** and **4c.** (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)			5	36,005,300

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

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements			1	34,024,589
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 XIII.)	2d			
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	0
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	34,024,589
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 XIII.)	4b	128,532		
c	Add lines **4a** and **4b**			4c	128,532
5	Total expenses. Add lines **3** and **4c.** (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)			5	34,153,121

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2:	THE ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZES THE EFFECT OF INCOME TAX POSITIONS ONLY IF THOSE POSITIONS ARE MORE LIKELY THAN NOT OF BEING SUSTAINED. MANAGEMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAD NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT WOULD REQUIRE FINANCIAL STATEMENT RECOGNITION OR DISCLOSURE. THE ORGANIZATION IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO EXAMINATIONS BY THE APPLICABLE TAXING JURISDICTIONS FOR PERIODS PRIOR TO 2018.
PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	REIMBURSEMENTS OF LEGAL DEFENSE EXPENSES REPORTED ON PART VIII 116,478. OTHER CONTRIBUTION REPORTED ON PART VIII 12,054.
PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	REIMBURSEMENTS OF LEGAL DEFENSE EXPENSES REPORTED ON PART VIII 116,478. OTHER CONTRIBUTION REPORTED ON PART VIII 12,054.

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Schedule I (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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2021

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
PRO PUBLICA INC

Employer identification number
14-2007220

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

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

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

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than $5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	**(b)** EIN	**(c)** IRC section (if applicable)	**(d)** Amount of cash grant	**(e)** Amount of non-cash assistance	**(f)** Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	**(g)** Description of noncash assistance	**(h)** Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS 300 W 31ST AVENUE ANCHORAGE,AK 99503	37-1869203		43,563	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS PROGRAM
(2) ASBURY PARK PRESS 3601 HIGHWAY 66 2ND FLOOR NEPTUNE,NJ 07754	06-1032273		5,535	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(3) CHICAGO PUBLIC MEDIA INC 848 E GRAND AVENUE NAVY PIER CHICAGO,IL 60611	36-3687394	501(C)(3)	7,545	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(4) CITY REPORT INC 35 WEST 31ST STREET 4TH FLOOR NEW YORK,NY 10001	37-1896785	501(C)(3)	78,700	0			1) PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE AND 2) PASS THROUGH SUB-GRANT PAYMENT BASED ON GRANT AGREEMENT
(5) COASTALASKA INC 360 EGAN DRIVE JUNEAU,AK 99801	92-0162579	501(C)(3)	49,392	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(6) COMMUNITY LIFT CORP 119 S COURT AVENUE SUITE 100 MEMPHIS,TN 38103	27-3941355	501(C)(3)	34,850	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS PROGRAM
(7) GANNETT SHARED SERVICES CENTER 750 N GENE AUTRY TRAIL PALM SPRINGS,CA 92262	46-5738464		5,760	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(8) LEE BHM CORP 300 EAST FRANKLIN STREET RICHMOND,VA 23219	84-4721627		32,191	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE FOR 1) PRESS OF ATLANTIC CITY AND RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH
(9) LEE ENTERPRISES INCORPORATED 4600 E 53RD STREET DAVENPORT,IA 52807	42-0823980		51,837	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS PROGRAM
(10) MOUNTAIN STATE SPOTLIGHT PO BOX 1111 CHARLESTON,WV 25324	85-1154363		70,110	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS PROGRAM
(11) MUCKROCK FOUNDATION INCORPORATED 411A HIGHLAND AVENUE SOMERVILLE,MA 02144	81-1485228		69,192	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(12) NASHVILLE PUBLIC RADIO 630 MAINSTREAM DRIVE	62-1631652	501(C)(3)	78,660	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK

NASHVILLE,TN 37228							INITIATIVE
(13) NEW BEDFORD LIGHT 127 W RODNEY FRENCH BLVD NEW BEDFORD,MA 02744	86-2407296	501(C)(3)	18,450	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(14) OAHU PUBLICATIONS INC 500 ALA MOANA BLVD STE 7-500 HONOLULU,HI 96813	99-0353529		93,111	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS PROGRAM
(15) OPEN VALLEJO PO BOX 4344 VALLEJO,CA 94590	84-4618329	501(C)(3)	69,192	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(16) OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING 7140 S MACADAM AVENUE PORTLAND,OR 97219	93-0814638	501(C)(3)	76,880	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(17) ROCKY MOUNTAIN PUBLIC MEDIA INC 2101 ARAPAHOE STREET DENVER,CO 80205	84-0510785	501(C)(3)	30,750	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(18) SAN FRANSISCO PUBLIC PRESS 44 PAGE STREET SUITE 504 SAN FRANCISCO,CA 94102	27-7275141		60,243	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(19) SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RADIO 474 SOUTH RAYMOND AVE PASADENA,CA 91105	95-4765734	501(C)(3)	59,352	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(20) THE NEWS & OBSERVER 421 FAYETTEVILLE STREET SUITE 104 RALEIGH,NC 27601	56-0338580		13,524	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(21) THE PALM BEACH POST 175 SULLYS TRAIL PITTSFORD,NY 14534	47-2464860		23,095	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(22) THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER 801 MARKET STREET SUITE 300 PHILADELPHIA,PA 19107	27-2937767		36,890	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(23) THE SEATTLE TIMES CO 1000 DENNY WAY SEATTLE,WA 98109	91-0403890		8,200	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS PROGRAM
(24) TRIBUNE PUBLISHING COMPANY LLC 160 N STETSON 40TH FLOOR CHICAGO,IL 60601	36-3779720		104,550	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS PROGRAM
(25) VPM MEDIA CORPORATION 23 SESAME STREET N CHESTERFIELD,VA 23235	54-0735782	501(C)(3)	38,484	0			PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table . . . . ▶ 11

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table . . . . ▶ 14

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22. Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
(1) LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK GRANT	2	111,218			
(2) EMERGING REPORTER STIPEND	11	49,500			
(3) DIVERSITY STIPEND	24	18,000			
(4) COVID QUALIFIED DISASTER RELIEF	1	4,395			
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2; Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2:	A) STIPEND NARRATIVE FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING ASSISTANCE: STIPEND PAYMENTS REPRESENT A FORM OF GRANT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS IN VARIOUS PROPUBLICA OUTREACH PROGRAMS. PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAMS ARE SELECTED VIA COMPETITIVE APPLICATION PROCESS IN WHICH THE APPLICANTS ARE CHOSEN BASED ON THEIR QUALIFICATIONS AND CAREER PROSPECTS IN THE FIELD OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM. FUNDING IS OFTEN PROVIDED AS A PART OF A GRANT RECEIVED BY PROPUBLICA. IN SUCH INSTANCES, THE GRANT REQUIREMENTS DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE AND MAY INFORM THE STIPEND PAYMENT PROCESS. IF THE FUNDING IS PROVIDED THROUGH PROPUBLICA'S GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET, FUNDING AVAILABILITY IS DETERMINED BASED ON OVERALL BUDGETARY CONCERNS. BASED ON THESE PARAMETERS, PROGRAM DIRECTORS DETERMINE WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS APPLY: - ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE EQUAL STIPEND AMOUNTS. - ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE SOME STIPEND, WITH THE AWARD AMOUNT VARYING BASED ON DETERMINATION OF NEED. - SOME PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE STIPENDS, WITH THE AWARD AMOUNT VARYING BASED ON DETERMINATION OF NEED. IN THIS INSTANCE, APPLICANTS MUST APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE AS A SEPARATE PROCEDURE FROM THE GENERAL APPLICATION PROCESS AND ARE NOTIFIED THE AMOUNT OF THE TOTAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE BASED ON GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE. APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRE APPLICANTS TO ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING: - EXPLICITLY ANSWER THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. - PROVIDE THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE THAT THEY ARE REQUESTING BASED ON PRE-DETERMINED FUND AVAILABILITY. - EXPLAIN HOW THE FUNDING WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO ATTEND THE PROGRAM WHEN THEY OTHERWISE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO. IF THE CASE IS COMPELLING, THE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IS GRANTED UP TO THE LIMITS OF THE FUNDS AVAILABLE. IF THE EXPLANATION OF NEED INCLUDES THE COST OF EXPENSES THAT ARE ALREADY COVERED FOR ALL ATTENDEES, THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT MAY BE REDUCED ACCORDINGLY. FOR EXAMPLE, IF A PARTICULAR PROGRAM COVERS THE COST OF LODGING AND TRAVEL FOR ALL ATTENDEES AND LODGING/TRAVEL ARE INCLUDED IN THE EXPLANATION OF NEED, THE AMOUNT AWARDED MAY BE REDUCED. WHEN FUNDING IS PROVIDED VIA PASS-THROUGH GRANTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, MONITORING OF FUND USAGE AND FOLLOW-UP ARE BASED UPON ONGOING VERBAL AND WRITTEN DIALOGUE, GRANT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AND WRITTEN GRANT REPORTS PROVIDED TO GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS AT THE END OF THE GRANT PERIOD. WHEN FUNDING IS PROVIDED THROUGH GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET DESIGNATION, PROPUBLICA MAINTAINS RECORDS OF INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING AND BENEFITTING FROM GRANT FUNDS, INCLUDING COMPLETED W-9 FORMS. AS THESE GRANTS ARE NEED-BASED, SUCH FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE. B) NARRATIVE FOR ORGANIZATIONS & INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING ASSISTANCE THROUGH LOCAL REPORTING INITIATIVES: THE OTHER TYPE OF FUNDING PROPUBLICA PROVIDES IS THROUGH REGRANTING FOR ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN LOCAL REPORTING INITIATIVES, INCLUDING LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK AND ELECTIONLAND. THROUGH THESE INITIATIVES, PROPUBLICA PARTNERS WITH LOCAL NEWSROOMS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR A REPORTER TO WORK ON AN INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME. MOST OFTEN, THE GRANTEE IS THE NEWSROOM ORGANIZATION ITSELF; HOWEVER, OCCASIONALLY, FUNDING MAY BE PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO A REPORTER WITH AN AFFILIATION TO THE SELECTED NEWSROOM. NEWSROOMS ARE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE INITIATIVES VIA A COMPETITIVE APPLICATION PROCESS, AND IN ADDITION TO FUNDING, PARTNERS RECEIVE ACCESS TO PROPUBLICA RESOURCES INCLUDING EDITORS, TRAINING SESSIONS, AND CO-PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES. LOCAL GRANT AMOUNTS ARE DETERMINED BASED ON EACH REPORTER'S ANNUAL SALARY AND A STANDARD BENEFITS PERCENT ALLOCATION, WHICH WAS 23% FOR GRANTS ORIGINATING IN 2021, AND AMOUNTS ARE AGREED TO IN WRITING BY BOTH THE PARTICIPATING NEWSROOM AND PROPUBLICA. FUND USAGE IS MONITORED BY THE PROPUBLICA EDITORS WHO OVERSEE THE PROGRAMS AND WORK DIRECTLY WITH THE REPORTERS AND NEWSROOMS. ULTIMATELY, LOCAL GRANTEE REPORTERS ARE EXPECTED TO PUBLISH A FULL-LENGTH INVESTIGATIVE PIECE IN COORDINATION WITH PROPUBLICA. ALSO, PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS MUST PROVIDE A WRITTEN ACCOUNTING FOR FUNDS USAGE AT THE END OF THE GRANT PERIOD, WHICH MOST OFTEN INCLUDES A COPY OF THE FUNDED REPORTER'S W2 FOR THE FUNDED GRANT YEAR. QUALIFIED DISASTER RELIEF PAYMENTS: ON OCCASION, PROPUBLICA MAY PROVIDE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE UNDER IRS CODE SECTION 139 IN THE FORM OF DISASTER RELIEF PAYMENTS. SUCH REQUESTS ARE CONSIDERED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, AND IF APPROVED, RECIPIENTS MUST SUBSTANTIATE THE USAGE OF SUCH FUNDS BY PROVIDING SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION. SUCH REQUESTS ARE CONSIDERED ONLY IF THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE NEED FOR ASSISTANCE HAS ARISEN IN RELATION TO WORK CONDUCTED BY THE EMPLOYEE ON BEHALF OF PROPUBLICA. PROPUBLICA PROVIDED ONE SUCH DISASTER RELIEF PAYMENT IN 2021.

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Schedule J (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Name of the organization
PRO PUBLICA INC

Employer identification number
14-2007220

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

			Yes	No
1a	Check the appropiate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items. ☐ First-class or charter travel ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☐ Travel for companions ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)			
b	If any of the boxes on Line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	**1b**		
2	Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on Line 1a?	**2**		
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III. ☑ Compensation committee ☐ Written employment contract ☑ Independent compensation consultant ☑ Compensation survey or study ☑ Form 990 of other organizations ☑ Approval by the board or compensation committee			
4	During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:			
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? If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.	**4c**		No
	Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.			
5	For persons listed on 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? . . . . If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.	**5b**		No
6	For persons listed on 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? . . . . If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.	**6b**		No
7	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	**7**	Yes	
8	Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accured pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	**8**		No
9	If "Yes" on 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 duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

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

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

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2, 1099-MISC compensation, and/or 1099-NEC			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 STEPHEN ENGELBERG CO-CEO & EDITOR-IN-CHIEF	(i)	415,519	4,263	3,564	14,500	36,838	474,684	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 RICHARD TOFEL PRESIDENT CO-CEO & TREASURER THRU SEPT 2021	(i)	331,488	0	2,970	14,500	10,678	359,636	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 ROBIN FIELDS MANAGING EDITOR	(i)	304,987	3,060	1,242	7,650	12,246	329,185	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 CHARLES ORNSTEIN MANAGING EDITOR, LOCAL	(i)	281,601	2,885	810	14,425	28,457	328,178	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 RAGAN RHYNE SVP, DEVELOPMENT & SECRETARY	(i)	305,000	3,050	540	15,250	1,510	325,350	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 JESSE EISINGER SENIOR EDITOR & REPORTER	(i)	242,085	2,513	1,242	12,563	33,970	292,373	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 TRACY WEBER DEPUTY MANAGING EDITOR	(i)	236,554	6,438	2,208	12,187	23,104	280,491	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 STEPHANIE LITTLE VP, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION	(i)	204,424	2,150	456	10,750	36,892	254,672	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 GINGER THOMPSON CHIEF OF CORRESPONDENTS	(i)	218,003	2,200	2,012	11,000	13,145	246,360	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 JEREMY KUTNER GENERAL COUNSEL	(i)	211,203	2,150	378	10,750	14,899	239,380	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part III Supplemental Information

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

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PART I, LINE 7	INDIVIDUALS REPORTED ON FORM 990, PART VII, SECTION A AND SCHEDULE J, PART II RECEIVED BOARD APPROVED DISCRETIONARY BONUS IN 2021.

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Noncash Contributions

▶Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
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Employer identification number
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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	58	838,747	AVG. SELLING PRICE
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ ( )				
26 Other ▶ ( )				
27 Other ▶ ( )				
28 Other ▶ ( )				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement — **29** 0

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

Part II **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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PART I, COLUMN (B):	THE ORGANIZATION IS REPORTING THE NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS IN PART I, COLUMN (B).

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RIOTERS CHARGED AND TRUMP OFFICIAL SUBPOENAED OVER JAN. 6:	ON JAN. 6, 2021, A SOURCE SHARED WITH PROPUBLICA THOUSANDS OF VIDEOS THAT WERE PUBLICLY UPLOADED BY RALLYGOERS AND INSURRECTIONISTS TO THE SOCIAL MEDIA SITE PARLER. (THE VIDEOS HAD BEEN ARCHIVED BY A PROGRAMMER BEFORE THE SITE WAS TAKEN OFFLINE BY ITS HOST.) NEARLY 50 MEMBERS OF PROPUBLICA'S REPORTING STAFF WORKED TOGETHER TO QUICKLY PUBLISH AN INTERACTIVE TIMELINE OF MORE THAN 500 VIDEOS TAKEN AT OR AROUND THE CAPITOL, A COLLECTION THAT PROVIDED ONE OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE HISTORICAL RECORDS OF THE INFAMOUS DAY. CLIPS FROM THE VIDEOS HAVE BEEN USED BY THE FBI TO IDENTIFY AND CHARGE SUSPECTS, AND IN FEBRUARY, IMAGES FROM PROPUBLICA'S TIMELINE WERE ALSO USED BY HOUSE MANAGERS DURING THE SECOND IMPEACHMENT TRIAL OF FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP. IN JUNE, THE SENATE HOMELAND SECURITY AND RULES COMMITTEES RECOMMENDED REFORMS TO THE CAPITOL POLICE IN A REPORT THAT EXTENSIVELY CITED PROPUBLICA'S COVERAGE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FAILURES IN PREPARING FOR AND RESPONDING TO THE RIOT. IN JUNE, PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT SENIOR TRUMP AIDES KNEW THE "STOP THE STEAL" RALLY THAT PRECEDED THE ATTACK ON THE CAPITOL COULD GET CHAOTIC. WE REVEALED HOW RALLY ORGANIZERS FOOLED THE CAPITOL POLICE AND WELCOMED WHITE SUPREMACISTS TO INCREASE THEIR CROWD SIZES, WHILE WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS WORKED TO BOTH CONTAIN AND APPEASE THE RALLYGOERS. CITING OUR REPORT, THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SELECT COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING THE EVENTS OF JAN. 6 ISSUED A SUBPOENA TO FORMER WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF MARK MEADOWS, NOTING THAT THERE IS "CREDIBLE EVIDENCE" OF MEADOWS' INVOLVEMENT IN EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE ATTACK ON THE CAPITOL. THIS WAS THE FIRST OF 20 SUBPOENAS FROM THE COMMITTEE THAT CITED OUR REPORTING. FAR-REACHING REFORMS (AND A RESIGNATION) IN FLORIDA PROGRAM FOR INJURED NEWBORNS: IN APRIL 2021, OUR LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER THE MIAMI HERALD REPORTED ON FLORIDA'S BIRTH-RELATED NEUROLOGICAL INJURY COMPENSATION ASSOCIATION, A PROGRAM CREATED TO REDUCE DOCTORS' MALPRACTICE BILLS. PARENTS OF BRAIN-DAMAGED NEWBORNS LOSE THEIR RIGHT TO SUE WHEN THEY JOIN THE PROGRAM, WHICH INSTEAD OFFERS THEM A ONE-TIME PAYMENT AND PROMISES TO COVER FUTURE MEDICAL EXPENSES. YET NICA HAS FREQUENTLY DENIED OR DELAYED HELP FOR STRUGGLING FAMILIES - SOMETIMES SPENDING TENS OF THOUSANDS MORE IN LEGAL FEES FIGHTING REQUESTS FOR BENEFITS THAN IT WOULD HAVE COST TO HELP PARENTS WHO DEPEND ON THE PROGRAM TO CARE FOR THEIR CHILDREN. HOURS AFTER THE INITIAL STORY WAS PUBLISHED, FLORIDA'S CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER INITIATED AN AUDIT OF THE PROGRAM THAT, MONTHS LATER, WOULD VALIDATE MANY OF OUR FINDINGS. BY THE END OF APRIL, FLORIDA LAWMAKERS PASSED SWEEPING LEGISLATION TO INCREASE BENEFITS AND PROTECTIONS FOR NICA FAMILIES, INCLUDING OFFERING MONEY FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ADDING A PARENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PROGRAM'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND DISTRIBUTING RETROACTIVE COMPENSATION OF $150,000. THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NICA ANNOUNCED A HOST OF ADDITIONAL REFORMS THAT WENT BEYOND THOSE MANDATED BY LAWMAKERS. IN JUNE, FLORIDA GOV. RON DESANTIS SIGNED THE NEW LEGISLATION, APPROVING THE MOST FAR-REACHING REFORM IN THE PROGRAM'S HISTORY. IN SEPTEMBER, THE PROGRAM'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RESIGNED AFTER LEADING THE ORGANIZATION FOR NEARLY TWO DECADES. NICA ANNOUNCED ADDITIONAL REFORMS LATER IN THE YEAR, INCLUDING DROPPING A MUCH-DESPISED POLICY REQUIRING PARENTS SEEKING THERAPY AND MEDICINE FOR THEIR KIDS TO TRY TO GET IT FIRST FROM MEDICAID, WHICH CAN DELAY CARE BY MONTHS. THE BOARD ALSO VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO LOBBY THE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND THE NICA LAW FURTHER TO MAKE EVEN MORE REFORMS. ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS BAN USE OF RESTRAINTS AND SECLUSION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS: IN NOVEMBER 2019, PROPUBLICA AND THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE INVESTIGATED ILLINOIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS' MISUSE OF "ISOLATED TIMEOUT" ROOMS, WHEREIN CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS FIVE WERE SENT TO SECLUSION ROOMS ALONE, SOMETIMES FOR HOURS ON END. OUR REPORTING PROMPTED LAWMAKERS TO CALL FOR A NATIONAL BAN ON THE USE OF STUDENT SECLUSION ROOMS AND PHYSICAL RESTRAINTS AND SPURRED THE ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO TAKE EMERGENCY ACTION, UNANIMOUSLY VOTING TO PERMANENTLY PROHIBIT THE USE OF LOCKED SECLUSION ROOMS AND STOP SCHOOLS FROM USING PRONE RESTRAINT. HOWEVER, IN MAY 2021, PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT ILLINOIS SCHOOLS NEVERTHELESS CONTINUED TO USE RESTRAINTS AND SECLUSION MORE THAN 15,000 TIMES DURING THE 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR, EVEN AS MOST SCHOOLS WERE CLOSED DUE TO THE PANDEMIC. FOLLOWING OUR REPORT, ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS PASSED LEGISLATION THAT REQUIRES SCHOOLS TO MAKE A PLAN TO REDUCE AND EVENTUALLY ELIMINATE THE USE OF RESTRAINTS AND SECLUSION OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS. IN AUGUST, GOV. J.B. PRITZKER SIGNED THE BILL. IN ADDITION, EFFORTS TO BAN SECLUSION AND LIMIT THE USE OF RESTRAINTS NATIONALLY MOVED FORWARD IN MAY WHEN HOUSE AND SENATE DEMOCRATS JOINTLY INTRODUCED THE KEEPING ALL STUDENTS SAFE ACT. UNQUALIFIED COVID-19 CONTRACTOR PLEADS GUILTY TO FRAUD: IN MAY 2020, PROPUBLICA PUBLISHED AN INVESTIGATION INTO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, UNCOVERING INDIVIDUALS PROFITING FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S BUNGLED HANDLING OF THE PANDEMIC. IN ONE INVESTIGATION, WE REPORTED THAT A VENDOR WITH NO EXPERIENCE IN PROVIDING MEDICAL SUPPLIES RECEIVED $38 MILLION IN FEDERAL CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE N95 MASKS AT INFLATED PRICES TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HOSPITALS. IN THE COURSE OF OUR REPORTING, WE ASKED THE VA ABOUT THIS DEAL. IT TERMINATED THE CONTRACT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AND REFERRED THE CASE TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR INVESTIGATION. IN FEBRUARY, THE CONTRACTOR, ROBERT STEWART JR., PLEADED GUILTY TO THREE COUNTS OF MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS, WIRE FRAUD AND THEFT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT, INCLUDING CHARGES THAT HE LIED TO THE VA. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXTENDS PPP LOANS TO BORROWERS IN BANKRUPTCY: IN MARCH 2021, PROPUBLICA INVESTIGATED A SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION RULE THAT DISQUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS OR BUSINESSES IN BANKRUPTCY FROM GETTING RELIEF THROUGH THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM. THE AGENCY HAD BATTLED IN COURT AGAINST BANKRUPT COMPANIES ATTEMPTING TO APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM, AND IT DIDN'T CHANGE COURSE EVEN AFTER CONGRESS EXPLICITLY PASSED LEGISLATION LAST DECEMBER ALLOWING IT TO DO SO. TWO WEEKS AFTER OUR STORY, HOWEVER, THE SBA QUIETLY REVERSED THE POLICY BY RELEASING NEW GUIDANCE. WITH THAT CHANGE, THOUSANDS OF DEBTORS WHO FILED UNDER CHAPTERS 11, 12 AND 13 BECAME ELIGIBLE FOR PPP LOANS.

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	CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS CONFIRM OUR FINDINGS ON COVID-19 PROFITEERS: IN 2020, PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT, SOON AFTER THE COVID-19 CRISIS SET IN, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TOSSED ASIDE ITS MANY RULES ON CONTRACTING TO GIVE OUT BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO JUST ABOUT ANYONE WHO SAID THEY COULD PROVIDE SUPPLIES NECESSARY TO COMBAT THE CORONAVIRUS. IN ONE STORY, WE SHOWED HOW THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PAID TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO DEVELOP LOW-COST PORTABLE VENTILATORS THAT THE CONTRACTOR NEVER DELIVERED. IN MARCH, HOUSE DEMOCRATS INVESTIGATING THE RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC RELEASED THEIR EARLY FINDINGS. ACCORDING TO CORRESPONDENCE OBTAINED BY CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS, TRUMP TRADE ADVISER PETER NAVARRO, THE POINT PERSON ON THE VENTILATORS DEAL, PRESSURED VARIOUS AGENCY OFFICIALS TO REWARD POLITICALLY CONNECTED OR UNTESTED COMPANIES WITH HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN CONTRACTS. NEW LAW STOPS DISCRIMINATORY DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSIONS: IN 2018, PROPUBLICA AND WBEZ REPORTED ON HOW BLACK MOTORISTS ON CHICAGO'S WEST AND SOUTH SIDES ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY HARMED BY LICENSE SUSPENSIONS OVER UNPAID TICKETS, REPORTING THAT WAS PART OF A SERIES ON HOW THE CITY'S TICKETING AND DEBT COLLECTION SYSTEMS HAVE BURDENED THE POOR AND LED TO TENS OF THOUSANDS OF BANKRUPTCIES. IN FEBRUARY 2021, GOV. J.B. PRITZKER SIGNED A MASSIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL THAT, AMONG OTHER MEASURES, PUT AN END TO SUSPENDING DRIVER'S LICENSES FOR UNPAID RED LIGHT AND SPEED CAMERA TICKETS AND RESTORED THE DRIVING PRIVILEGES OF SOME 11,000 PEOPLE. IN OCTOBER, THE CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL APPROVED A SET OF REFORMS PROPOSED BY MAYOR LORI LIGHTFOOT TO LOWER TICKET COSTS AND PROVIDE SOME DEBT RELIEF FOR LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS.
MISSOURI LAWMAKERS REFORM CLEAN ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM:	IN APRIL, PROPUBLICA PUBLISHED AN INVESTIGATION INTO A HOME-LOAN PROGRAM IN MISSOURI CALLED PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY, OR PACE, THAT LETS BORROWERS FINANCE ENERGY-EFFICIENT HOME IMPROVEMENTS, LIKE SOLAR PANELS AND HEATING SYSTEMS, BY REPAYING THEIR LOANS THROUGH THEIR ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX BILLS. WE REPORTED THAT THE PROGRAM PUT DOZENS OF BORROWERS, MANY IN BLACK NEIGHBORHOODS, AT RISK OF LOSING THEIR HOMES DUE TO THE PROGRAM'S LACK OF EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT, WHICH ALLOWED PRIVATE COMPANIES TO CHARGE HIGH INTEREST RATES. SOON AFTER, LAWMAKERS IN MISSOURI BEGAN EXPLORING WAYS TO REIN IN THE STATE'S CLEAN ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM AND, IN JUNE, GOV. MIKE PARSON SIGNED INTO LAW A MEASURE TO ADD CONSUMER PROTECTIONS AND OVERSIGHT TO PROGRAMS THAT MAKE SUCH LOANS IN THE STATE. REPORTING HELPS SOLVE A 1983 MURDER IN BALTIMORE: IN MAY 2021, PROPUBLICA PUBLISHED A THREE-PART TALE ABOUT ONE DOCTOR'S PIONEERING EFFORT TO CREATE WHAT WAS EFFECTIVELY ONE OF THE FIRST DNA DATABASES AND HOW, DECADES LATER, BALTIMORE POLICE ARE USING IT TO SOLVE COLD CASES. INSIGHTS FROM THE COLLECTION ARE RESHAPING CONVENTIONAL WISDOM ABOUT RAPISTS. OUR REPORTER HELPED SOLVE ONE OF THESE COLD CASES WHEN SHE ASKED BALTIMORE POLICE ABOUT A POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN SERIAL RAPIST ALPHONSO HILL AND THE 1983 MURDER OF A 21-YEAR-OLD COLLEGE STUDENT. IN JUNE, THE BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT HILL HAD CONFESSED TO RAPING AND MURDERING THE COLLEGE STUDENT, AS WELL AS COMMITTING OTHER CRIMES AND RAPES, AFTER DETECTIVES INFORMED HIM THEY HAD DNA EVIDENCE AND OFFERED HIM IMMUNITY IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS CONFESSION. HILL, WHO WAS ALREADY IN PRISON FOR OTHER RAPES, WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE UNTIL 2047, WHEN HE WOULD BE 95. WRONGFULLY CONVICTED MAN COMPENSATED WITH $1.4 MILLION: IN A 2017 PARTNERSHIP WITH VANITY FAIR, WE REPORTED ON THE CASE OF FRED STEESE, A LAS VEGAS MAN WHO SPENT 21 YEARS IN PRISON FOR A MURDER HE DIDN'T COMMIT. DESPITE HIS INNOCENCE, PROSECUTORS DEMANDED HE AGREE TO AN ALFORD PLEA - A DEAL THAT ALLOWS DEFENDANTS TO MAINTAIN THEIR INNOCENCE WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PLEADING GUILTY AND ACCEPTING THE STATUS OF A CONVICTED FELON. AFTER OUR STORY, STEESE WAS GRANTED A FULL PARDON. UNDER A NEW NEVADA LAW THAT COMPENSATES EXONEREES FOR EACH YEAR WRONGFULLY SPENT IN PRISON, IN MARCH 2021 STEESE RECEIVED $1.35 MILLION FOR HIS 18 YEARS OF IMPRISONMENT. ALASKA ATTORNEY GENERAL RESIGNS (AGAIN) AFTER SEXUAL MISCONDUCT EXPOSED: IN AUGUST 2020, PROPUBLICA AND THE ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS PUBLISHED AN INVESTIGATION SHOWING THAT ALASKA ATTORNEY GENERAL KEVIN CLARKSON SENT HUNDREDS OF TEXT MESSAGES TO A YOUNGER STATE EMPLOYEE (AT LEAST 558 MESSAGES IN MARCH 2020 ALONE) INVITING HER TO COME TO HIS HOME. HOURS AFTER WE PUBLISHED OUR STORY, CLARKSON RESIGNED. CLARKSON WAS REPLACED BY ACTING ALASKA ATTORNEY GENERAL ED SNIFFEN, WHO RESIGNED IN JANUARY 2021 AFTER PROPUBLICA AND THE DAILY NEWS BEGAN ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT DECADES EARLIER WITH A 17-YEAR-OLD GIRL. THE STATE HAS ALSO LAUNCHED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SNIFFEN. HEALTH INSURANCE TRANSPARENCY MANDATED: IN FEBRUARY 2019, PROPUBLICA AND PARTNER NPR NEWS PUBLISHED AN INVESTIGATION DOCUMENTING THE HIDDEN CASH AND GIFTS THAT HEALTH INSURERS PAY TO INFLUENCE INDEPENDENT INSURANCE BROKERS WHO ADVISE EMPLOYERS ON WHICH INSURANCE TO CHOOSE FOR THEIR STAFF. THIS INFLUENCE ULTIMATELY HELPS DETERMINE THE HEALTH COVERAGE FOR ABOUT 150 MILLION AMERICANS. THE 2021 CORONAVIRUS RELIEF BILL, SIGNED BY PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN, INCLUDED A MANDATE THAT BROKERS MUST DISCLOSE TO EMPLOYERS HOW MUCH THEY MAKE FROM INSURANCE CARRIERS AND VENDORS. NEW MEASURES ADDRESS RACIALIZED POLICING OF SEX WORK: IN DECEMBER 2020, PROPUBLICA REVEALED THAT UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS IN NEW YORK CITY AIMED AT ARRESTING SEX WORKERS OR THEIR CLIENTS HAVE LED TO NUMEROUS ALLEGATIONS OF FALSE ARREST AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT. WE REPORTED THAT NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WHO POLICE THE SEX TRADE, DRIVEN BY OVERTIME PAY, ROUTINELY GO UNDERCOVER TO ROUND UP AS MANY "BODIES" AS THEY CAN WITH LITTLE EVIDENCE OR OVERSIGHT. ALMOST EVERYONE ARRESTED IN THESE SWEEPS WAS A PERSON OF COLOR. IN JANUARY 2021, BROOKLYN DISTRICT ATTORNEY ERIC GONZALEZ ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS VACATING MORE THAN 200 WARRANTS RELATED TO PROSTITUTION AND WOULD DISMISS THE UNDERLYING CHARGES. IN FEBRUARY 2021, THE STATE LEGISLATURE REPEALED A LAW MAKING IT ILLEGAL TO LOITER FOR PURPOSES OF PROSTITUTION, WHICH PROPUBLICA REPORTED HAD BEEN USED TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST TRANSGENDER PEOPLE. IN MARCH 2021, THEN-MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO RELEASED A SECOND DRAFT OF HIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM PLAN THAT INCLUDED HIS INTENTION TO FORM A TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS WITH HOW THE CITY POLICES THE SEX TRADE. WATCHDOG AGENCY CHARGES NYPD OFFICER IN FATAL SHOOTING, JUDGE RULES DEPARTMENT WITHHELD FOOTAGE: IN DECEMBER 2020, AS PART OF OUR ONGOING INVESTIGATION INTO THE NYPD, WE ANALYZED THE DEPARTMENT'S KILLING OF KAWASKI TRAWICK IN 2019, REVEALING THAT THE OFFICERS FAILED TO FOLLOW PROCEDURES FOR DE-ESCALATING SITUATIONS INVOLVING INDIVIDUALS STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. TRAWICK WAS ONE OF 16 INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH CRISES WHO WERE KILLED BY THE NYPD SINCE NEW PROCEDURES AND TRAINING WERE TOUTED BY THE DE BLASIO ADMINISTRATION. PROPUBLICA'S REPORTING BROUGHT RENEWED PUBLIC ATTENTION TO TRAWICK'S DEATH AND OUTRAGE OVER THE LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY FOR OFFICERS USING EXCESSIVE FORCE. IN JUNE 2021, NEW YORK'S CIVILIAN COMPLAINT

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	REVIEW BOARD BROUGHT CHARGES AGAINST THE OFFICER WHO SHOT AND KILLED TRAWICK. UNDER NEW DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES ADOPTED LAST YEAR, THE OFFICER COULD BE FIRED IF FOUND GUILTY BY THE CCRB. NEW YORK LAWYERS FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST CITED PROPUBLICA'S REPORTING IN A SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST THE NYPD TO OBTAIN THE FULL FOOTAGE OF THE SHOOTING AND ITS AFTERMATH. IN NOVEMBER 2021, A NEW YORK STATE JUDGE RULED THAT THE NYPD ILLEGALLY WITHHELD BODY-WORN CAMERA FOOTAGE IN THE KILLING. TENNESSEE JUDGE OVERSEEING JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM WILL STEP DOWN AMID GROWING OUTCRY: IN OCTOBER 2021, PROPUBLICA AND LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER NASHVILLE PUBLIC RADIO CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE. UNDER THE WATCH OF JUDGE DONNA SCOTT DAVENPORT, WHO OVERSEES THE SYSTEM, THE COUNTY LOCKED UP KIDS IN NEARLY HALF THE CASES REFERRED TO JUVENILE COURT, IN CONTRAST TO AN AVERAGE OF JUST 5% IN THE REST OF THE STATE. FOR NINE YEARS, RUTHERFORD COUNTY USED AN ILLEGAL "FILTER SYSTEM," CRAFTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF ITS JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER, THAT ALLOWED THE FACILITY TO JAIL KIDS DEEMED A "TRUE THREAT" - A VAGUE STANDARD THAT'S NOT DEFINED ANYWHERE IN THE CENTER'S MANUAL. WITHIN DAYS OF THE STORY'S PUBLICATION, THERE WAS AN OUTCRY FROM COMMUNITY LEADERS AND TENNESSEE LAWMAKERS. THE NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATIONAL FUND CALLED FOR A FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION. MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY, WHERE DAVENPORT TAUGHT A CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLASS, ANNOUNCED THAT THE JUDGE "IS NO LONGER AFFILIATED WITH THE UNIVERSITY." TENNESSEE GOV. BILL LEE'S OFFICE CALLED ON JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF DAVENPORT, AND 11 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SENT A LETTER ASKING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO OPEN AN INVESTIGATION INTO RUTHERFORD'S JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. SUBSEQUENTLY, DAVENPORT ANNOUNCED THAT SHE WILL STEP DOWN IN 2022 RATHER THAN RUN FOR REELECTION.
MAINE PUBLIC DEFENSE LAWYER REMOVED FROM SERVICE:	IN OCTOBER 2020, PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER THE MAINE MONITOR INVESTIGATED MAINE'S USE OF COURT-APPOINTED PRIVATE ATTORNEYS TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO THE POOR. MAINE IS THE ONLY STATE THAT DOES NOT HAVE A PUBLIC DEFENDER SYSTEM. OUR INVESTIGATION FOUND THAT THESE ATTORNEYS LACK OVERSIGHT AND HAVE DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH LEVELS OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT AND CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS. IN RESPONSE, GOV. JANET MILLS CALLED FOR A BIPARTISAN EFFORT TO REFORM MAINE'S DEFENSE SYSTEM AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOHN PELLETIER RESIGNED FROM THE MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES. IN JUNE 2021, REPORTERS IDENTIFIED TWO DEFENSE LAWYERS WHO WERE ON A LIST OF ATTORNEYS ELIGIBLE TO TAKE CASES BUT WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN INELIGIBLE DUE TO THEIR OWN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS. ONE, A LAWYER FACING FELONY CHARGES, WAS SUBSEQUENTLY REMOVED FROM SERVICE. IN JULY 2021, MILLS SIGNED A BILL ALLOTTING $18.5 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL SPENDING OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS TO IMPROVE LEGAL SERVICES FOR LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS. YOUTUBE REMOVES CHINESE PROPAGANDA VIDEOS: IN JUNE, PROPUBLICA PARTNERED WITH THE NEW YORK TIMES TO INVESTIGATE CHINA'S EFFORTS TO COUNTER REPORTS OF THE PERSECUTION OF MEMBERS OF THE UYGHUR COMMUNITY, AN ETHNIC MINORITY IN NORTHWEST CHINA. WE REPORTED THAT CHINA WAS SPREADING PROPAGANDA VIDEOS OF UYGHURS DENYING ABUSES AGAINST THEIR COMMUNITY. OUR INVESTIGATION FOUND A PATTERN OF SIMILAR LANGUAGE USED IN THE VIDEOS, WHICH APPEARED ON TWITTER AND YOUTUBE, INDICATING THAT THEY ARE PART OF AN ELABORATE INFLUENCE CAMPAIGN BY CHINESE OFFICIALS TO COUNTER HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS RAISED BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND CORPORATIONS. IN RESPONSE, YOUTUBE TOOK DOWN MANY OF THE VIDEOS WE IDENTIFIED. RHODE ISLAND VOTES TO CERTIFY 911 CALL TAKERS IN CPR: IN 2019, PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER THE PUBLIC'S RADIO PUBLISHED AN INVESTIGATION THAT REVEALED THAT POOR TRAINING OF RHODE ISLAND'S 911 CALL TAKERS WAS RESULTING IN UNNECESSARY DEATHS. OUR REPORTING HAD SIGNIFICANT IMPACT, INCLUDING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE HEAD OF RHODE ISLAND'S 911 SYSTEM, A REVIEW OF PROCEDURES AND TRAINING PROVIDED TO 911 CALL TAKERS, AND LAWMAKERS EARMARKING FUNDS IN THEIR 2020 BUDGET FOR TRAINING 911 CALL TAKERS TO PROVIDE CPR INSTRUCTION (IN AN EFFORT TO COUNTERACT THE LAGGING RATES OF CARDIAC ARREST SURVIVAL STATEWIDE). IN MAY 2021, THE RHODE ISLAND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A BILL MANDATING THAT OPERATORS RECEIVE CERTIFICATION IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH AND PROVIDE CPR INSTRUCTIONS AND OTHER EMERGENCY MEDICAL DIRECTIONS TO CALLERS. FEDERAL AGENCY CLOSES LEGAL LOOPHOLE: IN OCTOBER 2019, PROPUBLICA CO-PUBLISHED AN INVESTIGATION WITH ARD GERMAN TV INTO PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES LURING MEXICANS ACROSS THE U.S. BORDER ON TEMPORARY VISAS TO DONATE BLOOD PLASMA. WHILE OTHER NATIONS LIMIT THE FREQUENCY OF PAID PLASMA DONATIONS OUT OF CONCERN FOR DONOR HEALTH, THE U.S. HAS COMPARATIVELY LOOSE STANDARDS. WHEREAS THE U.S. CAPS DONATIONS AT 104 A YEAR, EUROPE'S RECOMMENDED FREQUENCY IS 33 TIMES PER YEAR AND, IN MEXICO, SELLING PLASMA IS BANNED ENTIRELY. IN JUNE 2021, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION CLOSED A LEGAL LOOPHOLE THAT ALLOWED U.S.-BASED BLOOD PLASMA COMPANIES TO HARVEST PLASMA FROM THOUSANDS OF MEXICANS A DAY. TELEGRAM APP REMOVES FRAUDSTER CHAT ROOMS: IN JULY, PROPUBLICA INVESTIGATED WHAT MIGHT TURN OUT TO BE THE BIGGEST FRAUD WAVE IN U.S. HISTORY: BOGUS CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS FILED DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. OUR REPORTING REVEALED THAT MUCH OF THE FRAUD WAS ORGANIZED - IN THE U.S. AND ABROAD - AND ENABLED BY A BURGEONING ONLINE INFRASTRUCTURE OF CHAT ROOMS, COMPUTER ALGORITHMS AND HUMAN LABOR FARMS. ON THE MESSAGING APP TELEGRAM, FRAUDSTERS TRADE TIPS AND SHARE STEP-BY-STEP GUIDES, OR "SAUCES," ON HOW TO EXPLOIT AGING OR OBSOLETE STATE UNEMPLOYMENT IT SYSTEMS. DAYS AFTER WE PUBLISHED THE STORY, TELEGRAM REMOVED SEVERAL "SECRET SAUCE" CHATS MENTIONED IN OUR REPORTING. CALIFORNIA LEVIES FINE ON OIL COMPANY: IN MARCH 2021, AN INVESTIGATION INTO CALIFORNIA'S OVERSIGHT OF OIL COMPANIES BY PROPUBLICA AND LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER THE DESERT SUN REVEALED LAX ENFORCEMENT AND WEAKENING TRANSPARENCY FROM THE CALIFORNIA GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION, INCLUDING FOR WELLS THAT POSED RISKS TO DRINKING WATER AQUIFERS AND WELLS IN URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO HOMES AND SCHOOLS. IN MAY, THE AGENCY ORDERED NASCO PETROLEUM, FEATURED IN OUR STORY, TO PAY ALMOST $1.5 MILLION IN FINES FOR NEARLY 600 VIOLATIONS OF STATE REGULATIONS, INCLUDING THE CONTINUING OPERATION OF DANGEROUS WELLS. DATING SITES INVEST IN BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR APP USERS: IN A 2019 PARTNERSHIP WITH COLUMBIA JOURNALISM INVESTIGATIONS, PROPUBLICA REPORTED ON HOW SEX OFFENDERS USED DATING APPS TO ATTACK OTHER USERS, AS WELL AS ON THE BILLION-DOLLAR INDUSTRY'S RESISTANCE TO LEGISLATION THAT WOULD IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF ITS PRODUCTS. IN MARCH 2021, DATING SITE COMPANY MATCH GROUP ANNOUNCED A SEVEN-FIGURE INVESTMENT IN GARBO, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT HELPS DATING APP USERS CONDUCT BACKGROUND CHECKS, WITH PLANS TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO USERS IN THE FUTURE FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE. ALSO IN MARCH, REP. JAN SCHAKOWSKY INTRODUCED THE ONLINE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT THAT WOULD, AMONG OTHER THINGS, REQUIRE DATING PLATFORMS TO ENFORCE THEIR RULES DESIGNED TO PREVENT FRAUD AND ABUSE AND HOLD THEM

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	ACCOUNTABLE WHEN THEY DO NOT. PROSECUTOR ISSUES POLICY AGAINST CHARGING JUVENILES WITH MINOR OFFENSES: IN JULY OF LAST YEAR, PROPUBLICA ILLINOIS PARTNERED WITH THE DETROIT FREE PRESS AND MICHIGAN'S NONPROFIT NEWSROOM BRIDGE TO REPORT ON GRACE, A 15-YEAR-OLD WHO WAS SENT TO JUVENILE DETENTION FOR NOT DOING HER ONLINE COURSEWORK DURING THE PANDEMIC. OUR STORY BROUGHT NATIONAL ATTENTION TO HER PLIGHT, INCLUDING SPARKING THE TRENDING #FREEGRACE HASHTAG AND LOCAL DEMONSTRATIONS, LEADING TO HER RELEASE THAT SAME MONTH. IN JANUARY, THE WASHTENAW COUNTY PROSECUTOR CITED PROPUBLICA'S REPORTING WHEN ANNOUNCING A NEW POLICY DIRECTIVE THAT INSTRUCTS THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TO AVOID CHARGING JUVENILES WITH MINOR OFFENSES THAT ARE BEST RESOLVED OUTSIDE OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. YOUNG WOMAN ONCE IN "SHADOW" FOSTER CARE SYSTEM RECEIVES MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR SETTLEMENT: IN DECEMBER OF 2021, PROPUBLICA PARTNERED WITH THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE FOR A REPORT ON AMERICA'S SHADOW FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, AN INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT IN WHICH CASEWORKERS REMOVE KIDS FROM THEIR HOMES AND PLACE THEM WITH FRIENDS OR FAMILY WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE COURTS. WHILE SOME FAMILIES PREFER IT TO THE FORMAL FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, IT OFFERS FEW OF THE PROTECTIONS OR BENEFITS THEY GET FROM FORMAL CARE - NO COURT HEARINGS OR LAWYERS, NO SERVICES FOR KIDS, OFTEN NO REGULAR OVERSIGHT OR CHECK-INS FROM CASEWORKERS, AND INADEQUATE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS. THERE'S ALSO NO JUDGE DECIDING IF A DEPARTMENT HAS A LEGAL BASIS TO REMOVE A CHILD TO BEGIN WITH. AN ESTIMATED 250,000 CHILDREN ARE MOVED INTO THIS SHADOW SYSTEM EACH YEAR, ROUGHLY THE SAME NUMBER AS THOSE WHO ARE REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES AND PLACED IN FORMAL FOSTER CARE. OUR STORY FEATURED SISTERS MOLLY AND HEAVEN CORDELL WHO WERE ILLEGALLY SEPARATED FROM THEIR FAMILY AND PLACED IN HIDDEN FOSTER CARE WHEN THEY WERE 15 AND 14 YEARS OLD. MOLLY, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN SUICIDAL, RECEIVED NO MENTAL HEALTH CARE, LOST ACCESS TO HER MEDICATION AND WAS ESSENTIALLY HOMELESS. DAYS AFTER OUR REPORTING WAS PUBLISHED, NORTH CAROLINA'S CHEROKEE COUNTY AGREED TO A $4 MILLION SETTLEMENT WITH 21-YEAR-OLD MOLLY CORDELL.
SICK DAY PAYOUTS FOR COPS FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL:	IN FEBRUARY 2021, THE ASBURY PARK PRESS PUBLISHED AN INVESTIGATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PROPUBLICA'S LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK ABOUT HOW NEW JERSEY POLICE OFFICERS COLLECT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS BY EXPLOITING THEIR UNION CONTRACTS FOR ADDITIONAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS BEYOND THEIR ALREADY-GENEROUS PENSIONS. PROBLEMS INCLUDED A RETIRED OFFICER WHO RECEIVED A 14-KARAT SOLID GOLD BADGE WORTH $7,000, AS WELL AS MORE COMMON BENEFIT PAYOUTS SUCH AS CASHING IN UNUSED SICK DAYS, WELL-PAID "EXTRA DUTY" WORK AND END-OF-CAREER PAYMENTS. ALL THESE PERKS COME AT A MAJOR COST TO NEW JERSEY TAXPAYERS. AS OF 2019, MUNICIPALITIES ACROSS THE STATE WERE IN DEBT FOR AT LEAST $492 MILLION FOR UNUSED SICK TIME AND VACATION DAYS. WE REPORTED THAT A STATE LAW, PASSED IN 2010, MEANT TO STOP HUGE RETIREMENT PAYOUTS FOR UNUSED SICK DAYS WAS NOT BEING FOLLOWED. IN MARCH 2021, NEW JERSEY'S ACTING STATE COMPTROLLER RELEASED A REPORT EXAMINING ONE TOWN THAT DEEMED THE TYPES OF PAYMENTS REPORTED BY PROPUBLICA ILLEGAL. IN A FOLLOW-UP STORY, PROPUBLICA IDENTIFIED 25 TOWNS MAKING SUCH PAYMENTS. SOME SAID THEY WOULD CEASE THE PRACTICE AND MAY REQUIRE OFFICERS TO REPAY THE MONEY. AS AUDIT UNCOVERS (MORE) MISSING MONEY FROM CALIFORNIA REGULATORY AGENCY, ITS PRESIDENT RESIGNS: IN DECEMBER 2020, PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER BAY CITY NEWS PUBLISHED A STORY ABOUT WHISTLEBLOWER ALICE STEBBINS, A FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, WHICH REGULATES PRIVATELY OWNED PUBLIC UTILITIES. STEBBINS WAS FIRED IN 2020 AFTER SHE REPORTED $200 MILLION THAT WAS ALLEGEDLY MISSING FROM ACCOUNTS MEANT TO FUND PROGRAMS FOR THE STATE'S BLIND, DEAF AND POOR. OUR REPORTING UNCOVERED FLAWS IN THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD INVESTIGATION THAT LED TO HER DISMISSAL. A FEBRUARY 2021 AUDIT CONDUCTED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE ECHOED PROPUBLICA'S REPORTING, FINDING CPUC'S ACCOUNTING TO BE "INACCURATE AND INCOMPLETE." IN OCTOBER, MARYBEL BATJER ANNOUNCED HER RESIGNATION AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, LESS THAN ONE YEAR INTO A SIX-YEAR TERM. BATJER HAD PURPORTEDLY SPEARHEADED THE TERMINATION OF STEBBINS, AND UNDER HER LEADERSHIP THE AGENCY STRUGGLED TO CONTEND WITH POWER GRID ISSUES AND THE REPEATED DEADLY WILDFIRES CAUSED BY THE STATE'S LARGEST UTILITY, PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC. BOOSTER SEAT SAFETY LAW INTRODUCED TO PROTECT CHILDREN IN CAR CRASHES: IN FEBRUARY 2020, PROPUBLICA PUBLISHED AN INVESTIGATION DEMONSTRATING THAT THE CHILD CAR-SEAT MAKER EVENFLO HAD PUT MARKETING ABOVE THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN USING THEIR "BIG KID" BOOSTER SEATS - THE COMPANY'S OWN SIDE-IMPACT TESTING FOOTAGE ILLUSTRATED THE DANGERS. OUR REPORTING REVEALED THE CORPORATE OBLIVIOUSNESS AND REGULATORY FAILURES THAT ALLOWED THE SEATS TO BE SOLD, EVEN AFTER SERIOUS INJURIES TO CHILDREN, INCLUDING PARALYSIS, RESULTED. IN JULY 2021, A GROUP OF 18 STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL SIGNED A LETTER TO TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY PETE BUTTIGIEG CRITICIZING THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION FOR FAILING TO MANDATE SIDE-IMPACT TESTS FOR CHILDREN'S CAR SEATS, DESPITE A LAW REQUIRING THE AGENCY TO PROTECT KIDS IN SUCH COLLISIONS. IN OCTOBER 2021, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS INTRODUCED THE BOOSTER SEAT SAFETY ACT, WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH THE MOST SWEEPING SAFETY RULES FOR BOOSTER SEATS IN MORE THAN TWO DECADES. THE PROPOSED LAW WOULD FORCE THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION TO CREATE MANDATORY TESTS FOR BOOSTER SEATS THAT MIMIC THE FORCES OF SIDE-IMPACT CRASHES, ISSUE GUIDELINES FOR CRASH TEST DUMMIES, ESTABLISH A MINIMUM HEIGHT REQUIREMENT FOR THE USE OF BOOSTER SEATS AND MANDATE LABELING FOR THE PROPER USE OF CAR AND BOOSTER SEATS. THE NEW BILL HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS, PROMINENT AUTO INSURERS, INSURANCE INDUSTRY GROUPS AND MORE THAN 10 CONSUMER SAFETY ORGANIZATIONS. CONGRESS INVESTIGATES LENDER RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING PPP LOANS TO FAKE COMPANIES: IN MAY 2021, PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT AN ONLINE LENDING PLATFORM CALLED KABBAGE SENT 378 PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM LOANS WORTH $7 MILLION TO FAKE COMPANIES. MANY OF THESE CLAIMED TO BE FARMS WITH NAMES SUCH AS "DEELY NUTS AND "BEEFY KING." THROUGH THE PPP, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDED $800 BILLION IN FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO BANKS SO THEY COULD VET AND MAKE LOW-INTEREST LOANS TO COMPANIES AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE ECONOMIC DEVASTATION CAUSED BY THE PANDEMIC. IN JUNE, THE HOUSE SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS OPENED A PROBE INTO LOANS BY KABBAGE AND OTHER NON-BANK FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES, CITING PROPUBLICA'S REPORTING. AMERICAN EXPRESS, WHICH ACQUIRED KABBAGE IN 2021, SAID IT FOLLOWED ALL FRAUD PROTOCOLS. REFORMS INTRODUCED TO REIN IN MEGA IRAS: IN JUNE 2021, AFTER A PROPUBLICA INVESTIGATION REVEALED HOW BILLIONAIRE PETER THIEL CONVERTED HIS ROTH IRA A RETIREMENT VEHICLE INTENDED TO HELP AVERAGE WORKING AMERICANS INTO A MAMMOTH ONSHORE TAX SHELTER, SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR RON WYDEN SAID HE WAS REVISITING PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REIN IN TAX BREAKS FOR GARGANTUAN ROTH RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS. IN

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	JULY 2021, TWO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO SEEK REFORMS TO PREVENT THE ULTRAWEALTHY FROM AMASSING BILLIONS IN THEIR ROTH IRAS. SEN. BEN CARDIN WANTS TO BAN SHARES IN COMPANIES THAT ARE NOT PUBLICLY TRADED FROM BEING ADDED TO ROTH IRAS, WHILE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS CHAIR RICHARD NEAL WANTS TO CAP THE AMOUNT THAT ROTH IRA HOLDERS CAN SAVE TAX-FREE. ALSO IN JULY, WYDEN AND NEAL REQUESTED DATA ON MEGA IRAS FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION, WHICH SHOWED THAT THE NUMBER OF MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR ROTH IRAS HAS SOARED IN THE PAST DECADE AS MORE WEALTHY AMERICANS USE THEM TO SHIELD FORTUNES FROM INCOME TAXES. THE DATA REVEALED THAT THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS WITH TRADITIONAL AND ROTH IRAS WORTH OVER $5 MILLION TRIPLED, TO MORE THAN 28,000, BETWEEN 2011 AND 2019. ADDITIONALLY, A STAGGERING $15 BILLION IS STOWED AWAY IN TAX-FREE ROTH ACCOUNTS HELD BY JUST 156 AMERICANS. IN SEPTEMBER, NEAL INTRODUCED REFORMS THAT WOULD CAP ROTH IRA ACCOUNTS AT $20 MILLION FOR HIGH-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND COMPEL THE HOLDERS OF THE GIANT ACCOUNTS TO WITHDRAW ANYTHING OVER THAT LIMIT. THE LEGISLATION WOULD ALSO BAR INDIVIDUALS FROM USING THE ACCOUNTS TO EITHER PURCHASE CERTAIN NON-PUBLIC INVESTMENTS OR BUY STAKES IN COMPANIES IN WHICH THEY ARE AN OFFICER. LAWSUIT CHALLENGES NURSING HOME LIABILITY PROTECTIONS: IN JANUARY 2021, PROPUBLICA REPORTED ON LAWS THAT WERE HASTILY PASSED EARLY IN THE PANDEMIC WITH THE GOAL OF SHIELDING HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND NURSING HOMES FROM LAWSUITS. NORTH CAROLINA'S LEGISLATION OFFERED BROADER PROTECTIONS THAN MOST STATES, SHIELDING MANY INSTITUTIONS FROM LIABILITY IF THEY WERE IMPACTED BY COVID-19. THE LAW EVEN APPLIES IN CASES OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE, WHICH ONE FAMILY THINKS CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEATH OF A WOMAN NAMED PALESTINE HOWZE. HOWZE'S FAMILY BELIEVES SHE DIED FROM AN IMPROPERLY TREATED BEDSORE AND THE NURSING HOME'S UNWILLINGNESS TO SEND HER TO THE HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT. IN THE WAKE OF PROPUBLICA'S REPORTING, THE HOWZE FAMILY IS PURSUING A CASE AGAINST THE TREYBURN REHABILITATION CENTER IN DURHAM. THIS IS THE FIRST LAWSUIT IN THE NATION TO CHALLENGE LIABILITY SHIELD LAWS. NEW YORK ATTORNEY GENERAL FINDS NURSING HOME COVID-19 POLICY CONTRIBUTED TO DEATHS: CITING PROPUBLICA'S JUNE 2020 INVESTIGATION INTO THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 WITHIN NURSING HOMES, U.S. REP. JACKIE WALORSKI JOINED OTHER REPUBLICANS ON THE SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS IN URGING THE ATTORNEYS GENERAL OF NEW YORK, CALIFORNIA, MICHIGAN, NEW JERSEY AND PENNSYLVANIA TO INVESTIGATE THESE STATES ORDERS REQUIRING LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES TO ACCEPT COVID-19 PATIENTS AND THE IMPACT OF THESE POLICIES ON VULNERABLE NURSING HOME POPULATIONS. IN JANUARY, THE NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL RELEASED A REPORT ECHOING PROPUBLICA'S EARLY REPORTING THAT THIS POLICY HAD LIKELY CONTRIBUTED TO A SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF LIFE. THE REPORT ALSO RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TRUE NUMBER OF NURSING HOME RESIDENTS IN THE STATE WHO HAVE DIED OF COVID-19, ESTIMATING THAT THE STATE UNDERCOUNTED THOUSANDS OF DEATHS.
BILLIONS IN STUDENT LOANS FORGIVEN FOR DISABLED BORROWERS:	A 2011 PROPUBLICA INVESTIGATION, PUBLISHED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY'S STABILE CENTER FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM, EXAMINED A FLAWED EDUCATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAM FOR DECIDING WHETHER SEVERELY DISABLED STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR HAVING THEIR STUDENT LOANS FORGIVEN. THE PROGRAM WAS LEAVING MANY BORROWERS FACING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP FROM FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS WHEN THEY WERE LEGALLY ENTITLED TO HAVE THEM DISMISSED. IN AUGUST 2021, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT UNDER A NEW REGULATION, THE DEPARTMENT WILL AUTOMATICALLY FORGIVE THE DEBT OF BORROWERS WHO THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION HAS IDENTIFIED AS SEVERELY DISABLED, INCLUDING $5.8 BILLION IN EXISTING STUDENT LOANS THAT LEFT MANY VULNERABLE BORROWERS MIRED IN DEBT. UNSCIENTIFIC RULE ON NYC SCHOOL CLOSURES REVERSED: IN APRIL 2021, PROPUBLICA REPORTED ON AN UNSCIENTIFIC NEW YORK CITY RULE THAT ORDERED THE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IF TESTING FOUND TWO POSITIVE COVID-19 RESULTS, REGARDLESS OF THE SCHOOL'S SIZE AND EVEN IF THE CASES WERE APPARENTLY UNLINKED. PROPUBLICA CONTACTED 10 EPIDEMIOLOGISTS AND PHYSICIANS, NEARLY ALL OF WHOM SAID THE POLICY DIDN'T MAKE SENSE. DAYS AFTER THE STORY'S PUBLICATION, THEN-MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO ANNOUNCED AN END TO THE CITY'S RULE. OREGON LAWMAKERS SEEK TO REVERSE TIMBER TAX CUTS: IN 2020, PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING JOINED WITH THE OREGONIAN TO INVESTIGATE THE TIMBER INDUSTRY, REPORTING ON HOW THE STATE'S PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR WEALTHY CORPORATIONS HAS HAD DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS ON BOTH THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND THE ENVIRONMENT. AMONG OTHER FINDINGS, THE REPORTING TEAM REVEALED THAT THE TAX-FUNDED OREGON FOREST RESOURCES INSTITUTE WORKED TO DISCREDIT ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND ACTED AS A LOBBYING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS ARM FOR THE TIMBER INDUSTRY. IN FEBRUARY 2021, OREGON'S LAWMAKERS FILED DOZENS OF BILLS AIMED AT REVERSING DECADES-OLD TIMBER TAX CUTS THAT DEPRIVED COUNTIES OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, AS WELL AS SEEKING TO ELIMINATE THE QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL OFRI. THIS WAS THE STATE'S MOST CONSEQUENTIAL SESSION FOR FOREST POLICY AND WILL POTENTIALLY FUNNEL LARGE SUMS OF MONEY BACK INTO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR SCHOOLS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS THAT HADN'T BEEN ADEQUATELY FUNDED FOR YEARS UNDER THE PREVIOUS POLICIES. ADDITIONALLY, IN JULY, AN AUDIT PROMPTED BY OUR INVESTIGATION FOUND THAT OFRI MISLED THE PUBLIC BY PRESENTING A BIASED VIEW OF FORESTRY FAVORING THE TIMBER INDUSTRY AND MAY HAVE VIOLATED STATE LAW. STATE AUDIT FINDS OFFICIALS FAILED TO TRACK FUNDS FOR IMPROVING JAILS: IN 2019, PROPUBLICA AND THE SACRAMENTO BEE, A PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER, PUBLISHED A SERIES OF INVESTIGATIONS THAT EXPOSED HOW CALIFORNIA'S EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE POPULATION OF STATE PRISONS HAVE LED TO OVERCROWDED, DANGEROUS AND INCREASINGLY DEADLY CONDITIONS IN ITS COUNTY JAILS. SHORTLY AFTER OUR REPORTING, STATE SEN. SYDNEY KAMLAGER REQUESTED THAT THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE CONDUCT ITS OWN INVESTIGATION. IN MARCH THE AUDITOR RELEASED ITS REPORT, WHICH FOUND THAT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONS THAT MONITOR THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FAILED TO ADEQUATELY TRACK BILLIONS OF DOLLARS INTENDED FOR IMPROVING COUNTY LOCKUPS AND REHABILITATING OFFENDERS. FEDS INVESTIGATE LENDER THAT SUED BORROWERS DURING PANDEMIC: IN 2020, PROPUBLICA AND THE TEXAS TRIBUNE INVESTIGATED OPORTUN INC., A SILICON VALLEY-BASED INSTALLMENT LENDER THAT CATERS TO LATINO IMMIGRANTS, AND FOUND THAT IT WAS CONTINUING TO SUE BORROWERS EVEN AFTER THEY LOST JOBS BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC. IN MARCH 2021 WE REPORTED THAT THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU LAUNCHED A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION OF THE COMPANY IN RESPONSE TO OUR REPORTING. OPORTUN DENIED WRONGDOING. FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION INSPECTOR GENERAL CALLS FOR INTERNAL ETHICS REVIEW: IN OCTOBER 2020, PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT A TOP FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION OFFICIAL, WHOSE DIVISION REGULATES CAMPAIGN CASH, HAD UNDISCLOSED TIES TO TRUMP AND HIS 2016 CAMPAIGN ATTORNEY, RAISING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AGENCY'S NEUTRALITY. IN AUGUST 2021, FOLLOWING OUR REPORT, THE FEC INSPECTOR GENERAL CALLED FOR THE AGENCY TO REVIEW ITS POLICIES AND INTERNAL CONTROLS. LAWMAKERS URGE EPA TO INVESTIGATE AIR QUALITY MONITORING IN FLORIDA AND

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	CHANGE NATIONAL POLLUTION STANDARDS: IN JULY, PROPUBLICA AND LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER THE PALM BEACH POST PUBLISHED A JOINT INVESTIGATION THAT FOUND A SERIES OF SHORTCOMINGS IN HOW AUTHORITIES MONITOR THE AIR IN FLORIDA'S HEARTLAND, WHICH IS SUBJECT TO REGULAR POLLUTION FROM PRE-HARVEST BURNING OF SUGAR CANE. IN AUGUST, LEADING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS CALLED FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO INVESTIGATE AIR MONITORING IN FLORIDA AND TO CHANGE NATIONAL POLLUTION STANDARDS. AS THE POST AND PROPUBLICA REPORTED, THE EPA ALLOWED THE STATE TO USE A SINGLE MALFUNCTIONING MONITOR TO TRACK AIR QUALITY ACROSS A 400,000-ACRE SUGAR GROWING REGION FOR AT LEAST EIGHT YEARS. OUR REPORTING ALSO FOUND THAT CURRENT STANDARDS FAIL TO CAPTURE SHORT-TERM SPIKES IN POLLUTION, A DEFINING FEATURE OF FLORIDA'S SUGAR HARVESTING PROCESS, WHEN BURNING RELEASES BURSTS OF HARMFUL SMOKE. SENATE BANKING CHAIR CALLS FOR OVERSIGHT OF BANKING APPS: IN JULY, PROPUBLICA INVESTIGATED THE BANKING APP CHIME AFTER IT RACKED UP AN UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF CONSUMER COMPLAINTS ABOUT LOCKED ACCOUNTS, INACCESSIBLE FUNDS AND SLOW RESOLUTION TIMES. IN THE MONTHS BEFORE THE ARTICLE'S PUBLICATION, CHIME CUSTOMERS HAD FILED 920 COMPLAINTS WITH THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU. WITH AN ESTIMATED 12 MILLION CUSTOMERS, CHIME IS THE LARGEST IN ITS HIGHLY COMPETITIVE CATEGORY OF FINTECH COMPANIES THAT SERVE LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE UNDERSERVED BY TRADITIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. LATER THAT MONTH, SENATE BANKING CHAIR SHERROD BROWN CITED OUR REPORTING WHEN HE ASKED THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU TO LAY OUT A PLAN FOR OVERSEEING NEOBANKS LIKE CHIME AND OTHER BANKING APPS. NEW MEXICO CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY CALLS ON STATE TO STOP INTERCEPTING PAYMENTS TO POOR FAMILIES: IN SEPTEMBER 2021, PROPUBLICA PUBLISHED A REPORT ON THE GOVERNMENT'S HARMFUL AND SOMETIMES BIZARRE APPROACHES TO PROVIDING - AND THEN TAKING BACK - MONEY FOR POOR FAMILIES. THE 1996 WELFARE REFORM LAW CREATED THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM, WHICH REQUIRES STATES TO TRY TO COLLECT CHILD SUPPORT FROM FATHERS OF CHILDREN WHOSE MOTHERS APPLIED FOR WELFARE. BUT IN SOME STATES, THAT MONEY NEVER REACHES THE MOTHERS OR CHILDREN. IN NEW MEXICO, MOTHERS DESCRIBED RECOUNTING THEIR SEXUAL HISTORIES TO STATE BUREAUCRATS, A PROCESS THEY RECALLED AS HUMILIATING, INVASIVE AND SOMETIMES TERRIFYING. WHEN THE GOVERNMENT IS ABLE TO LOCATE AND SECURE FUNDS FROM CHILDREN'S FATHERS, THE STATE OFTEN KEEPS THE FUNDS AS REPAYMENT FOR THE COST OF WELFARE, A CRITICAL SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR MANY STATES AND COUNTIES. IN RESPONSE TO OUR INVESTIGATION, BETINA MCCRACKEN, ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE NEW MEXICO CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, AND KARI ARMIJO, DEPUTY CABINET SECRETARY OF THE STATE'S HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, PUBLISHED AN OP-ED IN THE SANTA FE NEW MEXICAN PRESSING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO LET AS MUCH AS $6.9 MILLION A YEAR IN CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTED FROM FATHERS FLOW DIRECTLY TO THEIR FAMILIES INSTEAD OF DIVERTING IT INTO GOVERNMENT COFFERS. GOV. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM HAS SAID THAT SHE SUPPORTS THIS POLICY CHANGE AND WOULD SIGN IT INTO LAW. FEC COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST REP. MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE: IN MAY 2021, WE INVESTIGATED AN ADVERTISEMENT MADE BY REP. MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE FOR THE STOP SOCIALISM NOW PAC. GREENE WORKED WITH A REPUBLICAN AD MAKER WHO HAS A HISTORY OF RACIST REMARKS AND TIES TO EXTREMIST GUN GROUPS. OUR REPORT REVEALED THAT GREENE MAY HAVE BROKEN CAMPAIGN FINANCE RULES BY MAKING AN EXPLICIT REQUEST FOR FUNDS APPEARING IN A SOLICITATION FOR A GROUP THAT ACCEPTS UNLIMITED DONATIONS. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OUR REPORTING, AND CITING PROPUBLICA'S INVESTIGATION, COMMON CAUSE FILED A FORMAL COMPLAINT WITH THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION. LAWMAKERS PUSH OVERSIGHT FOR OVERCHARGING UTILITY: IN OCTOBER 2020, PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER THE RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH INVESTIGATED WHY VIRGINIA RESIDENTS WERE PAYING THE HIGHEST ELECTRICITY BILLS IN THE COUNTRY. THEY REPORTED THAT THE STATE'S LARGEST UTILITY, DOMINION ENERGY, HAD INFLUENCED LEGISLATION THAT EFFECTIVELY HOBBLED THE STATE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR REGULATING UTILITIES. IN JANUARY, A BIPARTISAN GROUP OF VIRGINIA LAWMAKERS BACKED A LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE THAT WOULD RESTORE AUTHORITY TO VIRGINIA'S STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION AND POTENTIALLY RESULT IN THE RETURN OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF "OVER-EARNINGS" TO RESIDENTS.
CONGRESS DEMANDS ANSWERS ON MEATPACKING INDUSTRY'S COVID-19 DEATHS:	IN 2020, PROPUBLICA PUBLISHED A SERIES SHOWING THAT MEAT COMPANIES' MISMANAGEMENT OF THE PANDEMIC AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO ENSURE THAT PLANTS TOOK APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE PANDEMIC'S DRAMATIC TOLL ON MEATPACKING WORKERS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES. IN FEBRUARY 2021, THE HOUSE SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS ANNOUNCED AN INVESTIGATION INTO JBS, SMITHFIELD FOODS AND TYSON FOODS, THREE OF THE NATION'S LARGEST MEAT COMPANIES, WHICH REP. JAMES CLYBURN SAID HAD "REFUSED TO TAKE BASIC PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT THEIR WORKERS AND HAD "SHOWN A CALLOUS DISREGARD FOR WORKERS' HEALTH." THE COMPANIES SAID THAT THEY RESPONDED APPROPRIATELY TO THE PANDEMIC. THE SUBCOMMITTEE IS ALSO SCRUTINIZING THE GOVERNMENT'S SHORTCOMINGS IN PROTECTING MEATPACKING WORKERS. SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR, LEGISLATORS ACT TO REFORM MAGISTRATE JUDGE SYSTEM: IN NOVEMBER 2019, CHARLESTON'S POST AND COURIER, A LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER, EXPOSED HOW SOUTH CAROLINA'S SYSTEM FOR SELECTING MAGISTRATE JUDGES IS RIFE WITH POLITICS AND FLAWED OVERSIGHT, PROVIDING FERTILE GROUND FOR INCOMPETENCE AND CORRUPTION ON THE BENCH. THE INVESTIGATION FOUND THAT MAGISTRATES, WHO HANDLE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF LOWER COURT CASES A YEAR, ARE OFTEN POLITICALLY CONNECTED INSIDERS, MOST OF WHOM HAVE NEVER PRACTICED LAW. IN JANUARY 2021, SOUTH CAROLINA LAWMAKERS PRIORITIZED THEIR SCRUTINY OF LOCAL MAGISTRATE JUDGES. MORE THAN A HALF-DOZEN PRE-FILED BIPARTISAN BILLS TARGETING MAGISTRATE REFORMS RECEIVED ENDORSEMENTS IN INTERVIEWS WITH KEY MEMBERS OF THE 23-PERSON STATE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. (THE COMMITTEE REVIEWS ANY PROPOSAL BEFORE A FLOOR VOTE.) IN ADDITION, GOV. HENRY MCMASTER INCLUDED MAGISTRATE REFORM IN HIS ANNUAL STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS, LAYING OUT A PLAN TO REQUIRE ALL MAGISTRATES TO BE PRACTICING LAWYERS WITH A CLEAN RECORD. ARKANSAS PUSHES TO REVOKE JAIL TIME STATUTE FOR FALLING BEHIND ON RENT: IN OCTOBER 2020, PROPUBLICA AND THE ARKANSAS NONPROFIT NEWS NETWORK REPORTED ON A STATE LAW THAT EFFECTIVELY CRIMINALIZES POVERTY BY ALLOWING LANDLORDS TO SEEK CRIMINAL CHARGES - WHICH CAN RESULT IN JAIL TIME - FOR TENANTS WHO FALL EVEN A SINGLE DAY BEHIND ON RENT AND DO NOT VACATE A PROPERTY WITHIN 10 DAYS. WHILE OTHER STATES PAUSED EVICTIONS DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION'S NATIONAL MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS, ARKANSAS CONTINUED TO PROSECUTE AND EVICT TENANTS THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC. PROMPTED BY OUR REPORTING, IN MARCH 2021 STATE REP. NICOLE CLOWNEY INTRODUCED A BILL THAT WOULD REPEAL THE STATE'S CRIMINAL "FAILURE TO VACATE" STATUTE. THE BILL FACES CONSIDERABLE RESISTANCE FROM LANDLORDS WHOSE CASES ARE HANDLED BY LOCAL PROSECUTORS, WHICH ALLOWS THEM TO AVOID THE COST OF HIRING ATTORNEYS FOR EVICTION PROCEEDINGS IN CIVIL CASES. YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, PUTS COMPANY ON

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	NOTICE FOR BROKEN PROMISES: IN 2020, THE BUSINESS JOURNAL AND PROPUBLICA EXAMINED THE USE OF FINANCIAL INCENTIVES IN YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO. THE CITY BET BIG ON CHILL-CAN, PROMOTED AS THE WORLD'S FIRST SELF-CHILLING BEVERAGE CAN, GIVING THE DEVELOPER MASSIVE TAX BREAKS AND $1.5 MILLION TO BUILD A $20 MILLION CAMPUS. IT ALSO PURCHASED AND DEMOLISHED THE HOMES OF ROUGHLY A DOZEN RESIDENTS TO MAKE WAY FOR THE PLANT. IN EXCHANGE, THE COMPANY SAID IT WOULD CREATE HUNDREDS OF JOBS, BUT FOUR YEARS LATER, NO JOBS HAVE MATERIALIZED. IN MARCH 2021, CITY OFFICIALS HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AND SENT A LETTER TO THE DEVELOPER AND ITS CEO, PUTTING THEM ON NOTICE THAT THEY MAY HAVE TO REPAY THE $1.5 MILLION IN GRANT FUNDING, LOSE THEIR TAX INCENTIVES AND FACE POTENTIAL LITIGATION FOR DEFAULTING ON THEIR LUCRATIVE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS. SENATE COMMITTEE CHAIR DEMANDS ANSWERS ON FACEBOOK CENSORSHIP: IN FEBRUARY 2021, PROPUBLICA INVESTIGATED HOW TECH GIANTS SUCH AS FACEBOOK HANDLE CENSORSHIP REQUESTS MADE BY AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENTS. WE OBTAINED INTERNAL EMAILS SHOWING THAT, IN 2018, WHILE TURKEY WAS IN THE MIDST OF A MILITARY OFFENSIVE AGAINST KURDISH MINORITIES IN NEIGHBORING SYRIA, TURKISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS REQUESTED THAT FACEBOOK BLOCK POSTS FROM THE PEOPLE'S PROTECTION UNITS, A MOSTLY KURDISH MILITIA GROUP. IN STARK CONTRAST TO FACEBOOK'S PUBLIC STANCE ON FREEDOM OF SPEECH, THE COMPANY ULTIMATELY SIDED WITH TURKEY'S DEMAND TO BLOCK THE PAGES. IN MARCH, SEN. RON WYDEN, CHAIR OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, DEMANDED THAT MARK ZUCKERBERG PROVIDE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COMPANY'S DECISION-MAKING POLICIES, SAYING, "FACEBOOK'S DECISION TO CENSOR CONTENT RAISES SERIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COMPANY'S COMMITMENT TO VALUES LIKE FREE EXPRESSION, PARTICULARLY AS AUTHORITARIAN LEADERS AROUND THE WORLD GROW BOLDER IN THEIR EFFORTS TO SILENCE CRITICISM."
LAWMAKERS QUESTION CALIFORNIA CAP-AND-TRADE PROGRAM DESIGN:	IN APRIL 2021, A JOINT INVESTIGATION BY PROPUBLICA AND THE MIT TECHNOLOGY REVIEW SHOWED THAT THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD'S LANDMARK CAP-AND-TRADE PROGRAM ISSUED TENS OF MILLIONS OF CARBON CREDITS THAT MAY NOT HAVE PROVIDED REAL CLIMATE CHANGE BENEFITS. IN AUGUST 2021, CALIFORNIA'S SENATE MAJORITY LEADER AND TWO OTHER LEGISLATORS URGED THE AIR RESOURCES BOARD, WHICH IS THE STATE'S TOP CLIMATE REGULATOR, TO REVIEW ITS FOREST OFFSET PROGRAM IN A LETTER THAT CITED OUR REPORT. "WE'RE AT RISK OF UNDERMINING THE CAP-AND-TRADE MARKET BY ALLOWING CHEAP, QUESTIONABLE OFFSETS TO SUBSTITUTE FOR REAL EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS," SAID STATE SEN. JOSH BECKER IN AN INTERVIEW. "THAT KEEPS THE MARKET PRICE ARTIFICIALLY LOW AND REDUCES THE INCENTIVES FOR COMPANIES TO MAKE THE CHANGE WE NEED TO DRIVE DOWN EMISSIONS." FEDERAL INVESTIGATION CONFIRMS OUR FINDINGS ON BORDER PATROL FAILURES AS TEEN DIED IN CUSTODY: IN DECEMBER 2019, PROPUBLICA REPORTED ON THE DEATH OF 16-YEAR-OLD CARLOS HERNANDEZ VASQUEZ WHILE IN THE CUSTODY OF U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION. VIDEO OBTAINED BY PROPUBLICA SHOWED THAT THE BORDER PATROL HELD THE SICK TEEN IN A CONCRETE CELL WITHOUT PROPER MEDICAL ATTENTION AND DID NOT DISCOVER HIS BODY UNTIL HIS CELLMATE ALERTED GUARDS. BORDER PATROL AGENTS CLAIMED THAT THEY CONDUCTED REGULAR CHECKS, BUT THE VIDEO DIDN'T MATCH THEIR ACCOUNT. A SEPTEMBER 2021 REPORT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL ECHOED PROPUBLICA'S FINDINGS, DETAILING "DEEPLY TROUBLING FAILURES" BY THE AGENCY AND NOTING THAT HOURLY WELFARE CHECKS RECORDED BY AGENTS HAD NOT ACTUALLY OCCURRED WHILE THE BOY DIED OF THE FLU. THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS DECLINED TO PROSECUTE THE GUARDS WHO FALSIFIED THE RECORDS, AND U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION IS REVIEWING THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION. FACEBOOK REMOVES MORE THAN 100 SCAMMERS FROM MARKETPLACE: IN SEPTEMBER 2021, PROPUBLICA REPORTED ON THE RISE OF SCAMMERS USING FACEBOOK MARKETPLACE TO TARGET USERS AROUND THE WORLD. BASED ON INTERNAL CORPORATE DOCUMENTS, INTERVIEWS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS, OUR REPORTING SHOWS THAT THE PLATFORM FAILS TO PROTECT BUYERS AND SELLERS FROM SCAM LISTINGS, FAKE ACCOUNTS AND VIOLENT CRIME. WE ALSO DISCOVERED THAT USERS ACCUSED OF VIOLENT CRIMES RELATED TO MARKETPLACE TRANSACTIONS WEREN'T BANNED FROM CONTINUING TO USE THE PLATFORM. AFTER SUBMITTING QUESTIONS TO FACEBOOK ABOUT THESE ISSUES, FACEBOOK REMOVED THE ACCOUNT OF A MAN CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF A WOMAN WHO CAME TO HIS APARTMENT TO BUY A FRIDGE. IN ADDITION, THE COMPANY REMOVED THOUSANDS OF LISTINGS AND TOOK OTHER PUNITIVE ACTION AGAINST MORE THAN 100 ACCOUNTS AFTER WE IDENTIFIED LISTINGS THAT VIOLATED FACEBOOK POLICIES. ST. JUDE HOSPITAL INCREASES FOOD ALLOWANCES AND HOUSING STIPENDS FOR FAMILIES WITH SICK CHILDREN: IN NOVEMBER OF 2021, PROPUBLICA PUBLISHED AN INVESTIGATION OF ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL. CONTRARY TO THE ORGANIZATION'S MARKETING, WE LEARNED THAT FAMILIES WITH SICK CHILDREN WERE STRUGGLING TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES AND WERE INCURRING HUGE DEBTS WHILE THEIR CHILDREN WERE UNDER THE HOSPITAL'S CARE. PLEAS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WERE DENIED, AND IN SOME CASES THE HOSPITAL REFERRED FAMILIES TO OTHER FOUNDATIONS TO SEEK FUNDS. AFTER PROPUBLICA REACHED OUT TO ST. JUDE WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES, THE HOSPITAL ANNOUNCED IMMEDIATE CHANGES TO ITS POLICIES ON FOOD ALLOWANCES AND TRAVEL. IT INCREASED FOOD ALLOWANCES, SWITCHING FROM A $50-A-DAY CAP PER FAMILY TO PROVIDING $25 A DAY TO EACH FAMILY MEMBER. FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR, THAT WOULD DOUBLE THE FOOD BENEFIT. A WEEKLY STIPEND GIVEN TO FAMILIES IN LONG-TERM HOUSING WAS INCREASED TO $150 FROM $125. LAWMAKERS CALL FOR IMMEDIATE CHANGE AT SHELTER HOUSING AFGHAN CHILDREN: IN OCTOBER OF 2021, PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT DOZENS OF TRAUMATIZED AFGHAN KIDS WERE STRUGGLING INSIDE A CHICAGO SHELTER THAT WAS ILL EQUIPPED TO CARE FOR THEM. AS PART OF THE EVACUATION FROM AFGHANISTAN, THESE CHILDREN WERE SEPARATED FROM FAMILY AT TALIBAN CHECKPOINTS AND AIRPORTS, OR LATER AT U.S. MILITARY BASES IN OTHER COUNTRIES. THE SHELTER WAS IN CHAOS, AND THE STAFF WERE FRUSTRATED AND OVERWHELMED, UNABLE TO EVEN SPEAK THE CHILDREN'S LANGUAGES. MANY OF THE CHILDREN RESORTED TO VIOLENCE, HARMING THEMSELVES, STAFF OR OTHER CHILDREN. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR REPORT WAS PUBLISHED, ILLINOIS SEN. DICK DURBIN ASKED THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES' INSPECTOR GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION AT THE SHELTER, AND ILLINOIS SEN. TAMMY DUCKWORTH CALLED ON HHS SECRETARY XAVIER BECERRA TO HAVE THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AT THE SHELTER. INTERPRETERS WHO SPEAK THE CHILDREN'S LANGUAGES, PASHTO AND DARI, WERE ALSO PLACED IN THE BUILDING, ADDRESSING A MAJOR CONCERN AND HAVING A CALMING EFFECT ON THE CHILDREN.
GOVERNMENT REPORT ON BORDER PATROL ABUSES ECHOES OUR FINDINGS:	IN MAY 2021, PROPUBLICA REPORTED ON A DISTURBING PRACTICE USED BY CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION STAFF TO TARGET AND DETAIN IMMIGRATION ATTORNEYS. WHILE CROSSING THE BORDER AFTER VISITING IN MEXICO, SEVERAL U.S. CITIZENS WERE INTERROGATED BY MEMBERS OF THE SECRETIVE TACTICAL TERRORISM RESPONSE TEAM, WHOSE MISSION IS TO STOP SUSPECTED FOREIGN TERRORISTS FROM ENTERING THE COUNTRY. ALTHOUGH IMMIGRATION POLICY DICTATES THAT CITIZENS ARE ONLY SUPPOSED TO BE FLAGGED FOR BORDER INTERROGATIONS

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	WHEN THEY ARE SUSPECTED OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY THEMSELVES, THE RESPONSE TEAM HARASSED AMERICAN ATTORNEYS FOR EXPLAINING IMMIGRATION LAW AND IN AT LEAST ONE CASE ACCESSED PRIVILEGED CLIENT INFORMATION. IN OCTOBER, HOMELAND SECURITY'S OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL RELEASED A REPORT CONFIRMING THAT THE COUNTERTERRORISM TEAM INTERROGATED DOZENS OF AMERICANS, INCLUDING ACTIVISTS AND JOURNALISTS, AT THE BORDER AS PART OF THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE TO FEARS ABOUT A LARGE MIGRANT "CARAVAN" MAKING ITS WAY TO THE COUNTRY'S SOUTHERN BORDER. HAWAII CRACKS DOWN ON RICH HOMEOWNERS ENDANGERING BEACHES: IN 2020, PROPUBLICA PUBLISHED A SERIES WITH THE HONOLULU STAR-ADVERTISER, A LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER, THAT REVEALED HOW POLICYMAKERS ARE UNDERMINING LAWS AND REGULATIONS INTENDED TO PROTECT HAWAII'S CRITICAL BEACHES, WHICH ARE ERODING AT AN ALARMING RATE. THE BEACHES IN HAWAII ARE PUBLIC, AND THE GOVERNMENT IS REQUIRED TO PROTECT THEM, AS THEY ARE IMPORTANT TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS, PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THE HEALTH OF LOCAL ECOSYSTEMS, AND ARE MAJOR DRIVERS OF TOURISM AND THE STATE'S ECONOMY. OUR TEAM'S USE OF DATA AND MULTIMEDIA CLEARLY SHOWED THE DESTRUCTION RESULTING FROM SEAWALLS BUILT BY WEALTHY LANDOWNERS, WHICH HAS ALREADY WIPED OUT NEARLY A QUARTER OF THE STATE'S BEACHES. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES PLEDGED TO REVISE ITS RULES GOVERNING SHORELINE STRUCTURES, INCLUDING EMERGENCY PERMITS FOR SANDBAGS. IN ADDITION, STATE POLICYMAKERS PASSED A BILL IN 2021 AIMED AT WARNING PEOPLE WHO BUY WATERFRONT PROPERTY OF THE RISKS OF SEA LEVEL RISE SO THAT THEY CANNOT MAKE SUBSEQUENT CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE. IN OCTOBER OF 2021, PROPUBLICA LEARNED THAT DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICIALS IN HAWAII ARE NOW TAKING ACTION AGAINST RESIDENTS WHO LINED THEIR OCEANFRONT PROPERTIES WITH SANDBAGS, REQUIRING HOMEOWNERS TO PROVE THAT A "BONA FIDE PLANNING EFFORT" IS UNDERWAY, INCLUDING EMPLOYING PROFESSIONAL PLANNERS, ENGINEERS OR CONSULTANTS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A LONG-TERM SOLUTION, WHICH MAY INVOLVE RELOCATION, ABANDONMENT, BEACH RESTORATION OR SOME OTHER FORM OF SHORELINE MANAGEMENT. SENATORS CALL FOR FEDERAL INVESTIGATION INTO LIBERTY UNIVERSITY'S HANDLING OF SEXUAL ASSAULTS AS SCHOOL PROMISES INDEPENDENT PROBE: IN OCTOBER 2021, PROPUBLICA PUBLISHED AN INVESTIGATION OF LIBERTY UNIVERSITY'S HANDLING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT ON ITS CAMPUS. AN EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FOUNDED BY JERRY FALWELL SR., LIBERTY IGNORED REPORTS OF RAPE AND THREATENED TO PUNISH ACCUSERS FOR BREAKING ITS MORAL CODE. BREAKING THE LIBERTY WAY CODE, WHICH PROHIBITS DRINKING AND FRATERNIZING WITH THE OPPOSITE SEX, COULD LEAD TO FINES, REQUIRED COMMUNITY SERVICE OR EVEN EXPULSION. CASES WERE DISMISSED, AND ALLEGED VICTIMS WERE DISCOURAGED FROM FILING COMPLAINTS. A LIBERTY OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR RESPONDING TO PROPUBLICA'S PRE-PUBLICATION QUESTIONS WAS ULTIMATELY FIRED FOR INTERNALLY RAISING CONCERNS OVER LIBERTY'S HANDLING OF THESE CASES. HE THEN BECAME AN INFORMANT FOR OUR REPORTING, CALLING LIBERTY'S RESPONSE TO SEXUAL ASSAULT ALLEGATIONS A "CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE." OUR REPORT SPURRED IMMEDIATE IMPACT. CITING POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL LAW, THREE SENATORS, INCLUDING THE TWO FROM VIRGINIA, BEGAN PRESSING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INVESTIGATE LIBERTY UNIVERSITY'S HANDLING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT CLAIMS. FOLLOWING A RALLY ON THE LYNCHBURG CAMPUS, LIBERTY'S BOARD VOTED TO OPEN AN "INDEPENDENT AND COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW" OF THE SCHOOL OFFICE TASKED WITH HANDLING DISCRIMINATION AND ABUSE. ETHICS CHARGES FOR FORMER KENTUCKY SECRETARY OF STATE: IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER, IN 2019 PROPUBLICA DETAILED HOW KENTUCKY'S THEN-SECRETARY OF STATE, ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES, USED THE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM TO LOOK UP THE VOTING RECORDS OF STATE EMPLOYEES, JOB APPLICANTS AND POLITICAL RIVALS. WE ALSO DUG INTO A NO-BID ELECTION SECURITY CONTRACT THAT GRIMES GAVE TO AN INEXPERIENCED CAMPAIGN DONOR AND ALLEGATIONS THAT SHE INTENTIONALLY FAILED TO COMPLY WITH A FEDERAL CONSENT DECREE TO IMPROVE THE STATE'S VOTER ROLLS. LATER THAT YEAR, THE KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE PASSED A BILL, WHICH THE GOVERNOR SIGNED INTO LAW, THAT STRIPPED GRIMES OF HER AUTHORITY OVER THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, RESTRUCTURED THE SBE AND MADE MISUSING THE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM A MISDEMEANOR CRIME. IN NOVEMBER OF 2021, KENTUCKY'S EXECUTIVE BRANCH ETHICS COMMISSION FILED AN INITIATING ORDER ACCUSING GRIMES OF MISUSING HER OFFICE FOR PERSONAL AND POLITICAL PURPOSES. IN ADDITION, AN INITIATING ORDER WAS FILED AGAINST ERICA GALYON, WHO WORKED AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER GRIMES, CLAIMING THAT SHE MISHANDLED RECORDS REQUESTS IN 2018 AND 2019, INCLUDING REFUSING TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTS TO PROPUBLICA AS PART OF A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST. ACLU CALLS FOR FEDERAL INVESTIGATION INTO LOUISIANA SHERIFF'S OFFICE: IN OCTOBER 2021, PROPUBLICA AND LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER WRKF/WNNO PUBLISHED AN INVESTIGATION INTO COMPLAINTS FROM BLACK RESIDENTS ABOUT ABUSE AND A LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OF JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA. THEIR REPORTING REVEALED HARROWING INCIDENTS OF RACIAL PROFILING AND PATTERNS OF EXCESSIVE FORCE. SINCE THE JEFFERSON PARISH SHERIFF IS ELECTED, AND LOUISIANA'S CONSTITUTION BLOCKS GOVERNMENTAL OR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT, THERE IS CURRENTLY NO MECHANISM FOR ACCOUNTABILITY OR TRANSPARENCY. LITIGATION FROM CIVIL SUITS REVEALED THAT THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT ROUTINELY CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS INTO COMPLAINTS OF EXCESSIVE FORCE, EVEN IN THE CASE OF GRIEVOUS INJURY OR DEATH, AND FEW IF ANY OFFICERS FACE DISCIPLINE. WITHIN WEEKS OF OUR REPORTING, THE ACLU OF LOUISIANA CALLED ON FEDERAL PROSECUTORS TO LAUNCH AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE JEFFERSON PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE. AFTER KEEPING QUIET FOR MONTHS, HOSPITAL OFFICIALS ALERT LAW ENFORCEMENT ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A PATIENT: A NOVEMBER 2021 INVESTIGATION PUBLISHED BY PROPUBLICA REVEALED THAT THE ROSELAND COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IN CHICAGO HAD MISHANDLED A RECENT CASE OF POSSIBLE SEXUAL ASSAULT OF ONE PATIENT BY ANOTHER IN ITS PSYCHIATRIC UNIT. A MAN WITH A HISTORY OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND AGGRESSION WAS CAUGHT ON SURVEILLANCE VIDEO ENGAGING IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH ANOTHER MAN. MONTHS AFTER THE INCIDENT, HOSPITAL OFFICIALS HADN'T IDENTIFIED THE POSSIBLE VICTIM OR EVEN NOTIFIED THE REGULATORS AT THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. ONLY AFTER PROPUBLICA BEGAN ASKING QUESTIONS DID THE HEALTH OFFICIALS ALERT LAW ENFORCEMENT. WHILE IDPH TOLD PROPUBLICA THAT THEY ARE EXPLORING CHANGES TO PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATIONS, ILLINOIS STATE SEN. JULIE MORRISON, CHAIR OF THE SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE, PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES TO REPORT SUSPECTED PATIENT-ON-PATIENT SEXUAL ASSAULTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT. UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT VOWS SANCTIONS FOR CHINESE STUDENTS WHO REPORT CLASSMATES EXERCISING FREE SPEECH: IN NOVEMBER 2021, PROPUBLICA REPORTED ON THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT PROPAGANDA MACHINE'S INFLUENCE AT U.S.-BASED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. OUR INVESTIGATION FOUND THAT THE REGIME OF CHINESE PRESIDENT XI JINPING IS RAMPING UP EFFORTS TO CONTROL THE NATION'S CITIZENS WHEREVER THEY ARE IN THE WORLD, WITH CHINESE INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS USING ONLINE SURVEILLANCE AND AN ARRAY OF INFORMANTS TO TRACK PERCEIVED DISSIDENT ACTIVITY AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES. OUR REPORTING FEATURED A CHINESE GRADUATE STUDENT AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY WHO HAD SPOKEN OUT "ON BEHALF OF FREEDOM AND

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	OTHERS MARTYRED FOR ADVOCATING IT AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY HARASSED BY OTHER CHINESE STUDENTS. HIS PARENTS IN CHINA WERE ALSO VISITED BY THE FEARED MINISTRY OF STATE SECURITY. WHILE MANY UNIVERSITIES HAVE BEEN UNWILLING TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST THIS INFLUENCE FROM THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, AFTER OUR STORY PUBLISHED, PURDUE PRESIDENT MITCH DANIELS SENT A LETTER TO FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS CONDEMNING THE "ATMOSPHERE OF INTIMIDATION" AS "UNACCEPTABLE AND UNWELCOME," WARNING THAT THE STUDENTS WHO'D MADE THE THREATS WOULD FACE DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND VOWING TO SANCTION STUDENTS WHO REPORT CLASSMATES FOR EXERCISING FREE SPEECH.
INVESTIGATORS CONFIRM OUR FINDINGS ON FOOD AID PROGRAM MISMANAGEMENT:	IN MAY 2020, PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S BILLION-DOLLAR FARMERS TO FAMILIES FOOD BOX PROGRAM, MEANT TO DISTRIBUTE FRESH FOOD TO STRUGGLING FOOD BANKS AND OTHER NONPROFITS DEALING WITH INCREASED FOOD INSECURITY DURING THE PANDEMIC, WAS RIFE WITH PROBLEMS, INCLUDING AN UNUSUALLY FAST BIDDING PROCESS THAT AWARDED CONTRACTS TO MANY ORGANIZATIONS WHO LACKED EXPERIENCE OR PROPER LICENSES. THE PROGRAM ALSO LEFT HARD-HIT AREAS LIKE NEW YORK WITH LESS FOOD THAN AREAS WHERE THE NEED WAS NOT AS GREAT, AND IT ALTOGETHER BYPASSED THE STATES OF MAINE AND ALASKA. IN RESPONSE TO OUR REPORTING, BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE SENT LETTERS TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ASKING FOR AN EXPLANATION OF HOW IT EVALUATED THE BIDS, INCLUDING WHETHER IT CHECKED COMPANIES' LICENSES AND CONSIDERED EQUITY ACROSS REGIONS. THE USDA COMMITTED TO REVIEWING FOOD DISTRIBUTION TO UNDERSERVED AREAS DURING ITS NEXT ROUND OF CONTRACTS AND CANCELED THE LARGEST UNLICENSED CONTRACT, A $40 MILLION DEAL TO AN AVOCADO GROWER PROFILED IN OUR INITIAL INVESTIGATION. IN OCTOBER 2021, THE HOUSE SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS PUBLISHED THE RESULTS OF A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE PROGRAM, ECHOING PROPUBLICA'S FINDINGS THAT IT WAS MISMANAGED AND USED FOR POLITICAL GAIN. LA INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATES ALLEGATIONS OF RACIST POLICING: IN SEPTEMBER 2021, PROPUBLICA AND LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER KPCC/LAIST PUBLISHED A DISTURBING INVESTIGATION OF THE ONGOING TARGETING OF BLACK AND LATINO RESIDENTS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN SUBURBAN ANTELOPE VALLEY. DEPUTIES DISPROPORTIONATELY DETAINED AND ISSUED CITATIONS TO BLACK TEENS ON PUBLIC SCHOOL CAMPUSES, OFTEN FOR MINOR INFRACTIONS, SUCH AS GETTING IN FIGHTS OR SMOKING. OUR RESEARCH FOUND THAT BLACK TEENAGERS ACCOUNTED FOR 60 PERCENT OF THE DEPUTY CONTACTS ON CAMPUSES BUT MADE UP ONLY ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF THE ENROLLMENT IN THOSE SCHOOLS. IN NOVEMBER 2021, THE CHAIR OF THE SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ASKED INSPECTOR GENERAL MAX HUNTSMAN'S OFFICE TO EXPLORE OUR FINDINGS IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. HUNTSMAN SAID HE WAS TROUBLED BY OUR REPORTING AND IS REVIEWING A PROPOSED SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONTRACT FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT. PROPUBLICA'S WORK WAS HONORED IN 2021 AS FOLLOWS: PROPUBLICA'S ACCOUNTABILITY JOURNALISM ON THE PANDEMIC WAS A FINALIST FOR THE 2021 PULITZER PRIZE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE. THE PACKAGE OF ARTICLES ADDRESSED SOME OF THE PRESSING PROBLEMS OF THE PANDEMIC, PINPOINTING HOW THEY OCCURRED AND WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE. OUR VIDEO "RESCUING HER FATHER FROM AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY IN THE CORONAVIRUS EPICENTER" WON THE NEWS & DOCUMENTARY EMMY FOR OUTSTANDING BUSINESS, CONSUMER OR ECONOMIC COVERAGE - OUR FIRST SOLO EMMY AWARD - AND THE NATIONAL PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION'S BEST OF PHOTOJOURNALISM AWARD IN THE PANDEMIC CATEGORY. "ON THE LINE: HOW THE MEATPACKING INDUSTRY BECAME A HOTBED OF COVID-19" WON THE GEORGE POLK AWARD IN JOURNALISM IN THE HEALTH REPORTING CATEGORY, THE MOLLY NATIONAL JOURNALISM PRIZE, THE SOCIETY FOR ADVANCING BUSINESS EDITING AND WRITING'S BEST IN BUSINESS AWARD FOR BUSINESS INVESTIGATIVE, THE ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH CARE JOURNALISTS AWARD FOR BUSINESS AND THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT GENERAL CIRCULATION JOURNALISM AWARD. "THE BLACK AMERICAN AMPUTATION EPIDEMIC" WON THE GEORGE POLK AWARD IN JOURNALISM FOR HEALTH REPORTING, THE NATIONAL MAGAZINE AWARD FOR PUBLIC INTEREST AND THE ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH CARE JOURNALISTS AWARD FOR HEALTH POLICY. IT WAS ALSO A FINALIST FOR THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT GENERAL CIRCULATION JOURNALISM AWARD. PROPUBLICA EDITOR-IN-CHIEF STEPHEN ENGELBERG WON THE GOLDSMITH CAREER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM. "UNHEARD," A LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PROJECT WITH THE ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS ON ALASKAN SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS, WON THE NATIONAL MAGAZINE AWARD FOR COMMUNITY JOURNALISM, THE ONLINE NEWS ASSOCIATION'S GATHER AWARD IN ENGAGED JOURNALISM, THE DART AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COVERAGE OF TRAUMA, THE ANCIL PAYNE AWARD FOR ETHICS IN JOURNALISM AND THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS' ETHICS IN JOURNALISM AWARD. IT WAS A FINALIST FOR THE ANTHONY SHADID AWARD FOR JOURNALISM ETHICS AND RECEIVED HONORABLE MENTION FOR THE NATIONAL PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION'S BEST OF PHOTOJOURNALISM AWARD FOR INNOVATION. "HAWAII'S BEACHES ARE DISAPPEARING," A PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PROJECT WITH THE HONOLULU STAR-ADVERTISER, WON THE NATIONAL MAGAZINE AWARD FOR DIGITAL INNOVATION, THE ONLINE JOURNALISM AWARD FOR EXPLANATORY REPORTING, THE SOCIETY OF ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISTS' AWARD FOR REPORTING ON THE ENVIRONMENT FOR OUTSTANDING FEATURE AND A MALOFIEJ GOLD MEDAL IN THE INNOVATION FORMAT CATEGORY. "HOW COVID-19 HOLLOWED OUT A GENERATION OF YOUNG BLACK MEN" WON THE NATIONAL MAGAZINE AWARD FOR COVERAGE OF RACE, AND OUR VIDEO DETAILING THE STORY WON THE NATIONAL PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION'S BEST OF PHOTOJOURNALISM AWARD IN THE CATEGORY OF RACE AND IDENTITY. OUR REPORTING ON GRACE, A MICHIGAN TEEN JAILED FOR FAILING TO COMPLETE ONLINE SCHOOLWORK, WON THE NATIONAL MAGAZINE AWARD FOR SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE CHICAGO HEADLINE CLUB'S PETER LISAGOR AWARD FOR BEST NON-DEADLINE REPORTING IN THE ONLINE CATEGORY. IT WAS A FINALIST FOR THE TAYLOR FAMILY AWARD FOR FAIRNESS IN JOURNALISM, THE NATIONAL HEADLINER AWARD FOR SOCIAL MEDIA, THE SARAH BROWN BOYDEN AWARD FOR BEST SERIES AND FOR PUBLIC SERVICE, AND THE CHICAGO HEADLINE CLUB'S WATCHDOG AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC INTEREST REPORTING AND ITS LISAGOR AWARD FOR BEST INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING AND BEST NON-DEADLINE REPORTING SERIES.
PROPUBLICA WON THE ONLINE JOURNALISM AWARD FOR GENERAL EXCELLENCE.	OUR INVESTIGATION REVEALING HOW THE CHILD CAR SEAT MAKER EVENFLO PUT PROFITS OVER CHILD SAFETY WON THE GERALD LOEB AWARD IN PERSONAL FINANCE AND CONSUMER REPORTING AND WAS A FINALIST FOR THE SELDEN RING AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING. A STORY BY PROPUBLICA AND THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE ON CLIMATE MIGRATION, WITH SUPPORT FROM THE PULITZER CENTER, WON THE THE SOCIETY OF ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISTS' NINA MASON PULLIAM AWARD, THE SEJ AWARD FOR REPORTING ON THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE EXPLANATORY REPORTING CATEGORY, THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB WHITMAN BASSOW AWARD FOR INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCIENCE WRITERS AWARD IN THE SERIES CATEGORY AND THE COVERING CLIMATE NOW JOURNALISM AWARD FOR SPECIAL COVERAGE, AND AN ACCOMPANYING MAP WON THE SIGMA DELTA CHI AWARD FOR DATA VISUALIZATION. IT WAS ALSO A FINALIST FOR

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	THE COLUMBIA JOURNALISM SCHOOL'S JOHN B. OAKES AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISM. OUR STORY ON A NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT JUDGE WITH EARLY ONSET ALZHEIMER'S WON THE MEYER "MIKE" BERGER AWARD. "THE NYPD FILES" WON THE AL NAKKULA PRIZE FOR POLICE REPORTING, THE NEWS LEADER ASSOCIATION'S FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD, THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS' SUNSHINE AWARD, AND THE JOHN JAY COLLEGE/HARRY FRANK GUGGENHEIM AWARD IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE REPORTING IN THE SERIES CATEGORY. IT WAS A FINALIST FOR ONLINE JOURNALISM AWARDS' UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA AWARD IN INVESTIGATIVE DATA JOURNALISM AND THE INVESTIGATIVE REPORTERS AND EDITORS' FOI AWARD. "THE SECRET IRS FILES" WON THE GOLD CATEGORY IN THE BARLETT & STEELE AWARDS FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM. "THE CUTTING," A PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PROJECT WITH THE OREGONIAN/OREGONLIVE AND OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING, WON COLUMBIA JOURNALISM SCHOOL'S JOHN B. OAKES AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISM AND THE BRONZE CATEGORY IN THE BARLETT & STEELE AWARDS FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM. IT RECEIVED AN HONORABLE MENTION IN THE SOCIETY FOR ADVANCING BUSINESS EDITING AND WRITING'S BEST IN BUSINESS AWARD IN THE EXPLANATORY CATEGORY. "INSIDE THE FALL OF THE CDC" WON THE ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH CARE JOURNALISTS AWARD IN THE INVESTIGATIVE CATEGORY AND RECEIVED AN HONORABLE MENTION FOR THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENTS' ASSOCIATION KATHARINE GRAHAM AWARD FOR COURAGE AND ACCOUNTABILITY. REPORTING BY THE CONNECTICUT MIRROR, A PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER, ON THE CONNECTION BETWEEN HOUSING AND SCHOOL SEGREGATION WON THE NATIONAL AWARD FOR EDUCATION REPORTING IN THE INVESTIGATIVE CATEGORY AND A NEW ENGLAND NEWSPAPER & PRESS ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE/ENTERPRISE. OUR INVESTIGATION INTO "WHAT PARLER SAW DURING THE ATTACK ON THE CAPITOL" WON THE ONLINE NEWS ASSOCIATION'S AL NEUHARTH AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM. REPORTING BY PROPUBLICA AND THE NEWS & OBSERVER ON POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY, BLACK SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND WHITE POWER RADICALIZATION WON THE ONLINE JOURNALISM AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL JUSTICE REPORTING. THE COLLABORATIVE INVESTIGATION BETWEEN PROPUBLICA AND NASHVILLE PUBLIC RADIO INTO A JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN TENNESSEE WITH A STAGGERING HISTORY OF JAILING CHILDREN WON THE SIDNEY AWARD. "WHAT CORONAVIRUS JOB LOSSES REVEAL ABOUT RACISM IN AMERICA," AN INTERACTIVE GRAPHIC, WON THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS' SIGMA DELTA CHI AWARD FOR COVID-19 DATA VISUALIZATION. OUR SERIES ON PANDEMIC PROFITEERS WON THE SOCIETY FOR ADVANCING BUSINESS EDITING AND WRITING'S BEST IN BUSINESS AWARD IN THE GOVERNMENT CATEGORY AND THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS' SIGMA DELTA CHI AWARD FOR COVID-19 NON-DEADLINE REPORTING. OUR REPORTING ON TRUMP POLITICAL APPOINTEES WHO BLOCKED A CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF WALMART OVER ITS SUSPICIOUS OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS WON THE SOCIETY FOR ADVANCING BUSINESS EDITING AND WRITING'S BEST IN BUSINESS AWARD IN THE RETAIL CATEGORY. "HOW DOLLAR STORES BECAME MAGNETS FOR CRIME AND KILLING," CO-PUBLISHED WITH THE NEW YORKER, WON THE SOCIETY FOR ADVANCING BUSINESS EDITING AND WRITING'S BEST IN BUSINESS AWARD IN THE FEATURE CATEGORY AND RECEIVED AN HONORABLE MENTION IN THE CONTEST'S RETAIL CATEGORY. A REPORT BY PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER BAY CITY NEWS, "SHE NOTICED $200 MILLION MISSING, THEN SHE WAS FIRED," WON THE SAN FRANCISCO PRESS CLUB AWARD FOR DIGITAL NEWS STORY. AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE BUSINESS OF OKLAHOMA'S RURAL HOSPITALS BY THE FRONTIER, A PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER, WON THE GREAT PLAINS JOURNALISM AWARD FOR PROJECT/INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING. "STATE OF DENIAL," AN ARIZONA DAILY STAR INVESTIGATION WITH THE PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INTO ARIZONA'S DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, WAS A FINALIST FOR THE ANTHONY SHADID AWARD FOR JOURNALISM ETHICS AND THE ONLINE JOURNALISM GATHER AWARD IN ENGAGED JOURNALISM. OUR INVESTIGATION OF A SMALL-DOLLAR LOAN COMPANY THAT SUED THOUSANDS OF LOWER-INCOME LATINOS DURING THE PANDEMIC, CO-PUBLISHED WITH THE TEXAS TRIBUNE, WAS A FINALIST FOR THE GEORGE LOEB AWARD FOR PERSONAL FINANCE. OUR REPORTING ON THE MISMANAGEMENT OF FEDERAL COVID-19 CONTRACTS WAS A FINALIST FOR THE SCRIPPS HOWARD AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS/FINANCIAL REPORTING. FOR "DEFENSELESS," A PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PROJECT THAT INVESTIGATED HOW MAINE HANDLES LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE POOR, MAINE MONITOR REPORTER SAMANTHA HOGAN AND PROPUBLICA DATA REPORTER AGNEL PHILIP WERE NAMED FINALISTS FOR THE 2021 LIVINGSTON AWARDS, WHICH HONORS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT BY JOURNALISTS UNDER THE AGE OF 35. THE INVESTIGATION WAS ALSO A FINALIST FOR THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION SILVER GAVEL AWARD FOR MULTIMEDIA. OUR VIDEO "DEADLY RESTRAINT: HOW A MAN IN PSYCHIATRIC CRISIS DIED IN CUSTODY" WON THIRD PLACE IN THE PICTURES OF THE YEAR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR DOCUMENTARY NEWS REPORTING AND RECEIVED HONORABLE MENTION IN THE NATIONAL PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION'S BEST OF PHOTOJOURNALISM AWARDS IN THE INVESTIGATIVE EDIT CATEGORY. A PIECE ON IMMIGRANT TEENS WORKING DANGEROUS FACTORY NIGHT SHIFTS WON THE CHICAGO HEADLINE CLUB'S PETER LISAGOR AWARD FOR BEST FEATURE STORY, BEST ILLUSTRATION AND BEST ONLINE FEATURE STORY OR SERIES. "A SUNDOWN TOWN SEES ITS FIRST BLACK LIVES MATTER PROTEST" WON THE CHICAGO HEADLINE CLUB'S PETER LISAGOR AWARD FOR BEST INDIVIDUAL AFFILIATED BLOG POST. OUR REPORTING ON THE CRISIS OF UNDIAGNOSED CANCERS IN THE PANDEMIC'S SECOND YEAR WON THE SARAH BROWN BOYDEN AWARD FOR HEALTH/SCIENCE. OUR REPORTING ON GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR NEGLECT OF CHICAGO'S WEST SIDE WON THE SARAH BROWN BOYDEN AWARD FOR FEATURES. THE RICHMOND TIMES DISPATCH, A PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER, WON THE VIRGINIA PRESS ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING FOR A PROJECT ABOUT A UTILITY COMPANY'S LOBBYING EFFORTS AGAINST LEGISLATION MEANT TO LOWER RESIDENTS' ELECTRIC BILLS. A PROPUBLICA AND FRONTLINE INVESTIGATION INTO THE RISE OF EXTREMISM IN AMERICA WAS A FINALIST FOR THE ALFRED I. DUPONT-COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AWARD. "THOUSANDS OF FOSTER CHILDREN WERE SENT OUT OF STATE TO MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES WHERE SOME FACED ABUSE AND NEGLECT" WAS A FINALIST FOR THE RICHARD H. DRIEHAUS FOUNDATION AWARDS FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING. AN ANALYSIS OF ILLINOIS' COVID-19 SPENDING, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, WAS A FINALIST FOR THE PETER LISAGOR AWARDS FOR BEST DATA JOURNALISM AND BEST ILLUSTRATION, AS WELL AS FOR THE SARAH BROWN BOYDEN AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIONS. "THE PANDEMIC AND ILLINOIS SCHOOLS: A DIGITAL DIVIDE, VULNERABLE STUDENTS AND HIDDEN DATA," A JOINT INVESTIGATION WITH THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, WON THE CHICAGO HEADLINE CLUB'S PETER LISAGOR AWARD FOR BEST EDUCATION REPORTING IN THE NEWSPAPER CATEGORY. OUR SERIES ON "COVID-19 INEQUITIES IN CHICAGO" WAS A FINALIST FOR THE NATIONAL AWARD FOR EDUCATION REPORTING IN THE NEWS CATEGORY, THE RICHARD H. DRIEHAUS FOUNDATION AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING AND THE CHICAGO HEADLINE CLUB'S WATCHDOG AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC INTEREST REPORTING. THE SERIES' FIRST STORY, "COVID-19 TOOK BLACK LIVES FIRST. IT DIDN'T HAVE TO," WAS A FINALIST FOR THE HEADLINE CLUB'S PETER LISAGOR AWARDS FOR BEST FEATURE STORY AND BEST ONLINE FEATURE STORY OR SERIES.

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A COLLABORATION BETWEEN PROPUBLICA, NEW MEXICO IN DEPTH AND THE	NEWS & OBSERVER ON HOW NURSING HOMES BECAME CORONAVIRUS HOT SPOTS WON THE SPJ TOP OF THE ROCKIES CONTEST IN THE PANDEMIC REPORTING CATEGORY. PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER NEW MEXICO IN DEPTH'S REPORTING ON AN ALBUQUERQUE HOSPITAL WHERE PREGNANT NATIVE WOMEN WERE SINGLED OUT FOR COVID-19 TESTING AND SEPARATED FROM THEIR NEWBORNS AFTER DELIVERY WON THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS' TOP OF THE ROCKIES CONTEST IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE REPORTING CATEGORY. OUR NEWS APPLICATIONS AND DATA VISUALIZATIONS WON 19 HONORS FROM THE SOCIETY FOR NEWS DESIGN. OUR STORY WITH THE HONOLULU STAR-ADVERTISER ON HAWAII'S DISAPPEARING BEACHES WON A BRONZE MEDAL FOR PAGE DESIGN, AND OUR PROJECT ON POLICE USE OF FORCE ON PROTESTERS WON A BRONZE MEDAL FOR PUBLIC SERVICE. WE WERE RECOGNIZED WITH SND AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE IN THE CATEGORIES OF CLIMATE CHANGE, ART DIRECTION, PAGE DESIGN, INFOGRAPHICS, ILLUSTRATIONS, USE OF DATA, PUBLIC SERVICE AND THE INDIVIDUAL PORTFOLIOS OF LENA GROEGER, ASH NGU, AL SHAW AND MOIZ SYED. THE DATA VISUALIZATION "STATES ARE REOPENING: SEE HOW CORONAVIRUS CASES RISE OR FALL" WON MALOFIEJ'S BRONZE MEDAL IN THE FEATURES CATEGORY.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	PRO PUBLICA HAS ITS FORM 990 PREPARED BY AN OUTSIDE ACCOUNTING FIRM AND HAS ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING REVIEW PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT THE INFORMATION REPORTED IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE. WHEN THE FORM 990 HAS BEEN PREPARED, REVIEWED BY THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND IS READY TO BE FILED WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, IT IS SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO ALL MEMBERS OF PRO PUBLICA'S GOVERNING BODY FOR ANY COMMENTS PRIOR TO ITS SUBMISSION. THE GOVERNING BODY IS PROVIDED WITH AT LEAST ONE WEEK TO REVIEW THE PREPARED FORM 990 AND PROVIDE THEIR COMMENTS. ANY COMMENTS ARE THEN GROUPED, SUMMARIZED AND PROVIDED TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REVIEW. EACH ISSUE IS DOCUMENTED AND ADDRESSED UNTIL THE RETURN IS FINALIZED AND APPROVED FOR FILING.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	PRO PUBLICA HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, WHICH APPLIES TO ALL DIRECTORS (BOARD MEMBERS), OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES. EMPLOYEES RECEIVE THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AT HIRE AS A PART OF THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK, FOR WHICH EMPLOYEES MUST ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT IN WRITING. EMPLOYEES, THEREFORE, RECEIVE THE POLICY AND ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT EACH TIME THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK IS REVISED. THE POLICY IS PROVIDED TO NEW DIRECTORS AS A PART OF ONBOARDING PROCEDURES. DISCLOSURE OF ANY CONFLICTS IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF ONBOARDING OR AT ANY SUCH TIME THAT A FUTURE CONFLICT SHOULD ARISE. AN INTERESTED PERSON MUST DISCLOSE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE TO THE SECRETARY THE EXISTENCE OF A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND ALL MATERIAL FACTS RELATED TO THE CONFLICT. IF A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER IS UNCERTAIN ABOUT WHETHER A CONFLICT EXISTS, HE/SHE MUST REPORT THE POSSIBLE CONFLICT IN ALL CASES IN WHICH A CRITICAL EXTERNAL OBSERVER MIGHT REASONABLY PERCEIVE A CONFLICT TO EXIST. THE BOARD COMMITTEE WILL DETERMINE IF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS. IN THE EVENT THAT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST ARISES, THE DIRECTOR OR OFFICER WITH WHOM THE CONFLICT PERTAINS TO IS EXCLUDED FROM VOTING ON THE ISSUE. HE/SHE MUST LEAVE THE ROOM AND THE OTHER DIRECTORS VOTE ON THE ISSUE PERTAINING TO THAT SPECIFIC TRANSACTION. WITH RESPECT TO ANY BOARD COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSION, DECISION, OR ACTIONS INVOLVING TRANSACTIONS IN WHICH A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING WILL REFLECT THE BOARD'S DELIBERATIONS AND VOTING PROCESS. IN CASE OF AN INTERESTED PARTY WHO IS NOT A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER, THE PRESIDENT MONITORS AND ENFORCES THE ORGANIZATION'S COMPLIANCE WITH ITS CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY. IF AN EMPLOYEE HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, HE/SHE CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN THE DECISION MAKING OF THE CONFLICTED TRANSACTION.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A	SALARIES FOR THE CEOS ARE SET BY THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE. THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE USES THE SERVICES OF A LAW FIRM FOR GUIDANCE ON MATTERS OF CEO COMPENSATION. THE BOARD REVIEWS PROPOSED COMPENSATION INCREASES FOR THE CEOS IN RELATION TO THEIR PERFORMANCE, RATES OF INFLATION, COMPENSATION PRACTICES AND PLANS FOR OTHER PROPUBLICA EMPLOYEES, AND COMPARABLE DATA. COMPARABLE DATA MAY INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT JOURNALISM OUTLETS AS WELL AS OTHER NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. APPROVED SALARY CHANGES ARE DOCUMENTED IN HUMAN RESOURCES FILES AND REQUIRE THE SIGNATURE OF BOTH THE EMPLOYEE AND THE HR DIRECTOR. THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER IS ALSO DOCUMENTED IN THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION. THIS PROCESS WAS LAST COMPLETED IN 2021. THE COMPENSATION OF THE KEY EMPLOYEE AND OTHER OFFICERS ARE DETERMINED BY THE PRESIDENT. THE PRESIDENT USES COMPARABILITY DATA TO REVIEW COMPENSATION. THIS PROCESS WAS LAST UNDERTAKEN IN 2021.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS FORM 990 AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 6104 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. THE RETURN IS AVAILABLE ON GUIDESTAR.ORG AND OTHER SIMILAR TYPES OF WEBSITES. IN ADDITION, THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, FORM 990, FORM 1023, AND BY-LAWS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE UPON WRITTEN REQUEST, AND ON THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE (WWW.PROPUBLICA.ORG).
FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C:	PRO PUBLICA HAS AN AUDIT COMMITTEE THAT ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OVERSIGHT OF THE AUDIT OF ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FOR THE SELECTION OF AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT. THE PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED FROM THE PRIOR YEAR.

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