

**COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**Disclosure Form**  
**As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g) and**  
**the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources**

Legislative hearing on H.R. \_\_\_\_, "*Accelerated Revenue and Repayment Act*"

For Individuals:

1. Name:
  
2. Address:
  
3. Email Address:
  
4. Phone Number:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: **Stephen Ellis**
  
2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:  
  
**Taxpayers for Common Sense**
  
3. Business Address:  
**651 Pennsylvania Ave. SE**  
**Washington, DC 20003**
  
4. Business Email Address:  
[Information redacted for privacy]
  
5. Business Phone Number:  
**202-546-8500**

Name/Organization: Stephen Ellis/ Taxpayers for Common Sense  
Title/Date of Hearing: Legislative hearing on "Accelerated Revenue and Repayment Act"/June 6, 2012

a. Any training or educational certificates, diplomas or degrees or other educational experiences that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

**B.S. Government, U.S. Coast Guard Academy**

b. Any professional licenses, certifications, or affiliations held that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

N/A

c. Any employment, occupation, ownership in a firm or business, or work-related experiences that relate to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

**12+ years as taxpayer advocate at Taxpayers for Common Sense**

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the *Department of the Interior (and/or other agencies invited)* that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract.

**No government grants or contracts (or subgrants or subcontracts) of any kind.**

e. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by you against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed.

**No lawsuits or petitions.**

f. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony.

N/A

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In addition, for witnesses representing organizations:

g. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying.

**Vice President**

h. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited) that were received in the current year and previous four years by the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract for each of the organization(s).

**No government grants or contracts (or subgrants or subcontracts) of any kind.**

i. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by the organization(s) you represent at the hearing against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed for each of the organization(s).

**No lawsuits or petitions.**

j. A list of any countries from which the organization(s) you represent at the hearing have received foreign donations and the total amount of donations received from each country, for the current year and the previous four years, by each organization.

**No foreign country donations.**

k. For tax-exempt organizations and non-profit organizations, copies of the three most recent public IRS Form 990s (including Form 990-PF, Form 990-N, and Form 990-EZ) for each of the organization(s) you represent at the hearing (not including any contributor names and addresses or any information withheld from public inspection by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6104)).

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

**2010**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code  
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

**Open to Public Inspection**

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

**A For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2010, and ending**

**B** Check if applicable:

Address change  
 Name change  
 Initial return  
 Terminated  
 Amended return  
 Application pending

Taxpayers For Common Sense  
651 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20003

**D** Employer Identification Number  
52-1941122

**E** Telephone number  
202-546-8500

**G** Gross receipts \$ 1,183,377.

**F** Name and address of principal officer: Ryan Alexander  
Same As C Above

**H(a)** Is this a group return for affiliates?  Yes  No  
**H(b)** Are all affiliates included?  Yes  No  
 If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

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

**J** Website: [www.taxpayer.net](http://www.taxpayer.net)

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other

**L** Year of Formation: 1995 **M** State of legal domicile: DC

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>TCS is dedicated to cutting wasteful spending and subsidies in order to achieve a responsible and efficient government that operates within its means.</u>		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	8
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	8
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2010 (Part V, line 2a)	14
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	0
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0.
	<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	0.	
<b>Revenue</b>	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year: 1,075,409. Current Year: 1,160,123.
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	-1,695. 2,797.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9, 10c, and 11e)	20,878. 20,457.
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,094,592. 1,183,377.
<b>Expenses</b>	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	664,694. 752,539.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	
	<b>b</b>	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	42,058.
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	265,423. 294,915.
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	930,117. 1,047,454.	
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	164,475. 135,923.	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year: 647,799. End of Year: 777,263.
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	58,615. 36,147.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	589,184. 741,116.

**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: [Signature] Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Ryan Alexander President

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name: Harvey E. Jester Preparer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 9/10/11

Check  if self-employed PTIN: N/A

Firm's name: Harvey E. Jester, CPA Firm's EIN: N/A

Firm's address: 2841 Woodlawn Avenue Falls Church, VA 22042-2045 Phone no. (703) 241-2418

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

See Schedule O

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

If 'Yes,' describe these new services on Schedule O.

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

If 'Yes,' describe these changes on Schedule O.

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

4a (Code: [ ]) (Expenses \$ 652,786. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

Environment Program - TCS works to eliminate environmentally harmful and wasteful spending on issues including energy, public lands, and agriculture.

4b (Code: [ ]) (Expenses \$ 116,817. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

National Security Reform Program - TCS works for reforms to achieve a strong U.S. military at a reasonable cost to taxpayers.

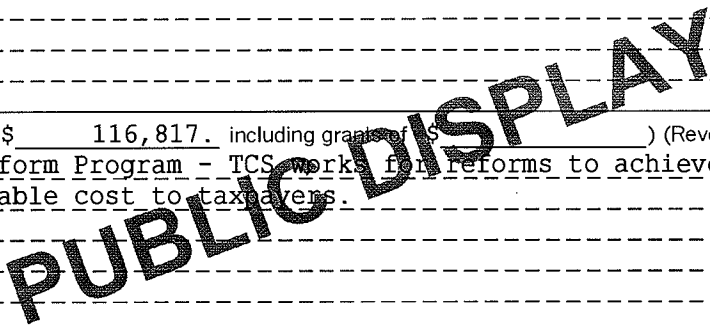
4c (Code: [ ]) (Expenses \$ 84,114. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

Water and Infrastructure Program - TCS works to eliminate unnecessary and ill-conceived infrastructure projects and policies through targeted efforts on Army Corps of Engineers, transportation systems, drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, and federal subsidization of western water resources.

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.) See Schedule O

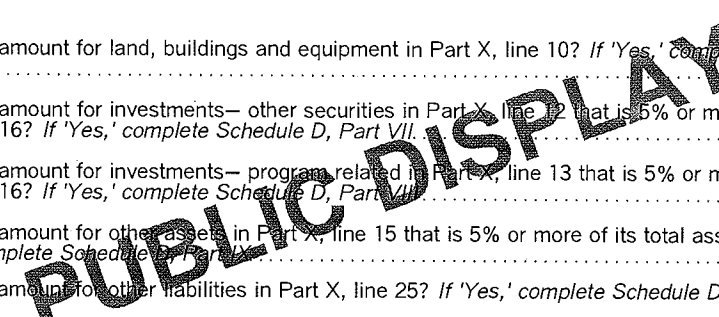
(Expenses \$ 70,192. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses 923,909.



**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule A.....	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? (see instructions).....	X	
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.....		X
4 <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II.....	X	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III.....		
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where 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.....		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part II.....		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part III.....		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IV.....		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part V.....		X
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.....	X	
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.....		X
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.....		X
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.....		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X.....	X	
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.....		X
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.....	X	
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, XII, and XIII is optional.....		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E.....		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?.....		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV.....		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV.....		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV.....		X
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).....		X
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.....		X
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.....		X
20 a Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H.....		X
b If 'Yes' to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statements to this return? <b>Note.</b> Some Form 990 filers that operate one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements (see instructions).....		



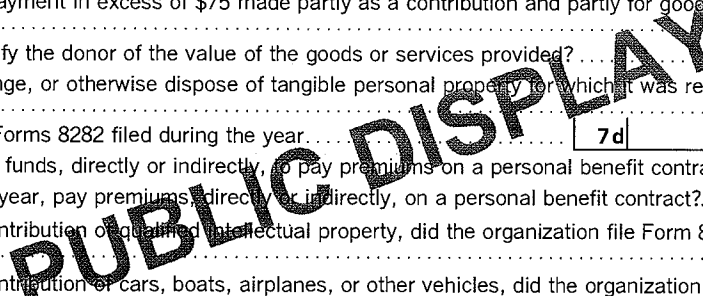
**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)**

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Form with questions 1a through 14b regarding IRS filings and tax compliance, including sections on backup withholding, employee reporting, foreign accounts, and charitable trusts.





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

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

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

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

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

	Yes	No
10a		X
10b		
11a	X	
12a	X	
12b	X	
12c	X	
13	X	
14	X	
15a	X	
15b		X
16a		X
16b		

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶ None
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.  
 Own website  Another's website  Upon request
- 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Schedule O
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization:  
 ▶ The Organization 651 Pennsylvania Ave, SE Washington DC 20003 202-546-8500

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) <u>Danielle Brian</u> Director	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(2) <u>Tim Atkin</u> Director	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(3) <u>David Terry</u> Director	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(4) <u>Marion Edey</u> Director	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(5) <u>Kathleen Welch</u> Director	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(6) <u>Courtney Cuff</u> Chair	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(7) <u>Rob Stuart</u> Secretary	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(8) <u>Mark Smith</u> Treasurer	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(9) <u>Ryan Alexander</u> President & CEO	40			X			121,000.	0.	5,940.	
(10) _____										
(11) _____										
(12) _____										
(13) _____										
(14) _____										
(15) _____										
(16) _____										
(17) _____										

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Sch O)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) -----										
(19) -----										
(20) -----										
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(26) -----										
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(29) -----										
<b>1 b Sub-total</b> .....							121,000.	0.	5,940.	
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b> .....							0.	0.	0.	
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b> .....							121,000.	0.	5,940.	

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

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

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization.

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

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

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS, GRANTS AND OTHER SIMILAR AMOUNTS</b>	<b>1 a</b> Federated campaigns .....	<b>1 a</b> 7,844.				
	<b>b</b> Membership dues .....	<b>1 b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events .....	<b>1 c</b>				
	<b>d</b> Related organizations .....	<b>1 d</b>				
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions) .....	<b>1 e</b>				
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above .....	<b>1 f</b> 1,152,279.				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lns 1a-1f: \$	5,121.				
<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f .....		1,160,123.				
<b>PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE</b>	<b>2 a</b> _____ <b>Business Code</b>					
	<b>b</b> _____					
	<b>c</b> _____					
	<b>d</b> _____					
	<b>e</b> _____					
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue .....					
	<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f .....					
<b>OTHER REVENUE</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) .....		2,797.			2,797.
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds .....					
	<b>5</b> Royalties .....					
	<b>6 a</b> Gross Rents .....	(i) Real 20,457. (ii) Personal				
	<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses .....					
	<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss) .....	20,457.				
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) .....		20,457.			20,457.
	<b>7 a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory .....	(i) Securities (ii) Other				
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses .....					
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) .....					
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) .....					
	<b>8 a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 .....	<b>a</b>				
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses .....	<b>b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events .....					
	<b>9 a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 .....	<b>a</b>				
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses .....	<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities .....						
<b>10 a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances .....	<b>a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold .....	<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory .....						
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>		<b>Business Code</b>				
<b>11 a</b> _____						
<b>b</b> _____						
<b>c</b> _____						
<b>d</b> All other revenue .....						
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d .....						
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions .....		1,183,377.	0.	0.	23,254.	

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**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	126,940.	126,940.	0.	0.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0.	0.	0.	0.
7 Other salaries and wages	531,245.	492,116.	23,151.	15,978.
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	44,436.	41,753.	1,413.	1,270.
10 Payroll taxes	49,918.	47,340.	1,326.	1,252.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	6,193.	5,365.	828.	
c Accounting	40,440.		40,440.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	150.		150.	
g Other	34,423.	21,539.	1,985.	10,899.
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	8,444.	7,745.	547.	152.
14 Information technology	4,969.	13,501.	357.	1,111.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	107,755.	102,108.	2,993.	2,654.
17 Travel	11,188.	10,498.	690.	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	5,447.	646.	131.	4,670.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	5,680.	5,439.	161.	80.
23 Insurance	5,514.		5,514.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f. If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <u>Printing and Publications</u>	37,345.	32,573.	1,150.	3,622.
b <u>Communications</u>	15,435.	14,678.	392.	365.
c <u>Postage and Shipping</u>	1,932.	1,668.	259.	5.
d _____				
e _____				
f All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	1,047,454.	923,909.	81,487.	42,058.
26 Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720). Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

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**Part X Balance Sheet**

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year		
ASSETS	1	Cash – non-interest-bearing	168,059.	1	150,831.	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	199,332.	2	112,017.	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	145,000.	3	355,000.	
	4	Accounts receivable, net	3,049.	4	4,633.	
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5		
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions)		6		
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7		
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8		
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	3,987.	9	5,306.	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	40,655.		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	28,871.	10c	11,784.
	11	Investments – publicly traded securities	110,442.	11	133,262.	
	12	Investments – other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12		
	13	Investments – program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13		
	14	Intangible assets	5,000.	14	4,000.	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	430.	15	430.	
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	647,799.	16	777,263.		
LIABILITIES	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	57,615.	17	35,147.	
	18	Grants payable		18		
	19	Deferred revenue		19		
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20		
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21		
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22		
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23		
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24		
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part V of Schedule D	1,000.	25	1,000.	
	26	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	58,615.	26	36,147.	
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29 and lines 33 and 34.</b>					
	27	Unrestricted net assets	92,782.	27	368,355.	
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	496,402.	28	372,761.	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		29		
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>					
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30		
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31		
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32		
	33	<b>Total net assets or fund balances.</b>	589,184.	33	741,116.	
34	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances.</b>	647,799.	34	777,263.		

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**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,183,377.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,047,454.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	135,923.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	589,184.
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O). See Schedule O	5	16,009.
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	741,116.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

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

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

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2010**

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

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Taxpayers For Common Sense

52-1941122

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

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

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

	Yes	No
(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? .....		
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? .....		
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? .....		

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

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in column (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in column (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in column (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
<b>Total</b>									

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2010



**Part I 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 fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include 'unusual grants'.)	748,905.	947,012.	920,294.	1,075,409.	1,160,123.	4,851,743.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf.						0.
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge.						0.
4 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3.	748,905.	947,012.	920,294.	1,075,409.	1,160,123.	4,851,743.
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).						1,758,712.
6 <b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						3,093,031.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4.	748,905.	947,012.	920,294.	1,075,409.	1,160,123.	4,851,743.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources.	30,703.	30,334.	33,993.	22,996.	22,677.	130,703.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						0.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						0.
11 <b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10.						4,982,446.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions).					12	0.
13 <b>First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b>						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2010 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)).	14	62.1 %
15 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part II, line 14.	15	64.7 %

- 16a **33-1/3% support test – 2010.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the 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 – 2009.** 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 – 2010.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.
- b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2009.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.
- 18 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions.

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

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

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(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 yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6 .....						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources .....						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 ..						
c Add lines 10a and 10b .....						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) .....						
13 Total support. (Add lns 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) .....						

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

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

15 Public support percentage for 2010 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 .....	16	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

17 Investment income percentage for 2010 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 .....	18	%

19a 33-1/3% support tests – 2010. 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 – 2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

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

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

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

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2010**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

▶ Complete if the organization is described below.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of organization <b>Taxpayers For Common Sense</b>	Employer identification number <b>52-1941122</b>
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**Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.**

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

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

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? .....  Yes  No
- 4a Was a correction made? .....  Yes  No
- b If 'Yes,' describe in Part IV.

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

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

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-
(1)	-----			
(2)	-----			
(3)	-----			
(4)	-----			
(5)	-----			
(6)	-----			

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Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2010

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

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

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term 'expenditures' means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) .....															
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) .....															
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) .....		0.	0.												
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures .....		1,005,396.													
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) .....		1,005,396.	0.												
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.		175,540.													
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
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Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) .....		43,885.	0.												
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- .....		0.	0.												
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- .....		0.	0.												
<b>j</b> If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? .....			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying non-taxable amount .....	168,400.	166,187.	158,303.	175,540.	670,430.
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e)) .....					1,005,645.
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures .....	250.				250.
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount .....	42,100.	42,047.	39,576.	43,885.	167,608.
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e)) .....					251,412.
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures .....					0.

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Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2010

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part IV** Supplemental Information

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

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**Part IV** Supplemental Information (continued)

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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Supplemental Financial Statements

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes,' to Form 990, Part IV, lines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12. Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions.

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

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 1 Total number at end of year, 2 Aggregate contributions to (during year), 3 Aggregate grants from (during year), 4 Aggregate value at end of year, 5 Did the organization inform all donors... Yes/No, 6 Did the organization inform all grantees...

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply). 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution... a Total number of conservation easements, b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure, d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06... 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated... 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, and enforcing conservation easements during the year 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year \$ 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes/No 9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1 a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (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 XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items. b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (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) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 \$ (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X \$ 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items: a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 \$ b Assets included in Form 990, Part X \$



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

3 Using the organization's 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 XIV.

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

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

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

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

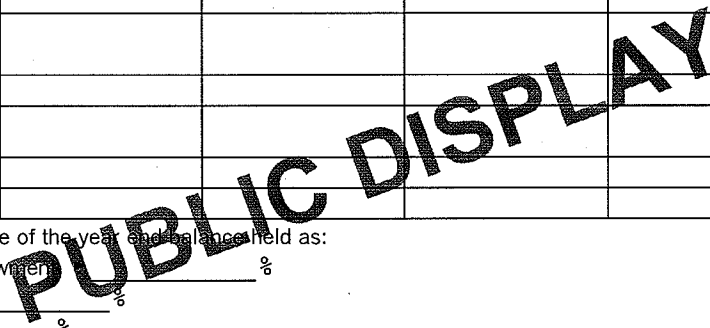
	Amount
c Beginning balance	1c
d Additions during the year	1d
e Distributions during the year	1e
f Ending balance	1f

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

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

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c 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 year-end balance held as:

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

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

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

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

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

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		40,655.	28,871.	11,784.
e Other				

**Total.** Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) 11,784.

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**Part VII Investments—Other Securities.** See Form 990, Part X, line 12. N/A

(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) -----		
(I) -----		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990 Part X, column (B) line 12.)		

**Part VIII Investments—Program Related.** (See Form 990, Part X, line 13) N/A

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 13.)		

**Part IX Other Assets.** (See Form 990, Part X, line 15) N/A

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 15)	

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**Part X Other Liabilities.** (See Form 990, Part X, line 25)

(a) Description of liability	(b) Amount
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) Sublet security deposit	1,000.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 25)	1,000.

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote. In Part XIV, 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).

**Part X Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Audited Financial Statements**

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		1,183,377.
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)		1,047,454.
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1		135,923.
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments		16,009.
5	Donated services and use of facilities		
6	Investment expenses		
7	Prior period adjustments		
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)		
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8		16,009.
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9		151,932.

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	1,199,386.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	16,009.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	16,009.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,183,377.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investments expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	1,183,377.

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,047,454.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,047,454.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investments expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	1,047,454.

**Part XIV Supplemental Information**

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

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**Part XIV** Supplemental Information *(continued)*

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**SCHEDULE R**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**Taxpayers For Common Sense**

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

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1) -----					
(2) -----					
(3) -----					
(4) -----					
(5) -----					
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**Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations** (Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501 (c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Sec 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) <u>Taxpayers for Common Sense Action</u> <u>651 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE</u> <u>Washington, DC 20003</u> <u>52-2071292</u>	Inactive	DC	501 (c) (4)		N/A		X
(4) -----							
(5) -----							
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**Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** (Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	
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**Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust** (Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership
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**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations** (Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35, 35a, or 36.)

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

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

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

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

	(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type (a-r)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

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**Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** (Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 37.)

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(e) Share of end-of-year assets	(f) Disproportionate allocations?		(g) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 Form (1065)	(h) General or managing partner?	
			Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
(1) ----- ----- ----- ----- -----										
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**Part VII** Supplemental Information

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

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

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

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**2010**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

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Inspection

Name of the organization

Taxpayers For Common Sense

Employer identification number

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**Form 990, Part III, Line 1 - Organization Mission**

Mission -- Taxpayers for Common Sense (TCS) is a 501(c)(3) non-partisan budget watchdog serving as an independent voice for American taxpayers. Our mission is to achieve a government that spends taxpayer dollars responsibly and operates within its means. We work with individuals, policymakers, and the media to increase transparency, expose and eliminate wasteful and corrupt subsidies, earmarks, and corporate welfare, and hold decision makers accountable.

Goals -- TCS seeks to ensure that the federal government spends taxpayer dollars efficiently and effectively by:

1. Eliminating wasteful and harmful programs and subsidies;
2. Increasing government transparency and accountability related to the federal budget and appropriations process; and
3. Developing and promoting solutions to prevent irresponsible spending.

**Form 990, Part III, Line 4d - Other Program Services Description**

Budget Oversight, Investigations and General Programs - TCS works to track and monitor the federal budget, and in particular, earmarked spending trends and impacts. TCS investigates and attempts to identify the true beneficiaries of discrete funding provisions. In addition, TCS develops broad databases and analyses of spending proposals. These efforts are designed to make the budget process more transparent to American taxpayers and to make members of Congress and the Administration directly accountable for their spending decisions. General programs involve activities on miscellaneous issues of government waste not reflected in the other program categories.



**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

**2009**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code  
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

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

**Open to Public Inspection**

For the **2009** calendar year, or tax year beginning **2009**, and ending

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See specific instructions.	<b>C</b> Taxpayers For Common Sense 651 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20003	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number 52-1941122 <b>E</b> Telephone number 202-546-8500 <b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>1,113,405.</b>
<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <b>Ryan Alexander</b> Same As C Above		<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)	
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( <b>3</b> ) ▶ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		<b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶	
<b>J</b> Website: ▶ <b>www.taxpayer.net</b>		<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶	
<b>L</b> Year of Formation: <b>1995</b>		<b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>DC</b>	

**Part I Summary**

	<b>1</b>	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>TCS is dedicated to cutting wasteful spending and subsidies in order to achieve a responsible and efficient government that operates within its means.</u>		
<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>2</b>	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets.		
	<b>3</b>	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>4</b>	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>5</b>	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>
	<b>6</b>	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>7a</b>	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	<b>0.</b>
	<b>7b</b>	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b>	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 920,294.	Current Year 1,075,409.
	<b>9</b>	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		
	<b>10</b>	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	2,863.	-1,695.
	<b>11</b>	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 1e)	19,817.	20,878.
	<b>12</b>	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	942,974.	1,094,592.
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b>	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	
<b>14</b>		Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
<b>15</b>		Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	708,898.	664,694.
<b>16a</b>		Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
<b>b</b>		Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <b>41,433.</b>		
<b>17</b>		Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	266,820.	265,423.
	<b>18</b>	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	975,718.	930,117.
	<b>19</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-32,744.	164,475.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>20</b>	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Year 448,708.	End of Year 647,799.
	<b>21</b>	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	43,727.	58,615.
	<b>22</b>	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	404,981.	589,184.

**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**

▶ *Ryan Alexander* Signature of officer Date 11/15/2010

▶ **Ryan Alexander** President  
Type or print name and title.

<b>Paid Preparer's Use Only</b>	Preparer's signature ▶ <b>Harvey E. Jester</b>	Date 11/10/10	Check if self-employed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions) N/A
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶ <b>Harvey E. Jester, CPA</b> <b>2841 Woodlawn Avenue</b> <b>Falls Church, VA 22042-2045</b>	EIN ▶ <b>N/A</b>	Phone no. ▶ <b>(703) 241-2418</b>	

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

See Schedule O

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

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 462,629. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

Environment Program - Works to eliminate environmentally harmful spending on issues including energy, forest, mining, transportation, public lands, and agriculture.

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 157,815. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

National Security Reform Program - Works for reforms to achieve a strong U.S. military at a reasonable cost to taxpayers.

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4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 142,098. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

Budget, Corruption and General Programs - Includes activities to track and monitor the federal budget and in particular earmarked spending trends and impacts. TCS investigates and attempts to identify the true beneficiaries of discrete funding provisions. In addition, TCS develops broad databases and analyses of federal spending proposals. These efforts are designed to make the budget process more transparent to American taxpayers and to make members of Congress and the Administration directly accountable for their spending decisions.

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.) See Schedule O

(Expenses \$ 65,813. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses 828,355.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule A	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II		X
5	<b>Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations.</b> Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III		
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where 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		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11	Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions 'Yes'? If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable	X	
	• Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings and equipment in Part X, line 10? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VI		
	• 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		
	• 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 VII		
	• 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 VIII		
	• Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X		
	• 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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X		
12	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statement for the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	X	
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statement for the tax year? If 'Yes,' completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional		
		Yes	No
			X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
14b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part I		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part II		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part III		X
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		X
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		X
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		X
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H		X

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

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

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**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

		Yes	No
<b>1 a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable. ....		
	1 a 7		
<b>1 b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable. ....		
	1 b 0		
<b>c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? .....	X	
	1 c		
<b>2 a</b>	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 .....		
	2 a 14		
<b>2 b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? .....	X	
	2 b		
<b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return. (see instructions)			
<b>3 a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return? .....		X
	3 a		
<b>b</b>	If 'Yes' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O. ....		
	3 b		
<b>4 a</b>	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)? .....		X
	4 a		
<b>b</b>	If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
	4 b		
<b>5 a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? .....		X
	5 a		
<b>b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? .....		X
	5 b		
<b>c</b>	If 'Yes,' to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction? .....		
	5 c		
<b>6 a</b>	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? .....		X
	6 a		
<b>b</b>	If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not deductible? .....		
	6 b		
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>a</b>	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? .....		X
	7 a		
<b>b</b>	If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? .....		
	7 b		
<b>c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? .....		X
	7 c		
<b>d</b>	If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year. ....		
	7 d		
<b>e</b>	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? .....		X
	7 e		
<b>f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? .....		X
	7 f		
<b>g</b>	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? .....		
	7 g		
<b>h</b>	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required? .....		
	7 h		
<b>8</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year? .....		
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<b>9</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>a</b>	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? .....		
	9 a		
<b>b</b>	Did the organization make any distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? .....		
	9 b		
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:</b>		
<b>a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12. ....		
	10 a		
<b>b</b>	Gross Receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities. ....		
	10 b		
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:</b>		
<b>a</b>	Gross income from other members or shareholders. ....		
	11 a		
<b>b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) .....		
	11 b		
<b>12 a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? .....		
	12 a		
<b>b</b>	If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year. ....		
	12 b		



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

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

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

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

	Yes	No
10 a		X
10 b		
11		X
11 A	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. See Schedule O	
12 a	X	
12 b	X	
12 c	X	
13		X
14		X
15		
15 a		X
15 b		X
16 a		X
16 b		

**Section C. Disclosures**

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶ None
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.  
 Own website     Another's website     Upon request
- 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Schedule O
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization:  
 ▶ The Organization 651 Pennsylvania Ave, SE Washington DC 20003 202-546-8500

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

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

**1 a** 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. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

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

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

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Courtney Cuff Chair	0	X						0.	0.	0.
Danielle Brian Director	0	X						0.	0.	0.
Tim Atkin Director	0	X						0.	0.	0.
David Terry Director	0	X						0.	0.	0.
Marion Edey Director	0	X						0.	0.	0.
Kathleen Welch Director	40	X						0.	0.	0.
Rob Stuart Director	0	X						0.	0.	0.
Mark Smith Director	0	X						0.	0.	0.
Ryan Alexander President & CEO	40			X				121,000.	0.	5,580.



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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
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**1 b Total** ..... 121,000. 0. 5,580.

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

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

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

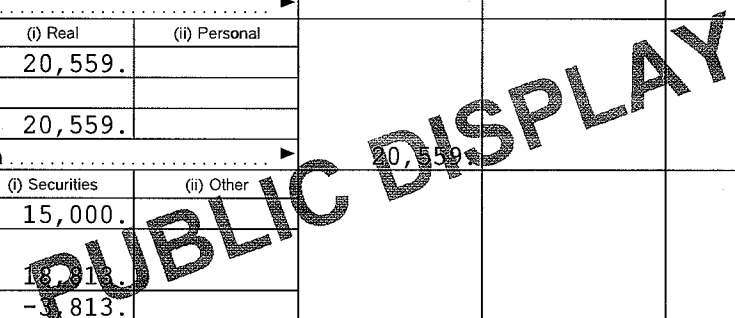
**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization.

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

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

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS, GRANTS AND OTHER SIMILAR AMOUNTS</b>	1a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	1,075,409.				
	g Noncash contribns included in lns 1a-1f	\$					
	<b>h Total. Add lines 1a-1f</b>		<b>1,075,409.</b>				
<b>PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE</b>			<b>Business Code</b>				
	2a						
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
<b>g Total. Add lines 2a-2f</b>							
<b>OTHER REVENUE</b>	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		2,118.			2,118.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6a Gross Rents	(i) Real	20,559.				
		(ii) Personal					
	b Less: rental expenses						
	c Rental income or (loss)	20,559.					
	d Net rental income or (loss)		20,559.			20,559.	
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	15,000.				
		(ii) Other					
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	18,813.					
	c Gain or (loss)	-3,813.					
	d Net gain or (loss)		-3,813.			-3,813.	
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a					
	b Less: direct expenses	b					
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events							
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a						
b Less: direct expenses	b						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a						
b Less: cost of goods sold	b						
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a Class action settlement	900099		319.			319.	
b							
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			319.				
<b>12 Total revenue. See instructions</b>			<b>1,094,592.</b>	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>	<b>19,183.</b>	



**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	126,580.	126,580.	0.	0.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B))	0.	0.	0.	0.
7 Other salaries and wages	460,439.	430,197.	10,242.	20,000.
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	32,820.	32,774.	46.	
10 Payroll taxes	44,855.	42,346.	979.	1,530.
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	2,291.	2,121.	170.	
c Accounting	39,067.		39,067.	
d Lobbying				
e Prof fundraising svcs. See Part IV, ln 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	29,717.	10,066.	2,850.	16,781.
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	3,564.	3,254.	310.	
14 Information technology	5,838.	15,032.	75.	731.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	104,408.	103,804.	604.	
17 Travel	3,648.	1,767.	80.	1,801.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	295.	295.		
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	5,482.	5,482.		
23 Insurance	5,704.		5,704.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a <u>Printing and Publications</u>	37,621.	36,957.	75.	589.
b <u>Communications</u>	17,675.	17,628.	46.	1.
c <u>Postage and Shipping</u>	113.	32.	81.	
d _____				
e _____				
f All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	930,117.	828,355.	60,329.	41,433.
26 Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

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**Part X Balance Sheet**

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
ASSETS	1	Cash – non-interest-bearing.....	6,807.	1	168,059.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments.....	1,968.	2	199,332.
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net.....	307,940.	3	145,000.
	4	Accounts receivable, net.....	4,414.	4	3,049.
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L.....		5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L.....		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net.....		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use.....		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges.....	7,415.	9	3,987.
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 36,691.		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation.....	10b 24,191.	10c	12,500.
	11	Investments – publicly-traded securities.....	103,119.	11	110,442.
	12	Investments – other securities. See Part IV, line 11.....		12	
	13	Investments – program-related. See Part IV, line 11.....		13	
	14	Intangible assets.....	6,000.	14	5,000.
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11.....	430.	15	430.
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34).....	448,708.	16	647,799.	
LIABILITIES	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses.....	42,727.	17	57,615.
	18	Grants payable.....		18	
	19	Deferred revenue.....		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities.....		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D.....		21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part I of Schedule L.....		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties.....		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties.....		24	
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule L.....	1,000.	25	1,000.
	26	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25.....	43,727.	26	58,615.
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29 and lines 33 and 34.</b>				
	27	Unrestricted net assets.....	-74,658.	27	92,782.
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets.....	479,639.	28	496,402.
	29	Permanently restricted net assets.....		29	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds.....		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund.....		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds.....		32	
	33	<b>Total net assets or fund balances.</b> .....	404,981.	33	589,184.
	34	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances.</b> .....	448,708.	34	647,799.

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**Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting**

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 in Schedule O.

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? .....

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c		X
3a		X
3b		

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? .....

c If 'Yes' to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? .....

If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.

d If 'Yes' to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both: .....

Separate basis  Consolidated basis  Both consolidated and separate basis

3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? .....

b If 'Yes,' did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits. ....

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

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. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization <b>Taxpayers For Common Sense</b>	Employer identification number <b>52-1941122</b>
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**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

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

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

	Yes	No
(i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? <b>11 g (i)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above? <b>11 g (ii)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? <b>11 g (iii)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

h Provide the following information about the supported organizations.

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



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

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

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include 'unusual grants'.)	455,129.	748,905.	947,012.	920,294.	1,075,409.	4,146,749.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf.						0.
3 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge.						0.
4 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1-through 3.	455,129.	748,905.	947,012.	920,294.	1,075,409.	4,146,749.
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).						1,379,315.
6 <b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						2,767,434.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4.	455,129.	748,905.	947,012.	920,294.	1,075,409.	4,146,749.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources.	23,725.	30,703.	30,334.	23,993.	22,996.	131,751.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						0.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						0.
11 <b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10.						4,278,500.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions).					12	0.
13 <b>First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)).	14	64.7 %
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14.	15	62.1 %
16a <b>33-1/3 support test – 2009.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3 % or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b <b>33-1/3 support test – 2008.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2009</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.		<input type="checkbox"/>
b <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2008.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 <b>Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line, 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions.		<input type="checkbox"/>

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include 'unusual grants'.)						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in a activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose.						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513.						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf.						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge.						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5.						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, 3 received from disqualified persons.						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year.						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b.						
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6.						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources.						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975.						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b.						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (add lns 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

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

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)).	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15.	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)).	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17.	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33-1/3 support tests – 2009.** 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 – 2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

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

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions.

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**SCHEDULE D  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

▶ **Complete if the organization answered 'Yes,' to Form 990,  
Part IV, lines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.**  
▶ **Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions**

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**2009**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Name of the organization

Taxpayers For Common Sense

Employer identification number

52-1941122

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

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

- 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?  Yes  No
- 6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit??  Yes  No

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

- 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).  
 Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure)  Preservation of an historically important land area  
 Protection of natural habitat  Preservation of 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 8/17/06 .....	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 easement it holds?  Yes  No
- 6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?  Yes  No
- 9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

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

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

3 Using the organization's 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 XIV.

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

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

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

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

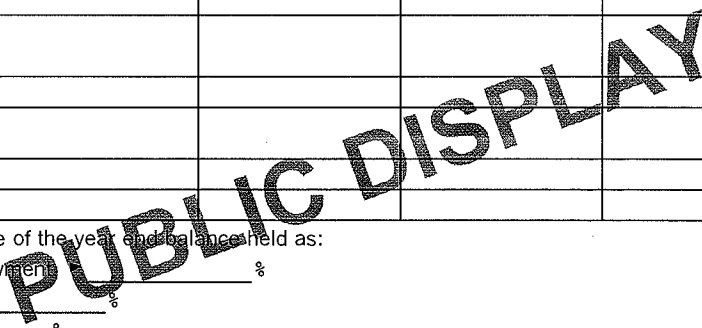
	Amount
c Beginning balance	1c
d Additions during the year	1d
e Distributions during the year	1e
f Ending balance	1f

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

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

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c 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 year end balance held as:

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

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

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

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

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

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated Depreciation	(d) Book Value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		36,691.	24,191.	12,500.
e Other				
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				12,500.

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

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		1,094,592.
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)		930,117.
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1		164,475.
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments		19,728.
5	Donated services and use of facilities		
6	Investment expenses		
7	Prior period adjustments		
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)		
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8		19,728.
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9		184,203.

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	1,114,320.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	19,728.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	19,728.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,094,592.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investments expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	1,094,592.

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	930,117.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	930,117.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investments expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	930,117.

**Part XIV Supplemental Information**

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

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**Part XIV** Supplemental Information (continued)

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

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

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

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

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

	(A) Name of other organization	(B) Transaction type (a-r)	(C) Amount involved
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

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**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990)**

**Supplemental Information to Form 990**

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

Name of the organization

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**Form 990, Part III, Line 1 - Organization Mission**

Mission -- Taxpayers for Common Sense (TCS) is a non-partisan budget watchdog that serves as an independent voice for American taxpayers. TCS seeks to ensure that our government spends taxpayer money efficiently and responsibly by working to eliminate wasteful and harmful federal spending.

Goals -- TCS seeks to ensure that the federal government spends taxpayer dollars efficiently and responsibly by:

1. Eliminating wasteful and harmful programs and subsidies;
2. Increasing government transparency and accountability related to the federal budget and appropriations process;
3. Developing and promoting solutions to prevent irresponsible subsidies; and
4. Rolling back earmarks to the lowest number in recent history achieved in 1996.

**Form 990, Part III, Line 4d - Other Program Services Description**

Water Resources Program - Works to eliminate unnecessary and ill-conceived water projects and policies through targeted efforts on Army Corps of Engineers, drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, the removal of four dams on the lower Snake River in Eastern Washington, and federal subsidization of western water resources.

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 8 - Explanation of No Contemporaneously Documentation of Meetings**

There are no specialized committees for which the meetings or proceedings should be memorialized.

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 11 - Form 990 Review Process**

The Form 990 is reviewed by the President, Treasurer and Accountant before it is filed, and the preparer makes any changes that are recommended as a result of those

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**Form 990, Part VI, Line 11 - Form 990 Review Process (continued)**

reviews.

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Explanation of Monitoring and Enforcement of Conflicts**

Board members submit an annual conflict of interest policy compliance statement, requiring them to acknowledge that they have received, read, and understand the conflict of interest policy, that they agree to comply by its terms, and to note any potential or actual conflicts. The compliance statements are reviewed by the Board Chair and/or the President of TCS.

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Other Organization Documents Publicly Available**

TCS does not make its governing documents, internal policies or financial statements public. The annual information return Form 990 is made public as the law requires.

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No.	Description	Date Acquired	Date Sold	Cost/ Basis	Bus. Pct.	Cur 179/ SDA	Prior 179/ SDA/ Depr.	Method	Life	Current Depr.
Depr. Schedule Only										
Intangible Asset - Trademark										
3	Trademark option (blnce)	12/31/99		15,000			9,000	S/L	15	1,000
Total Intangible Asset - Trademark				15,000		0	9,000			1,000
Machinery and Equipment										
1	Fax Machine	10/01/96		1,825			1,825	S/L	5	0
2	HP 4000 printer	3/25/98		1,699			1,699	S/L	5	0
4	Pentium III CPU	8/15/01		800			801	S/L	5	0
5	Pentium III CPU	8/15/01		800			800	S/L	5	0
6	Pentium III CPU	8/15/01		800			800	S/L	5	0
7	Pentium III CPU	8/15/01		800			800	S/L	5	0
8	SCB Entprs CPU Autumn	12/31/04		700			700	S/L	3	0
9	SCB Entprs CPU for Erich	12/31/04		700			700	S/L	3	0
10	SCB Entprs CPU for Mchle	12/31/04		800			800	S/L	3	0
11	SCB Entprs CPU for Keith	12/31/05		800			800	S/L	3	0
12	Xeon server	1/30/06		2,000			1,667	S/L	3	333
13	Computer CPU (Franz)	3/22/06		800			667	S/L	3	133
14	Computer CPU (Steve)	5/19/06		920			767	S/L	3	153
15	Toshiba Notebook Cmptr	9/28/06		900			600	S/L	3	300
16	Sony Ntbk cmptr/other	11/02/06		2,800			1,866	S/L	3	934
17	CPU (SN: 28657)-Keith	3/28/07		1,099			549	S/L	3	367
18	Computer (SN:28910)-Demia	6/30/07		1,225			612	S/L	3	204
19	Phone system	4/25/07		10,856			3,256	S/L	5	1,086
20	Canon IR50201 copier	5/15/09		3,889				S/L	2	972
21	Toshiba R600 laptop	12/03/09		2,478				S/L	3	0
Total Machinery and Equipment				36,691		0	19,709			4,482
Total Depreciation				51,691		0	28,709			5,482
Grand Total Depreciation				51,691		0	28,709			5,482

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Machinery and Equipment																
1	Fax Machine	10/01/96		1,825							1,825	1,825	S/L	5		0
2	HP 4000 printer	3/25/98		1,699							1,699	1,699	S/L	5		0
4	Pentium III CPU	8/15/01		800							800	801	S/L	5		0
5	Pentium III CPU	8/15/01		800							800	800	S/L	5		0
6	Pentium III CPU	8/15/01		800							800	800	S/L	5		0
7	Pentium III CPU	8/15/01		800							800	800	S/L	5		0
8	SCB Entprs CPU Autumn	12/31/04		700							700	700	S/L	3		0
9	SCB Entprs CPU for Erich	12/31/04		700							700	700	S/L	3		0
10	SCB Entprs CPU for Michle	12/31/04		800							800	800	S/L	3		0
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19	Phone system	4/25/07		10,856							10,856	3,256	S/L	5		1,086
20	Canon IR5020I copier	5/15/09		3,889							3,889		S/L	2		972

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Total Machinery and Equipment																
				36,691		0	0	0	0	0	36,691				19,709	4,482
Total Depreciation																
				51,691		0	0	0	0	0	51,691				28,709	5,482
Grand Total Depreciation																
				51,691		0	0	0	0	0	51,691				28,709	5,482

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FORM 990  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

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**Short Form  
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

**2008**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code  
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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**A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning** , 2008, and ending

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions. Taxpayers For Common Sense 651 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20003	<b>D</b> Employer identification number 52-1941122	<b>E</b> Telephone number 202-546-8500	<b>F</b> Group Exemption Number
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• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

**G** Accounting method:  Cash  Accrual  
Other (specify) ▶

**I Website:** ▶ www.taxpayer.net

**H** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**J** Organization type (check only one) —  501(c) ( 3 ) (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Check  if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

**L** Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 975,789.

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (See the instructions for Part I.)

	<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received		920,294.
	<b>2</b> Program service revenue including government fees and contracts		
	<b>3</b> Membership dues and assessments		
	<b>4</b> Investment income		23,993.
REVENUE	<b>5a</b> Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a 31,252.	
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b 32,815.	
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (att sch.)	5c See Statement 1	-1,563.
	<b>6</b> Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>a</b> Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	
	<b>7a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	7b	
	<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
	<b>8</b> Other revenue (describe ▶ See Statement 2)	8	250.
	<b>9 Total revenue</b> (add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8)	9	942,974.
EXPENSES	<b>10</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
	<b>11</b> Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	<b>12</b> Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	708,898.
	<b>13</b> Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	56,610.
	<b>14</b> Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	101,218.
	<b>15</b> Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	23,154.
	<b>16</b> Other expenses (describe ▶ See Statement 3)	16	85,838.
	<b>17 Total expenses</b> (add lines 10 through 16)	17	975,718.
	<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-32,744.
ASSETS	<b>19</b> Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	487,366.
	<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation) See Statement 4	20	-49,641.
	<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	404,981.

**Part II Balance Sheets.** If total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>22</b> Cash, savings, and investments	195,344.	<b>22</b>	111,894.
<b>23</b> Land and buildings		<b>23</b>	
<b>24</b> Other assets (describe ▶ See Statement 5)	345,085.	<b>24</b>	336,814.
<b>25 Total assets</b>	540,429.	<b>25</b>	448,708.
<b>26 Total liabilities</b> (describe ▶ See Statement 6)	53,063.	<b>26</b>	43,727.
<b>27 Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	487,366.	<b>27</b>	404,981.

**BAA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the instructions for Form 990.**

Form **990-EZ** (2008)

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (See the instructions.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? See Statement 7  
 Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title.

**Expenses**  
 (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)

28	<u>Environment Program - Works to eliminate environmentally harmful spending on issues including energy, forest, mining, transportation, public lands, and agriculture.</u> (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here. <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	316,400.
29	<u>See Statement 8</u> (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here. <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	161,407.
30	<u>National Security Reform Program - Works for reforms to achieve a strong U.S. military at a reasonable cost to taxpayers.</u> (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here. <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	179,489.
31	Other program services (attach schedule) <u>See Statement 9</u> (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here. <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	251,530.
32	<b>Total program service expenses</b> (add lines 28a through 31a) <input type="checkbox"/>	32	908,826.

**Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees.** (List each one even if not compensated. See the instrs.)

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Courtney Cuff 651 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20003	Chairman 0	0.	0.	0.
Danielle Brian 651 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20003	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
Tim Atkin 651 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20003	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
David Terry 651 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20003	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
Marion Edey 651 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20003	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
Ryan Alexander 651 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20003	President 40.00	121,000.	5,558.	0.
Rob Stuart 651 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20003	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
Mark Smith 651 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20003	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
Kathleen Welch 651 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20003	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
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**Part V Other Information** (Note the statement requirement in General Instruction V.)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' attach a detailed description of each activity.		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes.		X
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T.		
35a	a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
35b	b If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If 'Yes,' complete applicable parts of Schedule N.		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions.	37a	0.
37b	b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?		X
38b	b If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved.	38b	N/A
39	501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
39a	a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9.	39a	N/A
39b	b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities.	39b	N/A
40a	501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under:		
	section 4911 ▶ 0.; section 4912 ▶ 0.; section 4955 ▶ 0.		
40b	b 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I.	40b	X
	c Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958.		0.
	d Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization.		0.
40e	e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If 'Yes,' complete Form 8886-T.	40e	X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ None		

42a The books are in care of ▶ The Organization Telephone no. ▶ 202-546-8500  
 Located at ▶ 651 Pennsylvania Ave, SE, Washington, DC ZIP + 4 ▶ 20003

		Yes	No
42b	b 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)? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: . . . ▶		X
42c	c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: . . . ▶		X

See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of a Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 — Check here  N/A and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year. ▶ 43  N/A

		Yes	No
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.		X
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.		X



**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51. See Statement 10

	Yes	No
46 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.....		X
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II.....		X
48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E.....		X
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?.....		X
b If 'Yes,' was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization?.....		

50 Complete this table for the five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

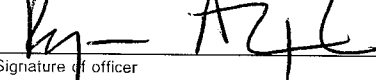
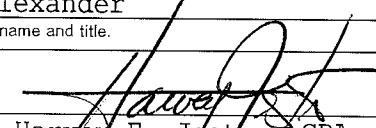
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
None				
Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000.....				

51 Complete this table for the five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		
Total number of other independent contractors receiving over \$100,000.....		

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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.

Signature of officer  Ryan Alexander Type or print name and title.		Date 10/8/09 President	
Preparer's signature 	Date 10/05/09	Check if self-employed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions) N/A
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 Harvey E. Jester CPA 2841 Woodlawn Avenue Falls Church, VA 22042-2045		EIN <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Phone no. <input type="checkbox"/> (703) 241-2418	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions.  Yes  No

BAA

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

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2008**

To be completed by all section 501 (c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.

**Open to Public Inspection**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

Name of the organization

Taxpayers For Common Sense

Employer identification number

52-1941122

**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: (Please check only **one** organization.)

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

	Yes	No
(i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? .....		
(ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above? .....		
(iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? .....		

h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports.

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

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

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

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include 'unusual grants.') . . . . .	968,613.	455,129.	748,905.	947,012.	920,294.	4,039,953.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf. . . . .						0.
3 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge. . . . .						0.
4 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1-3 . . . . .	968,613.	455,129.	748,905.	947,012.	920,294.	4,039,953.
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) . . . . .						1,451,189.
6 <b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4 . . . . .						2,588,764.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4 . . . . .	968,613.	455,129.	748,905.	947,012.	920,294.	4,039,953.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .	21,583.	23,725.	30,703.	30,334.	23,993.	130,338.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on. . . . .						0.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) . . . . .						0.
11 <b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10 . . . . .						4,170,291.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . .					12	0.
13 <b>First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here. . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . .	14	62.1 %
15 Public support percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f. . . . .	15	66.7 %
16a <b>33-1/3 support test — 2008.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. . . . . ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b <b>33-1/3 support test — 2007.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, or 16a, and line 15 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test — 2008.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test — 2007.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 <b>Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions. . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in a 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 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1-5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, 3 received from disqualified persons.						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000.						
c Add lines 7a and 7b.						
8 <b>Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

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

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

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

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

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

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

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

b **33-1/3 support tests — 2007.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or 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.



**Statement 1**  
**Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 5c**  
**Net Gain (Loss) from Noninventory Sales**

Publicly Traded Securities

Gross Sales Price: 31,252.  
 Cost or Other Basis: 32,815.

Total Gain (Loss) Publicly Traded Securities \$ -1,563.

Total Net Gain (Loss) From Noninventory Sales \$ -1,563.

**Statement 2**  
**Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8**  
**Other Revenue**

Honoraria..... \$ 250.  
 Total \$ 250.

**Statement 3**  
**Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16**  
**Other Expenses**

Amortization..... \$ 1,000.  
 Conferences, Conventions, and Meetings..... 1,700.  
 Depreciation..... 5,685.  
 Information Technology..... 37,371.  
 Insurance..... 5,306.  
 Office Expenses..... 27,079.  
 Travel..... 7,697.  
 Total \$ 85,838.

**Statement 4**  
**Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 20**  
**Other Changes In Net Assets Or Fund Balances**

Net Unrealized Gains and Losses on Investments..... \$ -49,641.  
 Total \$ -49,641.

**Statement 5**  
**Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24**  
**Other Assets**

	Beginning	Ending
Accounts Receivable.....	\$ 23,355.	\$ 4,414.
Intangible Assets.....	7,000.	6,000.
Machinery and Equipment.....	16,300.	10,615.
Pledges and Grants Receivable.....	291,000.	307,940.
Prepaid Expenses and Deferred Charges.....	7,000.	7,415.

**Statement 5 (continued)**  
**Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24**  
**Other Assets**

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Utility deposits.....	\$ 430.	\$ 430.
Total	<u>\$ 345,085.</u>	<u>\$ 336,814.</u>

**Statement 6**  
**Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26**  
**Total Liabilities**

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses.....	\$ 52,063.	\$ 42,727.
Sublet security deposit.....	1,000.	1,000.
Total	<u>\$ 53,063.</u>	<u>\$ 43,727.</u>

**Statement 7**  
**Form 990-EZ, Part III**  
**Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose**

Mission -- Taxpayers for Common Sense (TCS) is a non-partisan budget watchdog that serves as an independent voice for American taxpayers. TCS seeks to ensure that our government spends taxpayer money efficiently and responsibly by working to eliminate wasteful and harmful federal spending.

Goals -- TCS seeks to ensure that the federal government spends taxpayer dollars efficiently and responsibly by:

1. Eliminating wasteful and harmful programs and subsidies;
2. Increasing government transparency and accountability related to the federal budget and appropriations process;
3. Developing and promoting solutions to prevent irresponsible subsidies; and
4. Rolling back earmarks to the lowest number in recent history achieved in 1996.

**Statement 8**  
**Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 29**  
**Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Water Resources Program - Works to eliminate unnecessary and ill-conceived water projects and policies through targeted efforts on Army Corps of Engineers, drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, the removal of four dams on the lower Snake River in Eastern Washington, and federal subsidization of western water resources.

**Statement 9**  
**Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 31**  
**Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Description	0. Grants	Program Service Expenses
Budget, Corruption and General Programs - Includes activities to track and monitor the federal budget and in particular earmarked spending trends and impacts. TCS investigates and attempts to identify the true beneficiaries of discrete funding provisions. In addition, TCS develops broad databases and analyses of federal spending proposals. These efforts are designed to make the budget process more transparent to American taxpayers and to make members of Congress and the Administration directly accountable for their spending decisions.		251,530.
Includes Foreign Grants: No		
Total	\$ 0.	\$ 251,530.

**Statement 10**  
**Form 990-EZ, Part VI**  
**Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts**

- (a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?..... No
- (b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?..... No



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No.	Description	Date Acquired	Date Sold	Cost/ Basis	Bus. Pct.	Cur 179 Bonus	Special Depr. Allow.	Prior 179/ Bonus/ Sp. Depr.	Prior Dec. Bal. Depr.	Salvage /Basis Reductib.	Depr. Basis	Method	Life	Rate	Prior Depr.	Current Depr.
Depr. Schedule Only																
Intangible Asset - Trademark																
3	Trademark option (bince)	12/31/99		15,000							15,000	S/L	15		8,000	1,000
Total Intangible Asset - Trademark																
Machinery and Equipment																
1	Fax Machine	10/01/96		1,825							1,825	S/L	5		1,825	0
2	HP 4000 printer	3/25/98		1,699							1,699	S/L	5		1,699	0
4	Pentium III CPU	8/15/01		800							800	S/L	5		801	0
5	Pentium III CPU	8/15/01		800							800	S/L	5		800	0
6	Pentium III CPU	8/15/01		800							800	S/L	5		800	0
7	Pentium III CPU	8/15/01		800							800	S/L	5		800	0
8	SCB Entprs CPU Autumn	12/31/04		700							700	S/L	3		700	0
9	SCB Entprs CPU for Erich	12/31/04		700							700	S/L	3		700	0
10	SCB Entprs CPU for Mehle	12/31/04		800							800	S/L	3		800	0
11	SCB Entprs CPU for Keith	12/31/05		800							800	S/L	3		800	0
12	Xeon server	1/30/06		2,000							2,000	S/L	3		534	266
13	Computer CPU (Franz)	3/22/06		800							800	S/L	3		1,000	667
14	Computer CPU (Steve)	5/19/06		920							920	S/L	3		400	267
15	Toshiba Notebook Cmptr	9/28/06		900							900	S/L	3		460	307
16	Sony Nibk cmprtr/other	11/02/06		2,800							2,800	S/L	3		300	300
17	CPU (SN: 28657)-Keith	3/28/07		1,099							1,099	S/L	3		933	933
18	Computer (SN:28910)-Demia	6/30/07		1,225							1,225	S/L	3		183	366
19	Phone system	4/25/07		10,856							10,856	S/L	5		204	408
Total Machinery and Equipment																
				30,324		0	0	0	0	0	30,324				14,024	5,685

Taxpayers For Common Sense

No.	Description	Date Acquired	Date Sold	Cost/ Basis	Bus. Ect.	Cur 179 Bonus	Special Depr. Allow.	Prior 179/ Bonus/ Sp. Depr.	Prior Dec. Bal. Depr.	Salvage /Basis Reductn.	Depr. Basis	Prior Depr.	Method	Life	Rate	Current Depr.
	Total Depreciation			<u>45,324</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45,324</u>	<u>22,024</u>				<u>6,685</u>
	Grand Total Depreciation			<u>45,324</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45,324</u>	<u>22,024</u>				<u>6,685</u>