

Form **990-EZ**

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

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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

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Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2018 calendar year, or tax year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019

B Check if applicable

☒ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final return/terminated☐ Amended return☐ Application pending

C	Name of organization
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Connecticut Public Interest Research Group, Inc.

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

Room/suite	
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56 Arbor Street

213

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

Hartford, CT 06106

D Employer identification number

06-0906331

E Telephone number

860-233-7554

F Group Exemption

Number ▶

G Accounting Method

☐ Cash ☒ Accrual Other (specify) ►

Website: www.connpirgstudents.org

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (4) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

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

K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L. Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets

(Part II, column (B)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

► \$ 50,149

Part I	Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
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Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

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,760

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received			1	44,760
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts			2	5,389
	3	Membership dues and assessments			3	0
	4	Investment income			4	0
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0		
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0		
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)			5c	0
	6	Gaming and fundraising events				
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	0		
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	0		
	c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	0		
	d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)			6d	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	0		
	b	Less cost of goods sold	7b	0		
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)			7c	0
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)			8	0
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8			9	50,149
	Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)			10
11		Benefits paid to or for members			11	0
12		Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits			12	18,105
13		Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors			13	10,103
14		Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance			14	54
15		Printing, publications, postage, and shipping			15	911
16		Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)			16	35,828
17		Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16			17	65,002
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)			18	-14,852
	19	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	395,471
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)			20	0
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20			21	380,618

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Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II ☐

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	443,174	22 373,747
23 Land and buildings	0	23 0
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	10,032	24 45,896
25 Total assets	453,206	25 419,643
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	57,735	26 39,025
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	395,471	27 380,618

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☒What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? See Schedule O

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others)

28 Researching and influencing public policy the organization engages in activities including research, education, and legal and policy development on the following issues: environmental protection, consumer protection, and hunger and homelessness. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	28a	37,727
29 Public education and outreach services recruiting volunteers, distributing educational literature, conducting surveys, and discussing issues with the public on the following issues: environmental protection, consumer protection, and hunger and homelessness. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	29a	16,168
30 _____ _____ (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) _____ (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	53,895

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV ☐

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Michelle Wakim Director- until 11/30/18	1	0	0	0
Kharl Reynado Chair- until 3/31/19	1	0	0	0
Justin Kaiser Director- until 3/31/19	1	0	0	0
Matthew Boyle Director- until 3/31/19	1	0	0	0
Walter Dodson Director	1	0	0	0
Kyleigh Hillerud Chair	1	0	0	0
Sam Donahue Treasurer	1	0	0	0
Emily O'Hara Vice Chair	1	0	0	0
Ahmed Elmerdash Director- as of 11/30/18	1	0	0	0
Colleen Keller Secretary- as of 3/31/19	1	0	0	0
Jessica Gagnon Director- as of 3/31/19	1	0	0	0
Caroline Munn Director- as of 3/31/19	1	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V ☐

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	☐	☒
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O. See instructions	☐	☒
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	☐	☒
b If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	☐	☐
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	☐	☒
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	☐	☒
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions 37a 0	☐	☐
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	☐	☒
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 outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	☐	☒
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b	☐	☐
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter	☐	☐
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9. 39a	☐	☐
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b	☐	☐
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 40a , section 4912 40a , section 4955 40a	☐	☐
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	☐	☒
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 40c 0	☐	☐
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization 40d 0	☐	☐
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	☐	☒
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed Connecticut	☐	☐
42a The organization's books are in care of Katie McGinn Telephone no. 303-573-5995 Located at 1543 Wazee Street, Suite 400, Denver, CO ZIP + 4 80202-1450	☐	☐
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 42b	☐	☒
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).	☐	☐
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country 42c	☐	☒
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43	☐	☐
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 44a	☐	☒
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 44b	☐	☒
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year? 44c	☐	☒
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O 44d	☐	☐
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? 45a	☐	☒
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)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ. See instructions 45b	☐	☒

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- 46** Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		☒

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47–49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

- 47** 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

	Yes	No
47		

- 48** Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

	Yes	No
48		

- 49a** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

	Yes	No
49a		

- b** If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

	Yes	No
49b		

- 50** Complete this table for the organization's 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 title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 **▶** _____

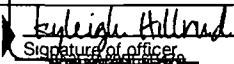
- 51** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 **▶** _____

- 52** Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A **▶** ☐ Yes ☐ No

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. Preparation of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here		7/7/2020
	Kyleigh Hillerud, Chair	Date
	Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name	Firm's EIN			
	Firm's address	Phone no			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions **▶** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.**

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

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Name of the organization

Connecticut Public Interest Research Group, Inc.

Employer identification number

06-0906331

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		☐ Yes ☐ No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?		☐ Yes ☐ No

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply). ☐ Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) ☐ Preservation of a historically important land area ☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure ☐ Preservation of open space	
2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.	
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d
3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶	
4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶	
5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?	☐ Yes ☐ No
6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶	
7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$	
8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?	☐ Yes ☐ No
9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.	

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

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

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

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply).
- a ☐ Public exhibition d ☐ Loan or exchange programs
- b ☐ Scholarly research e ☐ Other _____
- c ☐ Preservation for future generations
- 4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- | | Amount |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII ☐

Part V Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

- | | (a) Current year | (b) Prior year | (c) Two years back | (d) Three years back | (e) Four years back |
|--|------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1a Beginning of year balance | | | | | |
| b Contributions | | | | | |
| c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses | | | | | |
| d Grants or scholarships | | | | | |
| e Other expenditures for facilities and programs | | | | | |
| f Administrative expenses | | | | | |
| g End of year balance | | | | | |
- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ☐ _____ %
- b Permanent endowment ☐ _____ %
- c Temporarily restricted endowment ☐ _____ %
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|--|--------|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations | 3a(i) | |
| (ii) related organizations | 3a(ii) | |
| b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | |
- 4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		2,267		1,136
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				1,136

Part VII Investments—Other Securities.

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

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

Part VIII Investments—Program-Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

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

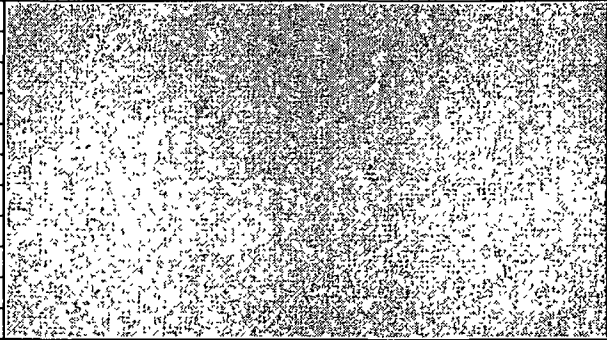
Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

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

Part X Other Liabilities.

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

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

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

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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Name of the organization

Connecticut Public Interest Research Group, Inc.

Employer identification number

06-0906331

Part I, Line 16

Coalition Dues \$26,781; Conferences & Meetings \$162, Depreciation/ Depletion \$453, Filing Fees \$100; Insurance \$704, Supplies \$883,

Travel \$6,744

Part II, Line 24, Column A

Accounts Receivable \$8,443, Value of equipment after accumulated depreciation \$1,590

Part II, Line 24, Column B

Accounts Receivable \$44,760, Value of equipment after accumulated depreciation \$1,136

Part II, Line 26, Column A

Accounts Payable \$57,735

Part II, Line 26, Column B

Accounts Payable \$39,025

Part III, Organization's Primary Exempt Purposes

The purposes for which the Corporation is formed and the objects to be carried on and performed by it are as follows: (1) In general to advocate and participate in projects and activities promoting the public interest, said project and activities to be representative of the goals and concerns of the students of participating colleges and universities in the State of Connecticut as determined on a priority basis by a Student Board of Directors elected in accordance with the By-Laws of ConnPIRG. (2) To employ through the Student Board of Directors a staff of full and part-time professionals (from such fields as law, accounting, social sciences, economics, engineering, and ecology) to carry out projects and activities with significant impact on the public well-being. (3) To engage in research, studies, preparation, and submission of written reports, representation, litigation, lobbying, public education, and similar efforts to advocate the public interest in such areas (by way of illustration, not limitation) as governmental responsibility, environmental preservation, equal rights, consumer protection, and corporate responsibility.