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VIA E-MAIL TO CELA@FEC.GOV

Federal Election Commission  
Office of Complaints Examination & Legal Administration  
Attn: Donna Rawls  
1050 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20463

Re: Matter Under Review 7486

Dear Office of Complaints Examination & Legal Administration:

On behalf of 45Committee, Inc., enclosed is a response to the Complaint in the above-captioned MUR.

Very truly yours,



E. Stewart Crosland

Enclosure

**BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

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**RESPONSE OF 45COMMITTEE, INC. TO THE COMPLAINT**

45Committee, Inc. hereby submits this response to the Complaint in the above-captioned Matter Under Review. The Complaint alleges that 45Committee – a tax exempt 501(c)(4) social welfare organization – must register with the FEC as a “political committee” under the Federal Election Campaign Act (“the Act”). That is false. 45Committee’s public communications, statements, and organizational documents, as well as its spending history – both over the course of its lifetime and in any single year – demonstrate that its “major purpose” is issue advocacy and grassroots lobbying and organizing, not federal campaign activity. The Commission thus has no reason to believe that 45Committee has violated the Act or FEC regulations by not registering as a political committee and must dismiss this matter and close the file immediately.

**FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

45Committee, Inc. is an independent, social welfare organization tax exempt under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, which annually reports to the Internal Revenue Service. It was established in April 2015 to engage primarily in issue advocacy campaigns. A sister political committee, Future45 (ID No. C00574533), was created at the same time to engage primarily in federal electoral advocacy. From inception, 45Committee has, consistent with its name, sought to “educat[e] Americans on possible solutions to the challenges facing the 45th President of the United States.” 45Committee, <https://45committee.com>.

45Committee’s plainly stated organizational mission is to “promot[e] solutions to the issues that confront the United States during the 45th President’s term. To that end,

45Committee . . . advocate[s] for reforms and solutions on a wide range of public policy issues.” See Ex. A, at 2 (2017 45Committee IRS Form 990); Ex. B, at 2 (2016 45Committee IRS Form 990); see also 45Committee, *Issues*, <https://45committee.com/issues> (announcing goal of “advocating for solutions to the issues confronting the 45th President of the United States”); 45Committee (@45\_Committee), Twitter, [https://twitter.com/45\\_committee?lang=en](https://twitter.com/45_committee?lang=en) (“45Committee is an independent organization committed to promoting solutions to top-priority issues confronting the 45th President of the United States.”); 45Committee, *About*, Facebook, [https://www.facebook.com/pg/45Committee/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/45Committee/about/?ref=page_internal) (“45Committee is an organization devoted to promoting solutions to the issues that will confront the United States during the next president’s term.”).

From its founding in 2015 until today, 45Committee has engaged in substantial issue-oriented activities in furtherance of its mission. In 2015, when the organization was ramping up, building out its team and researching issues, it provided \$655,000 in “grants to other 501(c)(4) entities engaged in issue advocacy in the public policy and foreign policy arenas.” Ex. B, at 2. In 2016, 45Committee engaged in substantial issue advocacy campaigns – including through television, digital, and direct mail – “in areas related to foreign policy, national security, healthcare, size of government, role and make-up of the federal judiciary, role of the Internal Revenue Service, reducing the tax burden, ethics issues related to federal officials, improving the regulatory environment, [and] promoting entrepreneurship.” Ex. A, at 2. The organization also made over \$3 million in additional “grants to other 501(c)(4) entities in line with these issues” in 2016. *Id.* In 2017, among other things, “45Committee successfully advocated for tax reform to promote jobs and tax relief for American families,” launching a widespread campaign. See 45Committee, <https://45committee.com>; see also, e.g., David M. Drucker, *Pro-Trump group*

goes after House Republicans reluctant on tax reform, Washington Examiner (Nov. 13, 2017) (“45Committee is committed to passing tax cuts that deliver for America’s working families.” (quoting 45Committee Chairman and President, Brian Baker)).<sup>1</sup> As part of that project – named “The Middle Class Project” – 45Committee launched two national television ads supporting the tax bill, released fifty-four individualized television and digital ads about the legislation addressed to specific swing Senators and Representatives, and deployed field teams to several states to help drive grassroots support for the bill. See 45Committee, *Middle Class Project*, [https://middleclassproject.com/?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=newsletter\\_axiosam&stream=top-stories](https://middleclassproject.com/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter_axiosam&stream=top-stories); see also Jonathan Swan, *Scoop: Pro-Trump group plans 8-figure ad campaign for tax cuts*, Axios (Nov. 1, 2017) (“The 45Committee is launching ‘The Middle Class Project,’ a 501(c)(4) with an opening TV spot, ‘What’s In It For You,’ that will debut nationally with tomorrow’s bill introduction.”).<sup>2</sup> In both 2017 and 2018, in addition to promoting other issues facing the administration, 45Committee deployed advertising and grassroots advocacy campaigns in support of key confirmations, including those of Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, and Supreme Court Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh. See, e.g. Niels Lesniewski, *With Kavanaugh Hearings Underway, Supreme Court Ads Fill the Airways*, Roll Call (Sept. 5, 2018) (discussing “seven figure ad-buy from the Trump agenda-supporting 45Committee” concerning Kavanaugh confirmation);<sup>3</sup> Fredreka Schouten, *A GOP group steps up to boost Jeff Sessions*, USA Today (Jan. 23, 2017) (“The 45Committee is positioning itself as an outside advocacy group that is equipped to help

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/pro-trump-group-running-new-ads-promoting-gop-tax-bill>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.axios.com/scoop-pro-trump-group-plans-8-figure-ad-campaign-for-tax-cuts-1513306590-6a81f91c-96a4-40b4-a70d-19b529d29403.html>.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.rollcall.com/news/politics/kavanaugh-hearings-underway-sctus-ads-fill-airways>.

Trump’s administration wage policy battles with Democrats in the years ahead.”).<sup>4</sup> The organization will “continue to advocate for policies that strengthen national security, ensure quality education, and fix what was broken in energy, immigration, health care, and more.” 45Committee, <https://45committee.com>. Examples of 45Committee’s activities – and the organization’s overwhelming focus on policy matters – are available on its website. *See, e.g.*, 45Committee, *Videos*, <https://45committee.com/videos>.

45Committee’s spending on these activities as part of its engagement in the public policy debate has been the majority of its total spending throughout its existence, consistent with its status as a tax-exempt social welfare organization. *See* Ex. C ¶¶ 3–7 (Declaration of Treasurer Maria Wojciechowski). Accordingly, less than half of the organization’s total spending has gone toward political activity. From its inception through September 2018, only 37% (approximately \$25 million) of its total spending has been on express advocacy and electioneering communications, while just under 62% (approximately \$42 million) has been spent on issue advocacy. *See id.* ¶ 4.

In each of its fiscal years, covering April through March of the following calendar year, including thus far in the 2019 fiscal year, less than half of the organization’s total spending has been on political activity, including electioneering communications. *Id.* ¶ 5. In fiscal year 2016, 45Committee’s first year in existence, 65% of total spending was on issue advocacy, and only 10% was on political activity. *Id.* In fiscal year 2018, the breakdown was 86% issue, 13% political. *Id.* And, through September 2018, more than 90% of 45Committee’s 2019 fiscal year spending has been on issue advocacy. *Id.*

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/onpolitics/2017/01/23/gop-group-steps-up-boost-jeff-sessions/96948594>.

During the 2017 fiscal year, which encompassed the 2016 elections, 45Committee spent nearly \$23.5 million on issue advocacy. *See id.* ¶ 6; *see also* Ex. A, at 2. During the same period, 45Committee reported only approximately \$21.7 million in spending on political activity. *See* Ex. C ¶ 6; *see also* Ex. A, at 20 (Form 990 Schedule C). 45Committee made one electioneering communication, in an aggregate amount of \$671,320, during this period. *See* Ex. C ¶ 6. 45Committee appropriately treated the costs of that electioneering communication as issue-related on its Form 990; but even if considered political activity, 45Committee’s political spending during the 2017 fiscal year was less than 50% of its total spending. *See id.*; *see also* Compl. ¶ 15. In fact, even if *all* of the operating costs 45Committee incurred during the 2017 fiscal year (approximately \$447,000) were additionally allocated as political expenses, 45Committee’s political spending still was under 50% of total expenditures. *See* Ex. C ¶ 7.

## ARGUMENT

The Complaint asserts that 45Committee is a political committee under the Act and therefore must register and report to the FEC. Yet the actual facts overwhelmingly prove these specious allegations wrong. Indeed, 45Committee is not a “political committee” as that term is understood under governing case law and FEC precedents. Rather, it is an issues-focused social welfare organization, and the Commission must dismiss this matter immediately as yet another example of the partisan misuse of the FEC complaint process to put a high price on opponents who raise their voices in the issues debate.

### I. LEGAL BACKGROUND

The Act and FEC regulations define a “political committee” as “any committee, club, association, or other group of persons which receives contributions aggregating in excess of \$1,000 during a calendar year or which makes expenditures aggregating in excess of \$1,000

during a calendar year.” 52 U.S.C. § 30101(4)(A); 11 C.F.R. § 100.5. Notwithstanding this \$1,000 threshold for contributions and expenditures, the Supreme Court admonished in *Buckley v. Valeo* that, to avoid vagueness and overbreadth concerns, the term “political committee” – and its attendant disclosure burdens – can only “encompass organizations that are under the control of a candidate or *the major purpose of which is the nomination or election of a candidate.*” 424 U.S. 1, 79 (1976) (emphasis added); *see also FEC v. Mass. Citizens for Life*, 479 U.S. 238, 252 n.6 (1986) (“[A]n entity subject to regulation as a ‘political committee’ under the Act is one that is either under the control of a candidate or the major purpose of which is the nomination or election of a candidate.” (internal quotation mark and citation omitted)). The Complaint does not (and cannot) allege that 45Committee is under the control of any federal candidate. Accordingly, since 45Committee did surpass the Act’s \$1,000 spending threshold in 2016, it could only be deemed a political committee if its “major purpose” is the nomination or election of federal candidates.

To assess “the major purpose” of an organization, the FEC reviews the group’s overall activity on a case-by-case basis. *CREW v. FEC*, 209 F. Supp. 3d 77, 82 (D.D.C. 2016) (citing *Shays v. FEC*, 511 F. Supp. 2d 19, 30 (D.D.C. 2007)). This requires the Commission to weigh various circumstantial considerations, such as the organization’s public statements, organizational documents, and spending. *See, e.g.*, Statement of Reasons of Comm’rs Goodman, Hunter & Petersen, MUR 6396 (Crossroads GPS), at 1, 6–9; *see also Mass. Citizens for Life*, 479 U.S. at 262 (noting that an organization that would otherwise be exempt from the Act’s requirements would be classified as a political committee if its “independent spending becomes so extensive that the organization’s major purpose may be regarded as campaign activity”). “Basically, if an organization explicitly states, in its bylaws or elsewhere, that influencing

elections is its primary objective, or if the organization spends the majority of its money on supporting or opposing candidates, that organization is under ‘fair warning’ that it may fall within the ambit of *Buckley*’s test.” *N.C. Right to Life, Inc. v. Leake*, 525 F.3d 274, 289 (4th Cir. 2008) (applying *Buckley* major purpose test under North Carolina law).

## II. 45COMMITTEE’S “MAJOR PURPOSE” IS ISSUES, NOT ELECTIONS

Even though the Commission does not apply any bright-line rules when evaluating political committee status, 45Committee cannot be a political committee under *Buckley*’s “major purpose” test. *First*, 45Committee’s central organizational purpose is to engage primarily in issue advocacy, not campaign activity. *Second*, the organization’s spending on political activity, as a factual matter, has constituted a minority of total spending overall and in each fiscal year, including fiscal year 2017.

### A. 45Committee’s central organizational purpose is to advocate on issues, not the nomination or election of federal candidates.

As detailed in the factual presentation above, 45Committee was established primarily to promote public policies and engage in issue advocacy and grassroots lobbying concerning issues facing the 45th President’s administration. Consistent with its name,<sup>5</sup> its overriding mission is to “promot[e] solutions to the issues that confront the United States during the 45th President’s term. To that end, 45Committee . . . advocate[s] for reforms and solutions on a wide range of public policy issues.” *See, e.g.*, Ex. A, at 2. The organization’s public communications, statements, and organizational documents reflect its issues-focused objective, and confirm that

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<sup>5</sup> The Complaint wrongly contends that 45Committee’s name is somehow indicative of a political purpose. *See* Compl. ¶¶ 30.i, 31. The name has nothing to do with any specific politician or candidate. From its inception in 2015, the organization’s mission was always to advocate with respect to critical issues confronting the administration of the 45th President of the United States – regardless of who held the office.



45Committee’s central organizational purpose is not the nomination or election of federal candidates.

The Complaint points to nothing to the contrary. Instead, it offers only excerpts from unsourced media reports discussing (and often conflating) both 45Committee and Future45. Those articles in no way indicate that anyone associated with 45Committee ever has held out the organization as anything but a 501(c)(4) social welfare organization that, under the law, can engage in some political activity. *See, e.g.*, Compl. ¶ 6 n.2 (identifying 45Committee as “an issue-advocacy organization”). One *Politico* article crucial to the Complaint seizes on a misguided quotation about 45Committee donors that *Politico* attributes to only an unnamed “fundraiser” who is “not connected to” 45Committee. *See id.* ¶ 7. Unsourced news articles and erroneous statements from unidentified sources having no connection to 45Committee are not credible and cannot be attributed to 45Committee. Indeed, the Commission has consistently rejected allegations “based upon unsworn news reports, anonymous sources, and an author’s summary conclusions and paraphrases” because they “provide questionable legal basis to substantiate a reason to believe finding.” Statement of Reasons of Comm’rs Goodman, Hunter & Petersen, MUR 6661 (Robert E. Murray, et al.), at 8.

**B. 45Committee’s spending activity demonstrates it is overwhelmingly focused on the discussion of issues, not the nomination or election of candidates.**

Consistent with its 501(c)(4) tax-exempt status, an accurate analysis of 45Committee’s spending on political activity shows its political spending has remained below 50% of its total spending – on the aggregate and year over year – and thus cannot lead to a conclusion that 45Committee’s “major purpose” is engaging in federal campaign activity. As the Commission has recognized, “[s]ocial welfare organizations registered with the IRS under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(4) may work in political candidate elections . . . as long as that activity remains secondary

to their primary, non-political work.” Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, *Definition of Political Committee*, 66 Fed. Reg. 13,681, 13,683 n.3 (Mar. 7, 2001); *see also* 26 C.F.R.

§ 1.501(c)(4)-1. For that reason, former Senator John McCain – one of the principal Senate sponsors of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act – appropriately noted, in comments filed with the Commission, that “*Section 501(c) groups . . . cannot have a major purpose to influence federal elections, and are therefore not required to register as federal political committees, as long as they comply with their tax law requirements.*” Attachment to Comments of John McCain and Russell D. Feingold on Reg. 2003-07 (Political Committee Status) (Apr. 2, 2004) (emphasis added).

As noted in the factual discussion above, less than 37% of 45Committee’s total spending has been on political activity (including electioneering communications) over its lifetime. *See* Ex. C ¶ 4. Although there is no rigid rule as to the timeframe under which the Commission must review an organization’s relative spending, *see CREW*, 209 F. Supp. 3d at 93–94, a lifetime assessment provides the only accurate measure if the Commission wants to avoid an artificial result in this matter and other similar cases. *See id.* at 94 (“Given the FEC’s embrace of a totality-of-the-circumstances approach to divining an organization’s ‘major purpose,’ it is not *per se* unreasonable that the Commissioners would consider a particular organization’s full spending history as relevant to its analysis.”). 45Committee was established only a little over three years ago, shortly before an election year, and remains a going and active issue advocacy organization today. It thus is different from the organizations under review in cases where a lifetime-only rule was rejected. *See id.* (rejecting rigid application of lifetime approach where organization was 15 years old and had “spent no money on election-related spending [for several years], but then shifted its expenditures towards electioneering communications and express advocacy *over the*

*following several years*” (emphasis added)). In fact, Commissioners have previously warned of the risks inherent in reviewing spending of organizations like 45Committee under a single-year standard: “The organization’s major purpose determination would be based upon a distinct minority of its spending . . . . Despite the group’s best efforts to minimize its election-related expenditures, the Commission would ignore the timeframe the group used to determine *ex ante* its major purpose.” Statement of Reasons of Comm’rs Goodman, Hunter & Petersen, MUR 6589 (American Action Network), at 25–26.

Nonetheless, even under a single-year approach, 45Committee is not a political committee as the Complaint alleges. In each of its fiscal years, including 2017, less than half of its total spending has been on political activity. Ex. C ¶ 5. This is true whether or not political spending accounts for 45Committee’s limited electioneering communications.<sup>6</sup> *See id.* ¶¶ 5–6. Such spending by a 501(c)(4) social welfare organization does not clearly signify a *major* purpose of engaging in campaign advocacy. *See CREW*, 209 F. Supp. 3d at 94–95 (recognizing reasonableness of considerations of 50%-of-total spending threshold).<sup>7</sup>

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For the foregoing reasons, the Commission must dismiss the Complaint. By any reasonable application of the “major purpose” test, 45Committee is not a federal political

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<sup>6</sup> The Complaint wrongly speculates that “other spending in 2016 may have been intended to support the nomination or election of a candidate in the 2016 election.” Compl. ¶ 29. All it points to in support is the fact that 45Committee reported to the IRS that it paid certain of its media placement vendors more than was disclosed to the FEC. *Id.* It should come as no surprise to anyone that 45Committee used the same media vendors to place *both* its political and issue advertisements.

<sup>7</sup> The Complaint additionally contends that a mere six tweets and one Facebook post issued by 45Committee prior to the 2016 elections are indicative of a political purpose. *See* Compl. ¶¶ 12 (tweets), 13 (Facebook). A visit to 45Committee’s social media platforms today makes clear that its social-media activity has been overwhelmingly issue oriented. 45Committee (@45\_Committee), Twitter, [https://twitter.com/45\\_committee?lang=en](https://twitter.com/45_committee?lang=en); 45Committee, Facebook, [https://www.facebook.com/pg/45Committee/posts/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/45Committee/posts/?ref=page_internal). Nevertheless, free social media posts are exempt from FEC regulation and, other than any express statements of organizational purpose, cannot reasonably be considered when assessing an organization’s “major purpose.” 11 C.F.R. § 100.155.

committee. It is a social welfare organization whose “major purpose” is issue advocacy and grassroots lobbying and organizing. This undeniable fact is supported by 45Committee’s public statements, organizational documents, and spending history. 45Committee, therefore, respectfully requests that the Commission dismiss this matter and close the file.

# **Exhibit A**

**\*\* PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COPY \*\***

Form **990**

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**  
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2016**

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.  
▶ Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

**A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning APR 1, 2016 and ending MAR 31, 2017**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable:  <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization <b>45COMMITTEE, INC.</b> Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <b>P.O. BOX 710993</b> City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>HERNDON, VA 20171</b> <b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <b>BRIAN BAKER</b> <b>SAME AS C ABOVE</b>	<b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>47-3803487</b> <b>E</b> Telephone number <b>832-236-3994</b> <b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>46,362,986.</b> <b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( <b>4</b> ) ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		
<b>J</b> Website: ▶ <b>45COMMITTEE.COM</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>2015</b>		<b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>VA</b>

**Part I Summary**

<b>1</b>	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>ADVOCATE FOR REFORMS AND SOLUTIONS ON A WIDE RANGE OF PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES.</b>		
<b>2</b>	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
<b>3</b>	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>4</b>	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>5</b>	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>6</b>	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>7a</b>	Total 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>8</b>	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Current Year</b>
<b>9</b>	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<b>2,225,000.</b>	<b>46,362,986.</b>
<b>10</b>	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>11</b>	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>12</b>	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>2,225,000.</b>	<b>46,362,986.</b>
<b>13</b>	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	<b>655,000.</b>	<b>3,579,000.</b>
<b>14</b>	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>15</b>	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>16a</b>	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>b</b>	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <b>1,250.</b>		
<b>17</b>	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	<b>353,489.</b>	<b>41,977,334.</b>
<b>18</b>	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>1,008,489.</b>	<b>45,556,334.</b>
<b>19</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>1,216,511.</b>	<b>806,652.</b>
<b>20</b>	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<b>Beginning of Current Year</b>	<b>End of Year</b>
<b>21</b>	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>1,216,511.</b>	<b>2,023,163.</b>
<b>22</b>	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
		<b>1,216,511.</b>	<b>2,023,163.</b>

**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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer <b>MARIA WOJCIECHOWSKI, TREASURER</b> Type or print name and title	Date _____
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name <b>RENAE DUNCAN</b>	Preparer's signature <i>Rena Duncan, CPA</i>
	Date <b>2/15/18</b>	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/> PTIN <b>P01257722</b>
	Firm's name ▶ <b>ATCHLEY &amp; ASSOCIATES, LLP</b>	Firm's EIN ▶ <b>74-2920819</b>
	Firm's address ▶ <b>1005 LA POSADA DRIVE AUSTIN, TX 78752</b>	Phone no. (512) 346-2086

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:
45COMMITTEE IS AN ORGANIZATION DEVOTED TO PROMOTING SOLUTIONS TO THE ISSUES THAT CONFRONT THE UNITED STATES DURING THE 45TH PRESIDENT'S TERM. TO THAT END, 45COMMITTEE WILL ADVOCATE FOR REFORMS AND SOLUTIONS ON A WIDE RANGE OF PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [X] 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 [X] No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 23,457,138. including grants of \$ 3,579,000. ) (Revenue \$ )
ISSUE ADVOCACY IN AREAS RELATED TO FOREIGN POLICY, NATIONAL SECURITY, HEALTHCARE, SIZE OF GOVERNMENT, ROLE AND MAKE-UP OF THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY, ROLE OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, REDUCING THE TAX BURDEN, ETHICS ISSUES RELATED TO FEDERAL OFFICIALS, IMPROVING THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT, PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND GRANTS TO OTHER 501(C)(4) ENTITIES IN LINE WITH THESE ISSUES.

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

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

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

4e Total program service expenses 23,457,138.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> .....		X
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ? .....	X	
<b>3</b> Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i> .....	X	
<b>4</b> <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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i> .....		
<b>5</b> Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> .....		X
<b>6</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>7</b> Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> .....		X
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> .....		X
<b>9</b> Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>10</b> Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> .....		X
<b>11</b> 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.		
<b>a</b> Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> .....		X
<b>c</b> Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i> .....		X
<b>d</b> Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> .....		X
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> .....		X
<b>f</b> Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> .....		X
<b>12a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i> .....		X
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> .....		X
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? .....		X
<b>b</b> Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i> .....		X
<b>15</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i> .....		X
<b>16</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i> .....		X
<b>17</b> Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>18</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> .....		X
<b>19</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> .....		X



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

	Yes	No
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? .....		
<b>21</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <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 or other assistance to or for domestic individuals 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, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</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</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) 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> Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <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 employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <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 art, 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, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i> .....	X	
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? .....		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> .....		
<b>36</b> <b>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> .....		
<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 11b and 19? .....	X	

**Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O .....

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

Input box for Schedule O

Table with columns for question number, description, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes rows for backup withholding, employee reporting, foreign accounts, and charitable contributions.

**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 or note to any line in this Part VI

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
<b>2</b>	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
<b>3</b>	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
<b>4</b>	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
<b>5</b>	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
<b>6</b>	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		X
<b>7a</b>	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		X
<b>7b</b>	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		X
<b>8</b>	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>8a</b>	The governing body?	X	
<b>8b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
<b>9</b>	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

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

		Yes	No
<b>10a</b>	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
<b>10b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
<b>11a</b>	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
<b>11b</b>	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
<b>12a</b>	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
<b>12b</b>	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
<b>12c</b>	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	X	
<b>13</b>	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
<b>14</b>	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
<b>15</b>	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
<b>15a</b>	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official		X
<b>15b</b>	Other officers or key employees of the organization		X
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
<b>16a</b>	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
<b>16b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **DC, VA**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.  
 Own website  Another's website  Upon request  Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: **MARIA WOJCIECHOWSKI - 832-236-3994**  
**P.O. BOX 710993, HERNDON, VA 20171**





**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

				(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
				Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1 a</b> Federated campaigns .....	<b>1a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues .....	<b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events .....	<b>1c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Related organizations .....	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions) .....	<b>1e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above .....	<b>1f</b>	46,362,986.				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$ .....		7,986.				
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f .....			46,362,986.			
<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) .....						
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds .....						
	<b>5</b> Royalties .....						
	<b>6 a</b> Gross rents .....	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses .....					
		<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss) .....					
		<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) .....					
	<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. ....			46,362,986.	0.	0.	0.	



**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	3,579,000.	3,579,000.		
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages				
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits				
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes				
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees):				
<b>a</b> Management				
<b>b</b> Legal	150,630.	6,203.	144,427.	
<b>c</b> Accounting	61,694.		61,694.	
<b>d</b> Lobbying				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees				
<b>g</b> Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch. O.)	444,344.	294,000.	150,344.	
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion				
<b>13</b> Office expenses				
<b>14</b> Information technology	26,975.		26,975.	
<b>15</b> Royalties				
<b>16</b> Occupancy				
<b>17</b> Travel	51,504.		51,504.	
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
<b>20</b> Interest				
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
<b>23</b> Insurance	12,484.		12,484.	
<b>24</b> Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
<b>a</b> <b>POLITICAL ADS AND MEDIA</b>	20,683,151.		20,683,151.	
<b>b</b> <b>ISSUE ADS AND MEDIA</b>	18,914,352.	18,914,352.		
<b>c</b> <b>RESEARCH</b>	1,379,964.	412,600.	967,364.	
<b>d</b> <b>EVENT SPONSORSHIP</b>	250,983.	250,983.		
<b>e</b> All other expenses	1,253.		3.	1,250.
<b>25 Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	45,556,334.	23,457,138.	22,097,946.	1,250.
<b>26 Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here  if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

**Part X Balance Sheet**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing .....	1,216,511.	<b>1</b>	2,023,163.
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments .....		<b>2</b>	
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net .....		<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net .....		<b>4</b>	
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other 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 instr). Complete Part II of Sch L .....		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net .....		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use .....		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....		<b>9</b>	
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	<b>10a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation .....	<b>10b</b>		<b>10c</b>
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities .....		<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets .....		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>15</b>	
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) .....		1,216,511.	<b>16</b>	2,023,163.
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....		<b>17</b>	
	<b>18</b> Grants payable .....		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue .....		<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D .....		<b>25</b>	
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....		0.	<b>26</b>
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets .....		<b>27</b>	
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets .....		<b>28</b>	
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets .....		<b>29</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds .....	0.	<b>30</b>	0.
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund .....	0.	<b>31</b>	0.
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....	1,216,511.	<b>32</b>	2,023,163.
<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances .....	1,216,511.	<b>33</b>	2,023,163.	
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances .....	1,216,511.	<b>34</b>	2,023,163.	



**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	46,362,986.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	45,556,334.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	806,652.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	1,216,511.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	2,023,163.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

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

Form 990 (2016)

**Schedule B**(Form 990, 990-EZ,  
or 990-PF)Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Schedule of Contributors**

- ▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.  
▶ Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and  
its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2016**

Name of the organization

45COMMITTEE, INC.

Employer identification number

47-3803487

Organization type (check one):

## Filers of:

## Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

 501(c)( 4 ) (enter number) organization 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation 501(c)(3) taxable private foundationCheck if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.**Note:** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.**General Rule**

- For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

**Special Rules**

- For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution:** An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2016)

Name of organization <b>45COMMITTEE, INC.</b>	Employer identification number <b>47-3803487</b>
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**Part I Contributors** (See instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
<u>1</u>	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>500,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>2</u>	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>1,000,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>3</u>	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>250,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>4</u>	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>250,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>5</u>	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>250,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>6</u>	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>100,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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**Part I Contributors** (See instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7		\$ 2,500,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8		\$ 1,005,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
9		\$ 5,000,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
10		\$ 1,000,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
11		\$ 2,500,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
12		\$ 250,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

Name of organization <b>45COMMITTEE, INC.</b>	Employer identification number <b>47-3803487</b>
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**Part I Contributors** (See instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
13	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 250,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
14	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 500,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
15	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 7,986.	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
16	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 1,000,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
17	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 7,500,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
18	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 7,500,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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**Part I Contributors** (See instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
19	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>7,500,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
20	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>7,500,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

Name of organization  <b>45COMMITTEE, INC.</b>	Employer identification number  <b>47-3803487</b>
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**Part II Noncash Property** (See instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
15	TRAVEL EXPENSES _____ _____ _____	\$ 7,986.	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____

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**Part III** Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this info. once.) ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee



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

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2016**

Open to Public Inspection

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.
- ▶ Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

If the organization answered "Yes," on 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," on 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," on Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

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

Name of organization 45COMMITTEE, INC. Employer identification number 47-3803487

**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 campaign activity expenditures ..... ▶ \$ 21,650,515.
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities ..... 0.

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

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? .....  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 ..... ▶ \$ 21,650,515.
- 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 ..... ▶ \$ 21,650,515.
- 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-.

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

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

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b> (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) .....														
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures .....														
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) .....														
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.														
<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width:35%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="width:65%;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:													
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.													
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.													
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.													
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.													
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.													
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) .....														
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- .....														
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -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 separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

<b>Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period</b>					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount					
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures					
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount					
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
<i>For each "Yes," response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.</i>			
<b>1</b> 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:			
<b>a</b> Volunteers? .....			
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)? ..			
<b>c</b> Media advertisements? .....			
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public? .....			
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements? .....			
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes? .....			
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body? .....			
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means? .....			
<b>i</b> Other activities? .....			
<b>j</b> Total. Add lines 1c through 1i .....			
<b>2a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)? .....			
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912 .....			
<b>c</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912 .....			
<b>d</b> 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
<b>1</b> Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members? .....	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? .....	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the prior year? .....	<b>3</b>	

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

<b>1</b> Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members .....	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures ( <b>do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid</b> ).		
<b>a</b> Current year .....	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year .....	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b> Total .....	<b>2c</b>	
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues .....	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> 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? .....	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions) .....	<b>5</b>	

**Part IV Supplemental Information**

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions); and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

**PART I-A, LINE 1:**

**POLITICAL ADVERTISING PRODUCTION AND RESEARCH.**

**SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.  
▶ Attach to Form 990.  
▶ Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**2016**  
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Inspection

Name of the organization

**45COMMITTEE, INC.**

Employer identification number  
**47-3803487**

**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

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

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

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

<b>1 (a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section (if applicable)	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of noncash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance
THE JOHN HAY INITIATIVE 801 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NW STE 610 WASHINGTON, DC 20004	46-3437207	501(C)(4)	129,000.	0.			TO FURTHER THE ORGANIZATION'S EXEMPT PURPOSE
US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 1615 H ST. NW WASHINGTON, DC 20062	53-0045720	501(C)(6)	350,000.	0.			TO FURTHER THE ORGANIZATION'S EXEMPT PURPOSE
FAITH AND FREEDOM COALITION INC 3700 CRESTWOOD PARKWAY STE 975 DULUTH, GA 30096	27-0182697	501(C)(4)	250,000.	0.			TO FURTHER THE ORGANIZATION'S EXEMPT PURPOSE
SUSAN B. ANTHONY LIST 1200 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE., STE 750 WASHINGTON, DC 20036	54-1850126	501(C)(4)	275,000.	0.			TO FURTHER THE ORGANIZATION'S EXEMPT PURPOSE
SECURE AMERICA NOW 1800 M STREET NW, STE 450N WASHINGTON, DC 20036	27-3711817	501(C)(4)	2,000,000.	0.			TO FURTHER THE ORGANIZATION'S EXEMPT PURPOSE
JUDICIAL CRISIS NETWORK 3220 N STREET NW, STE 268 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	20-2303252	501(C)(4)	200,000.	0.			TO FURTHER THE ORGANIZATION'S EXEMPT PURPOSE

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

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2016)

Part II Continuation of Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States (Schedule I (Form 990), Part II)							
(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
AMERICAN ENCORE P.O. BOX 72465 PHOENIX, AZ 85050	26-4683543	501(C)(4)	100,000.	0.			TO FURTHER THE ORGANIZATION'S EXEMPT PURPOSE
INDEPENDENT WOMEN'S VOICE 1875 I STREET NW, STE 500 WASHINGTON, DC 20006	36-4534086	501(C)(4)	50,000.	0.			TO FURTHER THE ORGANIZATION'S EXEMPT PURPOSE
SHINING CITY COMMUNITY 45 NORPH HILL DRIVE, STE 100 WARRENTON, VA 20186	47-1867507	501(C)(4)	100,000.	0.			TO FURTHER THE ORGANIZATION'S EXEMPT PURPOSE
NRA INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION - 11250 WAPLES MILL RD. - FAIRFAX, VA 22030	53-0116130	501(C)(4)	70,000.	0.			TO FURTHER THE ORGANIZATION'S EXEMPT PURPOSE
INTERNATIONAL REPUBLICAN INSTITUTE 1225 EYE STREET NW, STE 800 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	52-1340267	501(C)(3)	15,000.	0.			TO FURTHER THE ORGANIZATION'S EXEMPT PURPOSE
FRANKLIN CENTER FOR GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC INTEGRITY - 1229 KING STREET, 3RD FLOOR - ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314	26-4066298	501(C)(3)	15,000.	0.			TO FURTHER THE ORGANIZATION'S EXEMPT PURPOSE
ONE NATION HEALTH COALITION 1747 PENNSYLVANIA AVE NW, STE 1000 WASHINGTON, DC 20006	81-4729054	501(C)(4)	25,000.	0.			TO FURTHER THE ORGANIZATION'S EXEMPT PURPOSE

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

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance

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

PART I, LINE 2:

A GRANT REPORT IS REQUESTED FROM THE RECIPIENT WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF RECEIVING THE GRANT. THE RECIPIENT MUST ALSO ATTEST THAT THEY HAVE USED THE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES OUTLINED IN THEIR APPLICATION.

PART 1, LINE 2:

A GRANT APPLICATION IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SCHEDULE L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Transactions With Interested Persons

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Information about Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization 45COMMITTEE, INC. Employer identification number 47-3803487

Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations only).

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

Table with 4 main columns: (a) Name of disqualified person, (b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization, (c) Description of transaction, (d) Corrected? (Yes/No)

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

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22.

Table with 9 main columns: (a) Name of interested person, (b) Relationship with organization, (c) Purpose of loan, (d) Loan to or from the organization? (To/From), (e) Original principal amount, (f) Balance due, (g) In default? (Yes/No), (h) Approved by board or committee? (Yes/No), (i) Written agreement? (Yes/No)

Total \$

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.

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

Table with 5 main columns: (a) Name of interested person, (b) Relationship between interested person and the organization, (c) Amount of assistance, (d) Type of assistance, (e) Purpose of assistance

**Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.**

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

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
REDPRINT STRATEGY	SEE PART V	30,000.	MANAGEMENT		X

**Part V Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

SCH L, PART IV, BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING INTERESTED PERSONS:

(A) NAME OF PERSON: REDPRINT STRATEGY

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: MANAGEMENT CONSULTING

PART IV, COLUMN B

BRIAN WALSH, WHO SERVED AS CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION THRU 9/13/16, IS A PARTNER IN REDPRINT STRATEGY.



**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.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2016**

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Name of the organization

45COMMITTEE, INC.

Employer identification number

47-3803487

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 2, NEW PROGRAM SERVICES:

ISSUE ADVOCACY IN AREAS RELATED TO FOREIGN POLICY, NATIONAL SECURITY,

HEALTHCARE, SIZE OF GOVERNMENT, ROLE AND MAKE-UP OF THE FEDERAL

JUDICIARY, ROLE OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, REDUCING THE TAX

BURDEN, ETHICS ISSUES RELATED TO FEDERAL OFFICIALS, IMPROVING THE

REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT, PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND GRANTS TO OTHER

501(C)(4) ENTITIES IN LINE WITH THESE ISSUES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:

A COPY OF THE 990 FORMS WILL BE REVIEWED BY EXTERNAL COUNSEL, PRESIDENT,

AND TREASURER PRIOR TO BEING FILED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN A STATEMENT WHEN THEY JOIN THE

BOARD THAT THEY HAD REVIEWED THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND WILL

DISCLOSE ANY CONFLICTS IF THEY ARISE. TRANSACTIONS WITH INTERESTED PARTIES

ARE EVALUATED BY INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS USING INFORMATION REGARDING WHAT

SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS PAY FOR SIMILAR SERVICES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE DISCLOSED ARE MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.





**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, 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?
  - a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity
  - b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)
  - c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)
  - d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)
  - e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

	1a	1b	1c	1d	1e	1f	1g	1h	1i	1j	1k	1l	1m	1n	1o	1p	1q	1r	1s	Yes	No
f Dividends from related organization(s)																					
g Sale of assets to related organization(s)																					
h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)																					
i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)																					
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)																					
k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)																					
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)																					
m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)																					
n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)																					
o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)																					
p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses																					
q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses																					
r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)																					
s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)																					

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

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



**Part VII Supplemental Information.**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R. See instructions.

Multiple horizontal lines for supplemental information.

Form **8868**  
(Rev. January 2017)

# Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

OMB No. 1545-1709

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

▶ **Information about Form 8868 and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form8868](http://www.irs.gov/form8868) .**

**Electronic filing (e-file).** You can electronically file Form 8868 to request a 6-month automatic extension of time to file any of the forms listed below with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, for which an extension request must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile), click on Charities & Non-Profits, and click on e-file for Charities and Non-Profits.

**Automatic 6-Month Extension of Time.** Only submit original (no copies needed).

All corporations required to file an income tax return other than Form 990-T (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

		Enter filer's identifying number
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions. <b>45COMMITTEE, INC.</b>	Employer identification number (EIN) or <b>47-3803487</b>
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. <b>P.O. BOX 710993</b>	Social security number (SSN)
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. <b>HERNDON, VA 20171</b>	

Enter the Return Code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) 0 1

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720 (other than individual)	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

**MARIA WOJCIECHOWSKI**

• The books are in the care of ▶ **P.O. BOX 710993 - HERNDON, VA 20171**  
Telephone No. ▶ **832-236-3994** Fax No. ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**1** I request an automatic 6-month extension of time until **FEBRUARY 15, 2018**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

▶  calendar year \_\_\_\_\_ or  
▶  tax year beginning **APR 1, 2016**, and ending **MAR 31, 2017**.

**2** If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason:  Initial return  Final return  
 Change in accounting period

<b>3a</b> If this application is for Forms 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	<b>3a</b>	\$	0.
<b>b</b> If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	<b>3b</b>	\$	0.
<b>c Balance due.</b> Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	<b>3c</b>	\$	0.

**Caution:** If you are going to make an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

LHA **For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions.**

Form **8868** (Rev. 1-2017)

# **Exhibit B**



**\*\* PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COPY \*\***

Form **990**

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**  
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2015**  
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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.  
▶ Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

**A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning APR 23, 2015 and ending MAR 31, 2016**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable:  <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization <b>45COMMITTEE, INC.</b> Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <b>P.O. BOX 710993</b> City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>HERNDON, VA 20171</b> <b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <b>MARIA WOJCIECHOWSKI</b> <b>SAME AS C ABOVE</b>	<b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>47-3803487</b> <b>E</b> Telephone number <b>832-236-3994</b> <b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>2,263,000.</b> <b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( <b>4</b> ) ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		
<b>J</b> Website: ▶ <b>45COMMITTEE.COM</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>2015</b> <b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>VA</b>

**Part I Summary**

<b>1</b>	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>ADVOCATE FOR REFORMS AND SOLUTIONS ON A WIDE RANGE OF PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES.</b>		
<b>2</b>	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
<b>3</b>	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>4</b>	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>5</b>	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>6</b>	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>7a</b>	Total 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>8</b>	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Current Year</b>
<b>9</b>	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		<b>2,225,000.</b>
<b>10</b>	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		<b>0.</b>
<b>11</b>	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		<b>0.</b>
<b>12</b>	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		<b>2,225,000.</b>
<b>13</b>	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		<b>655,000.</b>
<b>14</b>	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		<b>0.</b>
<b>15</b>	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		<b>0.</b>
<b>16a</b>	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		<b>0.</b>
<b>b</b>	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <b>0.</b>		
<b>17</b>	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)		<b>353,489.</b>
<b>18</b>	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		<b>1,008,489.</b>
<b>19</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12		<b>1,216,511.</b>
<b>20</b>	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<b>Beginning of Current Year</b>	<b>End of Year</b>
<b>21</b>	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		<b>1,216,511.</b>
<b>22</b>	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20		<b>0.</b>
			<b>1,216,511.</b>

**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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer <b>MARIA WOJCIECHOWSKI, TREASURER</b> Type or print name and title	Date _____			
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name <b>RENAE DUNCAN</b>	Preparer's signature <i>Rena Duncan, CPA</i>	Date <b>2/16/17</b>	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN <b>P01257722</b>
	Firm's name ▶ <b>ATCHLEY &amp; ASSOCIATES, LLP</b>	Firm's EIN ▶ <b>74-2920819</b>			
	Firm's address ▶ <b>1005 LA POSADA DRIVE AUSTIN, TX 78752</b>	Phone no. (512) 346-2086			

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III [ ]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:
45COMMITTEE IS AN ORGANIZATION DEVOTED TO PROMOTING SOLUTIONS TO THE ISSUES THAT CONFRONT THE UNITED STATES DURING THE 45TH PRESIDENT'S TERM. TO THAT END, 45COMMITTEE WILL ADVOCATE FOR REFORMS AND SOLUTIONS ON A WIDE RANGE OF PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES.

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 organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 655,000. including grants of \$ 655,000. ) (Revenue \$ )
PROVIDED GRANTS TO OTHER 501(C)(4) ENTITIES ENGAGED IN ISSUE ADVOCACY IN THE PUBLIC POLICY AND FOREIGN POLICY ARENAS.

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

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

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

4e Total program service expenses 655,000.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> .....		X
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ? .....	X	
<b>3</b> Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i> .....	X	
<b>4</b> <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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i> .....		
<b>5</b> Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> .....		X
<b>6</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>7</b> Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> .....		X
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> .....		X
<b>9</b> Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>10</b> Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> .....		X
<b>11</b> 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.		
<b>a</b> Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> .....		X
<b>c</b> Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i> .....		X
<b>d</b> Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> .....		X
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> .....		X
<b>f</b> Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> .....		X
<b>12a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i> .....		X
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> .....		X
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? .....		X
<b>b</b> Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i> .....		X
<b>15</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i> .....		X
<b>16</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i> .....		X
<b>17</b> Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>18</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> .....		X
<b>19</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> .....		X

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

	Yes	No
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? .....		
<b>21</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <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 or other assistance to or for domestic individuals 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, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</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</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) 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> Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <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 employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <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 art, 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, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i> .....	X	
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? .....		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> .....		
<b>36</b> <b>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> .....		
<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 11b and 19? .....	X	

**Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O .....

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

Input box for Schedule O

Table with columns for question number, description, and Yes/No boxes. Includes rows for backup withholding, employee reporting, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, and charitable contributions.



**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 or note to any line in this Part VI

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
<b>2</b>	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
<b>3</b>	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
<b>4</b>	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
<b>5</b>	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
<b>6</b>	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		X
<b>7a</b>	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		X
<b>7b</b>	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		X
<b>8</b>	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>8a</b>	The governing body?	X	
<b>8b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
<b>9</b>	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

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

		Yes	No
<b>10a</b>	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
<b>10b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
<b>11a</b>	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
<b>11b</b>	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
<b>12a</b>	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
<b>12b</b>	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
<b>12c</b>	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	X	
<b>13</b>	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
<b>14</b>	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
<b>15</b>	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
<b>15a</b>	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official		X
<b>15b</b>	Other officers or key employees of the organization		X
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
<b>16a</b>	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
<b>16b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

**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 (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.  
 Own website     Another's website     Upon request     Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: **MARIA WOJCIECHOWSKI - 832-236-3994**  
**P.O. BOX 710993, HERNDON, VA 20171**







**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

				(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
				Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1 a</b> Federated campaigns .....	<b>1a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues .....	<b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events .....	<b>1c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Related organizations .....	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions) .....	<b>1e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above .....	<b>1f</b>	2,225,000.				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$ .....						
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f .....		2,225,000.				
<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) .....						
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds .....						
	<b>5</b> Royalties .....						
	<b>6 a</b> Gross rents .....	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses .....					
		<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss) .....					
		<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) .....					
	<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 .....		38,000.			
		<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) .....		38,000.			
		<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) .....		0.			
	<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. ....			2,225,000.	0.	0.	0.	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	655,000.	655,000.		
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages				
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits				
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes				
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees):				
<b>a</b> Management	59,745.		59,745.	
<b>b</b> Legal	86,827.		86,827.	
<b>c</b> Accounting	10,775.		10,775.	
<b>d</b> Lobbying				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees				
<b>g</b> Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	80,100.		80,100.	
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion				
<b>13</b> Office expenses	6,687.		6,687.	
<b>14</b> Information technology				
<b>15</b> Royalties				
<b>16</b> Occupancy				
<b>17</b> Travel	525.		525.	
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
<b>20</b> Interest				
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
<b>23</b> Insurance	9,593.		9,593.	
<b>24</b> Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
<b>a</b> <b>POLITICAL ADVERTISING P</b>	77,305.		77,305.	
<b>b</b> <b>POLITICAL RESEARCH</b>	21,696.		21,696.	
<b>c</b> <b>BANK &amp; FINANCE CHARGES</b>	236.		236.	
<b>d</b> _____				
<b>e</b> All other expenses _____				
<b>25</b> <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	1,008,489.	655,000.	353,489.	0.
<b>26</b> <b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here  if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

**Part X Balance Sheet**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing .....	0.	1,216,511.
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments .....		
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net .....		
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net .....		
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		
	<b>6</b> Loans and other 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 instr). Complete Part II of Sch L .....		
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net .....		
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use .....		
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....		
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	<b>10a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation .....	<b>10b</b>	<b>10c</b>
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities .....		
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....		
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets .....		
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....		
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) .....	0.	1,216,511.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....		
	<b>18</b> Grants payable .....		
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue .....		
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....		
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....		
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties .....		
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D .....		
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....	0.	0.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>		
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets .....		
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets .....		
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets .....		
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>		
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds .....	0.	0.
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund .....	0.	0.
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....	0.	1,216,511.
<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances .....	0.	1,216,511.	
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances .....	0.	1,216,511.	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	2,225,000.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,008,489.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,216,511.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	0.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	1,216,511.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input 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
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?		X
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?		
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.		
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
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 B**(Form 990, 990-EZ,  
or 990-PF)Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Schedule of Contributors**

- ▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.  
▶ Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and  
its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2015**

Name of the organization

45COMMITTEE, INC.

Employer identification number

47-3803487

Organization type (check one):

## Filers of:

## Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

 501(c)( 4 ) (enter number) organization 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation 501(c)(3) taxable private foundationCheck if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.**Note.** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.**General Rule**

- For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

**Special Rules**

- For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution.** An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Name of organization <b>45COMMITTEE, INC.</b>	Employer identification number <b>47-3803487</b>
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**Part I Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
<u>1</u>		\$ <u>500,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>2</u>		\$ <u>75,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>3</u>		\$ <u>100,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>4</u>		\$ <u>50,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>5</u>		\$ <u>150,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>6</u>		\$ <u>750,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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**Part I Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 100,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 500,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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**Part II Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____



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**Part III** Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this info. once.) ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
_____		_____	
_____		_____	
_____		_____	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
_____		_____	
_____		_____	
_____		_____	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
_____		_____	
_____		_____	
_____		_____	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
_____		_____	
_____		_____	
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**SCHEDULE C**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2015**

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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.**  
▶ **Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

**If the organization answered "Yes," on 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," on 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," on Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then**

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

Name of organization <b>45COMMITTEE, INC.</b>	Employer identification number <b>47-3803487</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 ..... ▶ \$ 99,001.
- 3 Volunteer hours ..... 0.

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

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? .....  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 ..... ▶ \$ 99,001.
- 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 ..... ▶ \$ 99,001.
- 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-.

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

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

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b> (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) .....														
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures .....														
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) .....														
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.														
<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width:35%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="width:65%;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:													
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.													
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.													
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.													
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.													
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.													
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) .....														
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- .....														
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -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 separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

<b>Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period</b>					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount					
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures					
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount					
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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

For each "Yes," response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
<b>1</b> 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:			
<b>a</b> Volunteers? .....			
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)? ..			
<b>c</b> Media advertisements? .....			
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public? .....			
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements? .....			
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes? .....			
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body? .....			
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means? .....			
<b>i</b> Other activities? .....			
<b>j</b> Total. Add lines 1c through 1i .....			
<b>2a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)? .....			
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912 .....			
<b>c</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912 .....			
<b>d</b> 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
<b>1</b> Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members? .....	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? .....	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year? .....	<b>3</b>	

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

<b>1</b> Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members .....	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
<b>a</b> Current year .....	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year .....	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b> Total .....	<b>2c</b>	
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues .....	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> 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? .....	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions) .....	<b>5</b>	

**Part IV Supplemental Information**

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions); and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

**PART I-A, LINE 1:**

POLITICAL ADVERTISING PRODUCTION

**SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

▶ Attach to Form 990.  
▶ Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Name of the organization

**45COMMITTEE, INC.**

Employer identification number  
**47-3803487**

**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

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

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

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

<b>1 (a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section if applicable	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of non-cash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance
THE JOHN HAY INITIATIVE 801 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NW STE 610 WASHINGTON, DC 20004	46-3437207	501 (C) (4)	150,000.	0.			TO FURTHER THE ORGANIZATION'S EXEMPT PURPOSE
ALLIANCE FOR FREEDOM 1020 BERNARD STREET ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314	27-3097431	501 (C) (4)	505,000.	0.			TO FURTHER THE ORGANIZATION'S EXEMPT PURPOSE

**2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table **0.**

**3** Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table **2.**

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

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance

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

PART I, LINE 2:

A GRANT REPORT IS REQUESTED FROM THE RECIPIENT WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF RECEIVING THE GRANT. THE RECIPIENT MUST ALSO ATTEST THAT THEY HAVE USED THE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES OUTLINED IN THEIR APPLICATION.

PART 1, LINE 2:

A GRANT APPLICATION IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.



**Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.**

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

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
REDPRINT STRATEGY	SEE PART V	44,121.	MANAGEMENT		X

**Part V Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

SCH L, PART IV, BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING INTERESTED PERSONS:

(A) NAME OF PERSON: REDPRINT STRATEGY

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: MANAGEMENT CONSULTING

PART IV, COLUMN B

BRIAN WALSH, CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION, IS A PARTNER IN REDPRINT STRATEGY.



**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.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Name of the organization

45COMMITTEE, INC.

Employer identification number

47-3803487

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11:

A COPY OF THE 990 WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE BOARD BEFORE FILING.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN AN ANNUAL STATEMENT THAT THEY  
HAD REVIEWED THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND DISCLOSING ANY CONFLICTS  
OF INTEREST. TRANSACTIONS WITH INTERESTED PARTIES ARE EVALUATED BY  
INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS USING INFORMATION REGARDING WHAT SIMILAR  
ORGANIZATIONS PAY FOR SIMILAR SERVICES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE DISCLOSED ARE MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.





**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, 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?
  - a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity
  - b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)
  - c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)
  - d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)
  - e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

	1a	1b	1c	1d	1e	1f	1g	1h	1i	1j	1k	1l	1m	1n	1o	1p	1q	1r	1s	Yes	No
f Dividends from related organization(s)																					
g Sale of assets to related organization(s)																					
h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)																					
i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)																					
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)																					
k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)																					
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)																					
m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)																					
n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)																					
o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)																					
p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses																					
q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses																					
r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)																					
s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)																					

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

	(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
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**Part VII Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions).

Multiple horizontal lines for supplemental information.

# **Exhibit C**

**BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

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**DECLARATION OF MARIA WOJCIECHOWSKI**

I, Maria Wojciechowski, declare as follows:

1. My name is Maria Wojciechowski. I am the Treasurer of 45Committee, Inc., a social welfare organization tax exempt under § 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. I have personal knowledge of the facts described in this Declaration.

2. 45Committee, Inc. annually files an IRS Form 990 for its fiscal year, covering activity from April 1 through March 31 of the following calendar year. To date, it has filed Form 990s for fiscal years 2016 (covering April 2015 through March 2016) and 2017 (covering April 2016 through March 2017).

3. Since its inception in April 2015, 45Committee, Inc.'s spending has been primarily related to issue advocacy and policy debates consistent with its tax-exempt status.

4. In the aggregate, from April 2015 through September 2018, 45Committee, Inc. has spent \$42,702,265.30 (over 63.1% of total spending) on issue advocacy campaigns and \$24,089,356.53 (under 35.6%) on political advocacy. If 45Committee's electioneering communications are treated as political speech, then the relative aggregate spending breakdown is \$41,863,275.42 (61.8%) on issue and \$24,928,346.41 million (36.8%) on political.

5. In each of 45Committee, Inc.'s 2016, 2017, and 2018 fiscal years, and so far in the 2019 fiscal year, less than half of the organization's total fiscal year spending was on political activity, including electioneering communications. In fiscal year 2016, the percentage breakdown was 65.0% issue, 9.8% political. In fiscal year 2018, it was 85.8% issue, 13.2%



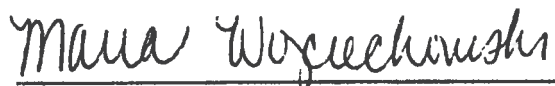
political. Through September 2018, over 90% of 45Committee's fiscal year spending has been on issue advocacy.

6. In fiscal year 2017, 45Committee, Inc. spent \$23,457,137.73 (51.5% of total spending) on issue advocacy campaigns and \$21,650,515.32 (47.5%) on political advocacy. If 45Committee's electioneering communications during that period, totaling \$671,320.00, are treated as political speech, then the breakdown of total spending was \$22,785,817.73 (over 50.0%) issue and \$22,321,835.32 (49.0%) political.

7. 45Committee, Inc.'s total operating costs in fiscal year 2017 were \$447,430.53. For sake of analysis, if all operating costs are allocated as political expenses, 45Committee's political spending remained under 50% of total expenditures in fiscal year 2017.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on October 10, 2018.



Maria Wojciechowski  
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