

June 15, 2016

The Honorable John A. Koskinen
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
1111 Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20224

By electronic mail (IRS.Commissioner@IRS.gov) and First Class mail

Re: Complaint against Michigan Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility

Dear Commissioner Koskinen:

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (“CREW”) respectfully requests the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) investigate whether Michigan Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility (“MCFR”), a non-profit organization exempt from taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code (“Code”), and its president, Steve Linder, violated federal law by falsely representing it spent no money on political activity in 2014.¹ In fact, MCFR made \$290,000 in contributions to two political action committees in 2014, and thus appears to have made false statements to the IRS.

Michigan Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility’s Political Activity

MCFR is a non-profit corporation established in 2010 in Michigan.² Mr. Linder, in addition to being president of MCFR, is the managing partner at the Sterling Corporation, which describes itself as “a premier Republican communications company.”³ Mr. Linder has decades of experience with political fundraising.⁴

During 2014, MCFR made \$290,000 in contributions to two political action committees, according to reports filed with the Federal Election Commission (“FEC”) and the IRS. Between July 8 and November 1, 2014, the Hardworking Americans Committee reported to the FEC receiving three contributions from MCFR totaling \$155,000.⁵ The Hardworking Americans

¹ CREW submits this letter in lieu of Form 13909; a copy is being sent to the Dallas office.

² Michigan Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility 2014 Form 990, at 1 (excerpts attached as Exhibit A).

³ Sterling Corporation website, homepage, available at <http://www.sterlingcorporation.com/>; LinkedIn page, Steve Linder, available at <https://www.linkedin.com/in/steve-linder-1734748>. Sterling employees staff numerous section 501(c)(4) groups and political organizations. See, e.g., Matt Corley and David Crockett, *Dead End Disclosure in the Laboratories of Democracy*, CREW, Dec. 19, 2014, available at <http://www.citizensforethics.org/blog/entry/dead-end-disclosure-in-the-laboratories-of-democracy>.

⁴ Sterling Corporation website, “Who We Are” page, available at <http://www.sterlingcorporation.com/who-we-are/>.

⁵ Hardworking Americans Committee, *FEC Form 3X, 2014 October Quarterly Report*, Oct. 15, 2014, available at <http://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/826/14978273826/14978273826.pdf>; Hardworking Americans Committee, *FEC Form 3X, 2014 Post-Election Report*, Dec. 4, 2014, available at <http://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/333/14952766333/14952766333.pdf>.

Committee is a federal independent expenditure-only political committee, commonly known as a super PAC.⁶ Super PACs are organized and operated primarily for the purpose of making independent political expenditures, and thus are political organizations under section 527.⁷

In October 2014, the Republican State Leadership Committee (“RSLC”) reported to the IRS receiving two contributions totaling \$135,000 from MCFR.⁸ The RSLC is a “caucus of Republican state leaders . . . whose mission is to elect down-ballot, state-level Republican officeholders,”⁹ and has classified itself in IRS filings as a section 527 political organization.¹⁰

Michigan Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility’s Representations to the IRS

As a section 501(c)(4) tax-exempt organization, MCFR is required to file annual Form 990 tax returns. Tax-exempt organizations engaged in any “direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office” also must file a Schedule C with their tax returns, which requires disclosure of the amount spent on “political expenditures.”¹¹ “Political expenditures” include all “political campaign activities” – defined as “[a]ll activities that support or oppose candidates for elective federal, state, or local public office.”¹² Reflecting this definition, Schedule C specifically requires disclosure of “all section 527 organizations to which the filing organization made payments.”¹³

MCFR’s 2014 Form 990 tax return, signed by Mr. Linder on March 21, 2015 under penalty of perjury, asserted the group did not engage in any “direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office.”¹⁴ MCFR also did not file a Schedule C reporting the amount it spent on political expenditures.

MCFR and Mr. Linder are aware the requirements to report political activity. In 2010, for example, MCFR acknowledged engaging in political activity on its tax returns and filed a Schedule C disclosing the amount it spent.¹⁵

⁶ Hardworking Americans Committee, FEC Form 1, Statement of Organization, Sept. 27, 2012, available at <http://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/173/12030891173/12030891173.pdf>.

⁷ 26 U.S.C. § 527(e)(1).

⁸ Republican State Leadership Committee, Form 8872, Political Organization Report of Contributions and Expenditures, 2014 Post-Election Report, Dec. 4, 2014 (attached as Exhibit B).

⁹ RSLC website, “About” page, available at http://rslc.gop/about_rslc/.

¹⁰ Republican State Leadership Committee, Form 8871, Political Organization Notice of Section 527 Status, Amended, Mar. 11, 2015 (attached as Exhibit C).

¹¹ Form 990, Part IV, Question 3; 2014 Instructions for Form 990, at 12; 2014 Instructions for Schedule C, at 1, 3.

¹² *Id.* at 1; 2014 Instructions for Form 990, at 64.

¹³ Form 990, Schedule C, Part I-C, Line 5.

¹⁴ Michigan Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility 2014 Form 990, Part IV, Line 3.

¹⁵ Michigan Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility 2010 Form 990, Part IV, Line 3 and Schedule C (excerpts attached as Exhibit D). In 2012, MCFR also erroneously reported contributions to section 527 political organizations as grants on its Schedule I. Michigan Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility 2012 Form 990, Schedule I (excerpts attached as Exhibit E). Even if MCFR erroneously believed the 2014 contributions to Hardworking Americans Committee and the RSLC should have been disclosed as grants on Schedule I rather than political contributions on Schedule C, it asserted on its 2014 tax return it did not make more than \$5,000 of “grants or other assistance to any domestic

Political Activity Under Section 501(c)(4)

Contributions to political organizations are direct or indirect participation or intervention in political campaigns. “Contributions to political campaign funds . . . clearly violate the prohibition on political campaign intervention” for section 501(c)(3) organizations,¹⁶ and prohibited political intervention for section 501(c)(3) organizations constitutes political activity that must be disclosed for section 501(c)(4) groups like MCFR.¹⁷ Accordingly, MCFR’s contributions to Hardworking Americans Committee and the RSLC appear to constitute political campaign activities.

Violations

26 U.S.C. § 6652

Under the Code, a tax-exempt organization that, without reasonable cause, fails to include any of the information required on a Form 990 tax return or fails to provide the correct information, is liable for civil penalties.¹⁸ By failing to report that it engaged in political campaign activities on its 2014 Form 990 and by failing to report the amount it spent on them, MCFR appears to have violated 26 U.S.C. § 6652 and should be subject to monetary penalties.

26 U.S.C. § 7206

Under the Code, any person who “[w]illfully makes and subscribes any return, statement, or other document, which contains or is verified by a written declaration that it is made under the penalties of perjury, and which he does not believe to be true and correct as to every material matter,” is guilty of a felony and subject to up to three years in prison and a fine of up to \$100,000.¹⁹ The money spent on political campaign activities a tax-exempt organization reports to the IRS on its Schedule C is material for several reasons, including: (1) the amounts reported

organization” and did not file a Schedule I. Michigan Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility 2014 Form 990, Part IV, Line 21. As a result, MCFR did not disclose that spending anywhere on its tax return. Raising further questions about the accuracy of its 2014 tax return, MCFR told the IRS it spent \$1,216,250 on “contributions” on “support to organizations with similar exempt purposes.” *Id.*, Part III, Line 4a and Part IX, Line 24c.

¹⁶ IRS, Election Year Activities and the Prohibition on Political Campaign Intervention for Section 501(c)(3) Organizations, FS-2006-17, February 2006; *see also, e.g.*, IRS website, The Restriction of Political Campaign Intervention by Section 501(c)(3) Tax-Exempt Organizations, March 5, 2014, *available at* [http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Charitable-Organizations/The-Restriction-of-Political-Campaign-Intervention-by-Section-501\(c\)\(3\)-Tax-Exempt-Organizations](http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Charitable-Organizations/The-Restriction-of-Political-Campaign-Intervention-by-Section-501(c)(3)-Tax-Exempt-Organizations).

¹⁷ *See, e.g., Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Guidance for Tax-Exempt Social Welfare Organizations on Candidate-Related Political Activities*, 78 Fed. Reg. 71535, 71536 (proposed Nov. 29, 2013) (“the IRS generally applies the same facts and circumstances analysis under section 501(c)(4)” as it does under section 501(c)(3)); Rev. Rul. 81-95 (citing examples of political intervention prohibited under section 501(c)(3) in determining political activity for section 501(c)(4) organizations); Priv. Ltr. Rul. 9652026 (October 1, 1996) (“[A]ny activities constituting prohibited political intervention by a section 501(c)(3) organization are activities that must be less than the primary activities of a section 501(c)(4) organization.”).

¹⁸ 26 U.S.C. §§ 6652(c)(1)(A)(ii), 6652(c)(4); *see also* 20124Instructions for Form 990, at 6.

¹⁹ 26 U.S.C. § 7206(1).

can be used by the IRS to determine whether the organization is complying with its tax-exempt status; (2) the amount an organization expended on section 527 exempt activities in part determines exempt function taxes the organization must pay;²⁰ and (3) accurate public disclosure of the amount of political activity conducted by tax-exempt organizations is critical to the objective of transparency that underlies the reporting required on Form 990.²¹

MCFR's 2014 Form 990 was signed by Mr. Linder under a written declaration that it was made under penalty of perjury, and that Mr. Linder had examined the return and it was true, correct, and complete to the best of his knowledge.²² The tax return, however, appears to be false and incorrect as to the material matters of the fact that MCFR engaged in political campaign activities in 2014 and the amount it spent on them.

MCFR and Mr. Linder's representations appear to be willful. Mr. Linder is an experienced fundraiser and political operative whose firm operates numerous tax-exempt organizations. MCFR's 2010 and 2012 tax returns also demonstrate MCFR and Mr. Linder are aware of the requirements to disclose political spending. As a result, the representation that MCFR spent nothing at all on political activity appears to be willfully false.

18 U.S.C. § 1001

Federal law further prohibits anyone from "knowingly and willfully" making "any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation" in any matter within the jurisdiction of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch.²³ The prohibition also includes anyone who "falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact."²⁴ Violations are punishable by up to five years in prison.²⁵ By falsely stating that MCFR did not engage in any political campaign activity on the 2014 Form 990, Mr. Linder and MCFR appear to have violated 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

Conclusion

It appears MCFR and Mr. Linder falsely represented that MCFR did not engage in any political activity in 2014 and omitted thousands of dollars in spending on political activity from MCFR's 2014 tax return. The IRS should investigate MCFR and Mr. Linder and, should it find they made false or incomplete statements on MCFR's tax return, take appropriate action.

²⁰ 26 U.S.C. § 527(f)(1).

²¹ IRS, Background Paper, Summary of Form 990 Redesign Process, August 19, 2008, at 1.

²² Michigan Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility 2014 Form 990, Part II.

²³ 18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(2).

²⁴ 18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(1).

²⁵ *Id.*

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Noah Bookbinder
Executive Director
Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington

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cc: IRS-EO Classification

EXHIBIT A

Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

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

2014

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2014, and ending 12-31-2014

B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Final return/terminated, Amended return, Application pending. C Name of organization: Michigan Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility. D Employer identification number: 27-1993953. E Telephone number: (517) 267-9012. F Name and address of principal officer: STEVE LINDER, 106 W Allegan, Lansing, MI 48933. H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No. H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No. I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c)(4). J Website: N/A. K Form of organization: Corporation. L Year of formation: 2010. M State of legal domicile: MI.

Part I Summary

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include: 1. Mission statement, 2. Operations check, 3-7. Governance metrics, 8-12. Revenue, 13-19. Expenses, 20-22. Net Assets or Fund Balances.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here: Signature of officer: STEVE LINDER, PRESIDENT. Date: 2015-03-21.

Paid Preparer Use Only: Preparer's name: CHRISTIE M KONIECZNY CPA. Firm's name: Chnstie M Konieczny CPA PLLC. Firm's address: PO BOX 159, GRAND LEDGE, MI 48837. Phone no: (517) 202-3738.

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
Inform and educate public

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

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

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

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

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

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 1,216,250 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
SUPPORT TO ORGANIZATIONS WITH SIMILAR EXEMPT PURPOSES

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 157,852 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING FISCAL ISSUES

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 1,374,102

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A		No
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		No
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI		No
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII		No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII		No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX		No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		No
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		No
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII		No
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional		No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)		No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	620	0	620	0
c Accounting	400	0	400	0
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)				
12 Advertising and promotion	86,839	86,839	0	0
13 Office expenses				
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	69	0	69	0
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	6,166	6,166	0	0
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
a Printing	39,243	39,243	0	0
b Postage	25,604	25,604	0	0
c Contributions	1,216,250	1,216,250	0	0
d License & fees	340	0	340	0
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,375,531	1,374,102	1,429	0
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

EXHIBIT B

Political Organization Report of Contributions and Expenditures

▶ See separate instructions.

A For the period beginning 10/01/2014 **and ending** 11/24/2014

B Check applicable box: Initial report Change of address Amended report Final report

1 Name of organization
Republican State Leadership Committee - RSLC **Employer identification number**
05 - 0532524

2 Mailing address (P.O. box or number, street, and room or suite number)
1201 F Street NW SUITE 675

City or town, state, and ZIP code
Washington, DC 20004

3 E-mail address of organization:
rslc@rslc.com **4 Date organization was formed:**
09/25/2002

5a Name of custodian of records
Staci A. Goede **5b Custodian's address**
1201 F Street NW SUITE 675
Washington, DC 20004

6a Name of contact person
Matthew C. Walter **6b Contact person's address**
1201 F Street NW SUITE 675
Washington, DC 20004

7 Business address of organization (if different from mailing address shown above). Number, street, and room or suite number
1201 F Street NW SUITE 675

City or town, state, and ZIP code
Washington, DC 20004

- 8 Type of report (check only one box)**
- First quarterly report (due by April 15)
 - Second quarterly report (due by July 15)
 - Third quarterly report (due by October 15)
 - Year-end report (due by January 31)
 - Mid-year report (Non-election year only-due by July 31)
 - Monthly report for the month of: (due by the 20th day following the month shown above, except the December report, which is due by January 31)
 - Pre-election report (due by the 12th or 15th day before the election)
 - (1) Type of election:
 - (2) Date of election:
 - (3) For the state of:
 - Post-general election report (due by the 30th day after general election)
 - (1) Date of election: 11/04/2014
 - (2) For the state of: DC

9 Total amount of reported contributions (total from all attached Schedules A) 9. \$ 6831747

10 Total amount of reported expenditures (total from all attached Schedules B) 10. \$ 9906889

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this report, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Matthew C Walter

12/04/2014

Sign Here ▶

Signature of authorized official

▶

Date

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code WISCONSIN TRANSPORTATION BUILDERS ASSOCIATION 1 SOUTH PINCKNEY STREET SUITE MADISON, WI 53703	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 15000	Amount of contribution \$ 15000 Date of contribution 10/21/2014
Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code BARBARA CLIFFORD 9213 WH BURGESS DR EL PASO, TX 79925	Name of contributor's employer HOMEMAKER Contributor's occupation HOMEMAKER Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 583	Amount of contribution \$ 363 Date of contribution 10/10/2014
Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code WILLIAM SPEARY 35 SILKBAY PLACE SPRING, TX 77382	Name of contributor's employer RETIRED Contributor's occupation RETIRED Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 400	Amount of contribution \$ 200 Date of contribution 10/29/2014
Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code BETTY RALL 8032 101ST STREET SE FORBES, ND 58439	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 100	Amount of contribution \$ 50 Date of contribution 10/08/2014
Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code EXPRESS SCRIPTS, INC. 8931A SPRINGDALE AVE SAINT LOUIS, MO 63134	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 51084	Amount of contribution \$ 299 Date of contribution 10/06/2014
Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code MICHIGAN CITIZENS FOR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY 106 W ALLEGAN STREET, STE 200 LANSING, MI 48933	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 135000	Amount of contribution \$ 60000 Date of contribution 10/17/2014
Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code JAYNE KRAYBILL 117 N POINTE DR GOLDSBORO, NC 27530	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 120	Amount of contribution \$ 70 Date of contribution 10/06/2014
Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code EUGENIA WHITE 2924 SAINT ANDREWS LANE CHARLOTTE, NC 28205	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 100	Amount of contribution \$ 100 Date of contribution 11/14/2014
Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code AMERICAN COALITION FOR CLEAN COAL ELECTRICITY 1152 15TH STREET NW, SUITE 400 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 22299	Amount of contribution \$ 12000 Date of contribution 11/03/2014
Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code WARD DEGROOT 3248 N. OHIO STREET ARLINGTON, VA 22207	Name of contributor's employer RETIRED Contributor's occupation RETIRED Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 200	Amount of contribution \$ 200 Date of contribution 10/21/2014
Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code ISLE OF CAPRI CASINOS, INC. 600 EMERSON ROAD SUITE 300 SAINT LOUIS, MO 63141	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 12000	Amount of contribution \$ 12000 Date of contribution 10/30/2014

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code PAGE BELLINGER 2447 28TH STREET MOLINE, IL 61265	Name of contributor's employer RETIRED Contributor's occupation RETIRED Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 255	Amount of contribution \$ 75 Date of contribution 10/21/2014
Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code FEDERAL EXPRESS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE 942 S SHADY GROVE ROAD MEMPHIS, TN 38120	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 27000	Amount of contribution \$ 5000 Date of contribution 10/23/2014
Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code ARLYN WADHOLM 8951 32ND STREET NW NEW TOWN, ND 58763	Name of contributor's employer RETIRED Contributor's occupation RETIRED Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 1193	Amount of contribution \$ 330 Date of contribution 10/10/2014
Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code RENEE COPELAND 6108 89TH STREET E. PUYALLUP, WA 98371	Name of contributor's employer RETIRED Contributor's occupation RETIRED Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 450	Amount of contribution \$ 200 Date of contribution 10/29/2014
Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code RUTH GORMLY 1220 RANCHO ROAD ARCADIA, CA 91006	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 150	Amount of contribution \$ 100 Date of contribution 10/14/2014
Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code H. NEILL LEHR 5842 CHURCHILL DOWNS RD OCEANSIDE, CA 92057	Name of contributor's employer RETIRED Contributor's occupation RETIRED Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 225	Amount of contribution \$ 225 Date of contribution 10/13/2014
Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code JEAN LENHART 1400 GEARY BLVD SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 120	Amount of contribution \$ 50 Date of contribution 10/31/2014
Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code JON STILLMAN 800 TOWNE CIR STILLWATER, MN 55082	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 100	Amount of contribution \$ 50 Date of contribution 10/07/2014
Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code MICHIGAN CITIZENS FOR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY 106 W ALLEGAN STREET, STE 200 LANSING, MI 48933	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 135000	Amount of contribution \$ 75000 Date of contribution 10/22/2014
Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code MARK GODDARD 8149 S. 2425 E. OGDEN, UT 84405	Name of contributor's employer SELF-EMPLOYED Contributor's occupation CAR WASHER Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 200	Amount of contribution \$ 200 Date of contribution 10/01/2014
Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code BARBARA MARKO 1132 WOBURN GREEN BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48302	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 175	Amount of contribution \$ 35 Date of contribution 10/31/2014

EXHIBIT C

Form **8871**

(Rev. July 2003)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Organization Notice of Section 527 Status

OMB No. 1545-1693

Part I General Information

1 Name of organization

Republican State Leadership Committee - RSLC

Employer identification number

05 - 0532524

2 Mailing address (P.O. box or number, street, and room or suite number)

1201 F Street NW Suite 675

City or town, state, and ZIP code

Washington, DC 20004 -

3 Check applicable box: Initial notice Amended notice Final notice

4a Date established

09/25/2002

4b Date of material change

02/20/2015

5 E-mail address of organization

rslc@rslc.gop

6a Name of custodian of records

Staci A. Goede

6b Custodian's address

1201 F Street NW Suite 675

Washington, DC 20004 -

7a Name of contact person

Matthew C. Walter

7b Contact person's address

1201 F Street NW Suite 675

Washington, DC 20004 -

8 Business address of organization (if different from mailing address shown above). Number, street, and room or suite number

1201 F Street NW Suite 675

City or town, state, and ZIP code

Washington, DC 20004 -

9a Election authority

NONE

9b Election authority identification number

Part II Notification of Claim of Exemption From Filing Certain Forms (see instructions)

10a Is this organization claiming exemption from filing Form 8872, Political Organization Report of Contributions and Expenditures, as a qualified state or local political organization? Yes No

10b If 'Yes,' list the state where the organization files reports:

11 Is this organization claiming exemption from filing Form 990 (or 990-EZ), Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, as a caucus or associations of state or local officials? Yes No

Part II Purpose

12 Describe the purpose of the organization

Caucus of Republican state elected officials and leaders promoting Republican issues and the election of state Republican candidates.

Part IV List of All Related Entities (see instructions)

13 Check if the organization has no related entities

14a Name of related entity	14b Relationship	14c Address
RSLC State of Washington PAC	Affiliated	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
RSLC Missouri PAC	Affiliated	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
Republican State Leadership Committee-Arkansas PAC	Affiliated	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
RSLC Indiana PAC	Affiliated	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
RSLC - Judicial Fairness Initiative Montana PAC	Affiliated	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
RSLC - Judicial Fairness Initiative	Affiliated	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
RSLC Utah PAC	Affiliated	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
RSLC Montana PAC	Affiliated	104 W 2 Ave N Columbus, MT 59019 -
Republican State Leadership Committee-IE Committee	Affiliated	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
State Government Leadership Foundation	Connected	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
RSLC Mississippi PAC	Affiliated	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
RSLC Georgia PAC	Affiliated	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
Republican State Leadership Committee - Hawaii PAC	Affiliated	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -

Part V List of All Officers, Directors, and Highly Compensated Employees (see instructions)

15a Name	15b Title	15c Address
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Will Weatherford	Board Member	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
Erin Veltman	Deputy Executive Director	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
Karen Handel	Board Member	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
Bill McCollum	Chairman of the Board	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
Justin Richards	Political Director	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
M. Jodi Rell	Board Member	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
Micah Ketchel	In-house Counsel	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
Staci Goede	Secretary, Treasurer and CFO	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
Charles R. Black Jr.	Board Member	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
Scott Binkley	Executive Director, RLGA	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
Christine Toretti	Board Member	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
Christopher Rants	Vice Chairman of the Board	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
Kiley Smith	Executive Director, RLCC	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
Matthew Walter	President	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -
Luis Fortuno	Board Member	1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004 -

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the organization named in Part I is to be treated as a tax-exempt organization described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code, and that I have examined this notice, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. I further declare that I am the official authorized to sign this report, and I am signing by entering my name below.

Matthew C Walter

03/11/2015

**Sign
Here**



Name of authorized official



Date

EXHIBIT D

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2010

Open to Public Inspection

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

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

Header section A-M containing organization details: Name (MICHIGAN CITIZENS FOR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY), EIN (27-1993953), Address (112 E ALLEGAN, ANSING, MI 48933), and Form of organization (Corporation).

Part I Summary

Summary table with rows 1-22. Rows 1-7 describe mission and governance. Rows 8-12 show revenue (Total: 1,296,100). Rows 13-19 show expenses (Total: 1,287,971). Rows 20-22 show net assets (Total: 6,595).

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.

Signature of officer: Jeff Timmer, Treasurer & Secretary, dated August 15, 2011.

Paid Preparer Use Only section with fields for Preparer's name, signature, date, firm's name, address, and EIN.

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

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>		✓
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? (see instructions)	✓	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>	✓	
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		✓
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		✓
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		✓
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		✓
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		✓
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		✓
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		✓
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>		✓
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>		✓
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		✓
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		✓
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		✓
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		✓
12 a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i>		✓
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional</i>		✓
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		✓
14 a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		✓
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		✓
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		✓
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		✓
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)</i>		✓
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		✓
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		✓
20 a Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		✓
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statements to this return? Note. Some Form 990 filers that operate one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements (see instructions)		✓

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No 1545-0047

2010

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.**
▶ **See separate instructions.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of organization MICHIGAN CITIZENS FOR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY	Employer identification number 27-1993953
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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 ▶ \$ 271381
- 3 Volunteer hours NA

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

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

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

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ 271381
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ 0
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$ 271381
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? Yes No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

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

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.
B Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

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

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part IV Supplemental Information

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

EXHIBIT E

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

2012

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

Header section A-K containing organization name (MICHIGAN CITIZENS FOR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY), address (106 WEST ALLEGAN STREET, STE 200, LANSING, MI 48933), EIN (27-1993953), and other identifying information.

Part I Summary

Summary table with columns for line number, description, Pnror Year (2010), and Current Year (2011). Includes rows for mission statement, governance, revenue, expenses, and net assets.

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.

Signature block containing the signature of Jeffrey Timmer, President, dated 10/9/13.

Paid Preparer Use Only section with fields for preparer name, signature, date, firm name, address, and EIN.

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

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**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2012

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

MICHIGAN CITIZENS FOR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Employer identification number

27-1993953

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 Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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.

1 (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
(1) Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility Po Box 16062, Lansing, MI 48901	30-0721877	527	25,000	0			Direct Contribution
(2) Americans for Job Security 107 S West St PMB 551, Alexandria, V	52-2062978	C4	425,000	0			Membership
(3)							
(4)							
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2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table

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

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