

Form **990**  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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OMB No 1545-0047  
**2018**  
Open to Public Inspection

**A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2018, and ending 12-31-2018**

**B** Check if applicable  
 Address change  
 Name change  
 Initial return  
 Final return/terminated  
 Amended return  
 Application pending

**C** Name of organization  
Vermont Public Interest Research Group Inc

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
141 Main Street

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
Montpelier, VT 05602

**D** Employer identification number  
03-0228267

**E** Telephone number  
(802) 223-5221

**G** Gross receipts \$ 1,485,862

**F** Name and address of principal officer  
Paul Burns  
141 Main St 6  
Montpelier, VT 05602

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

**H(b)** Are all subordinates included?  Yes  No  
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

**H(c)** Group exemption number ▶

**I** Tax-exempt status  501(c)(3)  501(c) ( 4 ) ◀ (insert no)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**J** Website: ▶ www.vpirg.org

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

**L** Year of formation 1972

**M** State of legal domicile VT

**Part I Summary**

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities  
Founded in 1972, the Vermont Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG) is the largest nonprofit consumer and environmental advocacy organization in Vermont, with over 55,000 members and supporters. See Page 2 for more information.

**2** Check this box  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)	14
<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	14
<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2018 (Part V, line 2a)	139
<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	30
<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0
<b>7b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	0

	Prior Year	Current Year
<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	1,469,406	1,481,033
<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		0
<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	998	1,899
<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	4,151	2,930
<b>12</b> Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,474,555	1,485,862
<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	500,000	0
<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	672,064	742,020
<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 367,007		
<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	263,075	270,015
<b>18</b> Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,435,139	1,012,035
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	39,416	473,827
	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	1,590,603	2,054,568
<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	41,108	27,260
<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	1,549,495	2,027,308

**Part II Signature Block**

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

**Sign Here**

Signature of officer: [Signature] Date: 2019-11-14

Paul Burns Executive Director & Authorized Tax Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name: [Name] Preparer's signature: [Signature] Date: [Date]

Check  if self-employed PTIN: P00154308

Firm's name: Tapia & Huckabay PC Firm's EIN: [EIN]

Firm's address: PO Box 38 Vergennes, VT 05491 Phone no: (802) 870-7086

**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

Founded in 1972, the Vermont Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG) is the largest nonprofit consumer and environmental advocacy organization in Vermont, with over 55,000 members and supporters. For over four decades, we have brought the voices of average citizens to public policy debates concerning the environment, health care, consumer protection, and democracy. VPIRG's mission is to promote and protect the health of Vermont's people, environment and locally-based economy by informing and mobilizing citizens statewide.

**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 \$ 111,643 including grants of \$ 0 ) (Revenue \$ 0 )  
See Additional Data

**4b** (Code ) (Expenses \$ 128,965 including grants of \$ 0 ) (Revenue \$ 0 )  
See Additional Data

**4c** (Code ) (Expenses \$ 31,652 including grants of \$ 0 ) (Revenue \$ 0 )  
See Additional Data

(Code ) (Expenses \$ 136,788 including grants of \$ 0 ) (Revenue \$ 0 )

Other programs include Toxics & Environmental Health, Consumer Protection, Elections & Government Reform, and Health Care Reform. See Schedule O (above) for a complete description of these programs.

**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )  
(Expenses \$ 136,788 including grants of \$ 0 ) (Revenue \$ 0 )

**4e Total program service expenses** ▶ 409,048

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 22 regarding organizational requirements, such as political campaign activities, lobbying, and financial reporting.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 23 through 38 regarding compensation, bond issues, escrow accounts, 501(c)(3) organizations, and Schedule O completion.

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 [ ]

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 1a, 1b, and 1c regarding Form 1096, Forms W-2G, and backup withholding rules.

<b>2a</b> Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	139			
<b>b</b> If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)			<b>2b</b>	Yes	
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? . . .			<b>3a</b>		No
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O . . .			<b>3b</b>		
<b>4a</b> At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? . . .			<b>4a</b>		No
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)					
<b>5a</b> Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . .			<b>5a</b>		No
<b>b</b> Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			<b>5b</b>		No
<b>c</b> If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? . . . . .			<b>5c</b>		
<b>6a</b> Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? . . .			<b>6a</b>	Yes	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? . . . . .			<b>6b</b>	Yes	
<b>7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>					
<b>a</b> Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? . . . . .			<b>7a</b>		
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? . . . . .			<b>7b</b>		
<b>c</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? . . . . .			<b>7c</b>		
<b>d</b> If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year . . . . .	<b>7d</b>				
<b>e</b> Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?			<b>7e</b>		
<b>f</b> Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . .			<b>7f</b>		
<b>g</b> If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? . . . . .			<b>7g</b>		
<b>h</b> If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? . . . . .			<b>7h</b>		
<b>8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>					
Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year? . . . . .			<b>8</b>		
<b>9a</b> Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? . . .			<b>9a</b>		
<b>b</b> Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? . . .			<b>9b</b>		
<b>10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter					
<b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 . . . . .	<b>10a</b>				
<b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	<b>10b</b>				
<b>11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter					
<b>a</b> Gross income from members or shareholders . . . . .	<b>11a</b>				
<b>b</b> Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them ) . . . . .	<b>11b</b>				
<b>12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?					
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	<b>12b</b>				
<b>13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>					
<b>a</b> Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O			<b>13a</b>		
<b>b</b> Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans . . . . .	<b>13b</b>				
<b>c</b> Enter the amount of reserves on hand . . . . .	<b>13c</b>				
<b>14a</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? . . . . .			<b>14a</b>		No
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O . . .			<b>14b</b>		
<b>15</b> Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N . . . . .			<b>15</b>		No
<b>16</b> Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O . . . . .			<b>16</b>		No

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O See instructions Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI



Section A. Governing Body and Management

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

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?; 10b 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?; 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?; 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990; 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13; 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?; 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done; 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?; 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?; 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?; 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official; 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization; 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?; 16b 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

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Rows include: 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed; 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024-A if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. [ ] Own website [ ] Another's website [x] 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. Paul Burns 141 Main St 6 Montpelier, VT 05602 (802) 223-5221

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Ashley Orgain ..... President	2 00 .....	X		X				0	0	0
(2) Chris Miller ..... Vice-President	2 00 .....	X		X				0	0	0
(3) Marianne Barton ..... Treasurer	2 00 .....	X		X				0	0	0
(4) Crea Lintilhac ..... Secretary	2 00 .....	X		X				0	0	0
(5) Mark Floegel ..... Trustee	1 00 .....	X						0	0	0
(6) Kati Gallagher ..... Trustee	1 00 .....	X						0	0	0
(7) Barbarina Heyerdahl ..... Trustee (left Board during 2018)	1 00 .....	X						0	0	0
(8) Drew Hudson ..... Trustee	1 00 .....	X						0	0	0
(9) Jennifer Kimmich ..... Trustee	1 00 .....	X						0	0	0
(10) Biff Mithoefer ..... Trustee	1 00 .....	X						0	0	0
(11) Duane Peterson ..... Trustee	1 00 .....	X						0	0	0
(12) Mathew Rubin ..... Trustee	1 00 .....	X						0	0	0
(13) Dr Michael Scollins ..... Trustee	1 00 .....	X						0	0	0
(14) Jane Stromberg ..... Trustee	1 00 .....	X						0	0	0
(15) Dori Wolfe ..... Trustee & Former Treasurer	1 00 .....	X						0	0	0
(16) Paul Burns ..... Executive Director	13 50 .....			X				31,291	61,651	19,386

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)							(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former				

<b>1b Sub-Total</b> . . . . .			
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b> . . . . .			
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b> . . . . .	31,291	61,651	19,386

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

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

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

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

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



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . .	<b>1a</b>	0			
	<b>b</b> Membership dues . . .	<b>1b</b>	0			
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events . . .	<b>1c</b>	0			
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>	0			
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>	0			
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	1,481,033			
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f \$ _____		0			
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .			1,481,033		

<b>Program Service Revenue</b>			Business Code			
	<b>2a</b> _____					
	<b>b</b> _____					
	<b>c</b> _____					
	<b>d</b> _____					
	<b>e</b> _____					
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue					
<b>9 Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .						

<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .			1,899		0	1,899
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . .						
	<b>6a</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>7a</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>8a</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>9a</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>10a</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 . . . . .						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
<b>11a</b> Other Income		900099	2,930	0	0	2,930	
<b>b</b> _____							
<b>c</b> _____							
<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .							
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .			2,930				
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See Instructions . . . . .			1,485,862	0	0	4,829	

**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.	0	0		
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.	0	0		
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, line 15 and 16.	0	0		
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members.	0	0		
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	37,817	27,062	4,065	6,690
<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).	0	0	0	0
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages.	586,793	221,930	131,007	233,856
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	4,668	1,914	1,950	804
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits.	59,531	22,640	24,573	12,318
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes.	53,211	21,312	10,867	21,032
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees)				
<b>a</b> Management.	0	0	0	0
<b>b</b> Legal.	2,166	944	634	588
<b>c</b> Accounting.	3,315	0	3,315	0
<b>d</b> Lobbying.	8,333	8,333	0	0
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.	0			0
<b>f</b> Investment management fees.	0	0	0	0
<b>g</b> Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	2,361	1,378	678	305
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion.	6,068	2,530	880	2,658
<b>13</b> Office expenses.	27,524	11,086	6,606	9,832
<b>14</b> Information technology.	60,293	29,365	3,027	27,901
<b>15</b> Royalties.	0	0	0	0
<b>16</b> Occupancy.	36,879	16,474	12,313	8,092
<b>17</b> Travel.	36,747	14,842	2,581	19,324
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.	0	0	0	0
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	25,639	4,971	18,976	1,692
<b>20</b> Interest.	0	0	0	0
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates.	0	0	0	0
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	4,183	1,913	1,566	704
<b>23</b> Insurance.	10,698	4,461	4,527	1,710
<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> Newsletter & Publications.	35,218	14,470	3,513	17,235
<b>b</b> Bank, Credit Card, & Other Fees.	4,554	2,022	1,784	748
<b>c</b> Other Expenses.	6,037	1,401	3,118	1,518
<b>d</b>				
<b>e</b> All other expenses.				
<b>25</b> Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	1,012,035	409,048	235,980	367,007
<b>26</b> 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).				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	116,353	<b>1</b>	70,116
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	237,194	<b>2</b>	238,947
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	0	<b>3</b>	28,855
	<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 instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule 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 . . . . .	7,231	<b>9</b>	40,294
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	78,656		
	<b>b</b> Less accumulated depreciation	56,254	24,785	<b>10c</b> 22,402
	<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 . . . . .	1,205,040	<b>15</b>	1,653,954
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	1,590,603	<b>16</b>	2,054,568	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	41,108	<b>17</b>	27,260
	<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 . . . . .	41,108	<b>26</b>	27,260
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets	1,549,495	<b>27</b>	2,027,308
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .	0	<b>28</b>	0
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets	0	<b>29</b>	0
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		<b>32</b>	
<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .	1,549,495	<b>33</b>	2,027,308	
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .	1,590,603	<b>34</b>	2,054,568	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	1,485,862
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	1,012,035
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	473,827
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	1,549,495
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	3,986
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	2,027,308

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990  Cash  Accrual  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O
- 2a** Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?  
If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both  
 Separate basis  Consolidated basis  Both consolidated and separate basis
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?  
If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both  
 Separate basis  Consolidated basis  Both consolidated and separate basis
- c** If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?  
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?
- 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

	Yes	No
<b>1</b>		
<b>2a</b>	Yes	
<b>2b</b>		No
<b>2c</b>	Yes	
<b>3a</b>		No
<b>3b</b>		

## Additional Data

**Software ID:** 18007482

**Software Version:**

**EIN:** 03-0228267

**Name:** Vermont Public Interest Research Group Inc

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### **Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:**

General Membership Services - As the largest membership-based environmental and consumer advocacy organization in the state VPIRG provides educational and informational resources on our campaigns and related issues to over 55,000 members and supporters annually VPIRG serves as a go-to resource for individuals and groups to learn about public interest policy issues and opportunities for making their voices heard on issues at critical times throughout the year VPIRG also regularly provides training to activist members in core skills such as writing a letter to the editor, speaking in public about policy issues, organizing local community meetings, and how to lobby their elected officials

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## Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:

Climate and Energy - Vermonters know that we have a moral responsibility to protect our kids and grandkids from the environmental, economic, and social havoc that fossil fuels are wreaking. VPIRG agrees with the majority of Vermonters who want to cut our dependence on fossil fuels and take control of our energy future by using clean, renewable power. VPIRG works to advance policies and programs that aim to stop our continued reliance on fossil fuels and other dirty energy like nuclear power, and to dramatically increase the use of clean, local renewable energy. \*

To that end, in 2018 VPIRG helped pass expanded appliance efficiency standards for 16 appliance types not currently covered at the federal level, from air compressors and commercial dishwashers to computers and computer monitors. Taking these inefficient appliances out of the market will save Vermonters \$210 million by 2035 and dramatically reduce carbon pollution. \*

Another VPIRG-backed victory was the passage of a voluntary standard for establishing a pollinator-friendly habitat label on solar farms and recognizing solar installers that are leading the way in protecting and promoting pollinator species. Just like our work to make it easier to build solar on previously developed land such as rooftops, parking lots, and landfills, this pollinator solar program is about taking something good - solar - and making it even better. \*

Also in 2018, VPIRG and our members urged the legislature to require a significant portion of the \$18.7 million VW settlement be allocated toward electric vehicles instead of fossil fuel vehicles. Along with our allies, we pushed for at least \$4.5 million to go toward a statewide electric vehicle incentive program. While the final allocation fell short of this goal, we're proud to have played a role in ensuring that at least a portion of the funds went toward electric vehicle expansion. \*

Finally, VPIRG continued to grow the broad-based Energy Independent Vermont Coalition working to tackle climate change by putting a price on carbon pollution.

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### **Form 990, Part III, Line 4c:**

Zero Waste - VPIRG works to advance policies and solutions that hold manufacturers accountable for the products they put into our environment and move us closer to zero waste in Vermont \* To that end, VPIRG has defended Vermont's successful Bottle Bill law from multiple industry attacks and continues to make the case that the law needs to be updated and strengthened to cover water and non-carbonated beverages \* In 2018, after more than two decades, VPIRG finally succeeded in ending the giveaway of millions of dollars in unclaimed Bottle Bill deposits to the beverage industry and put that money to work for Vermonters instead Under the new legislation the State will now reclaim the deposits and use the money (millions of dollars each year) to help clean up Vermont's waterways This is a victory many years in the making - the result of hard work and grassroots advocacy by countless VPIRG staffers, members, supporters and allies \* In addition, we continued to research and advocate for stronger recycling programs and implementation of extended producer responsibility for the waste that manufacturers' products generate in the system

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**SCHEDULE C**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)  
  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**  
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.  
▶Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

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**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 the organization Vermont Public Interest Research Group Inc	<b>Employer identification number</b> 03-0228267
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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 (see instructions for definition of "political campaign activities")
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures (see instructions) ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities (see instructions) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0
- 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 ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 (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%;"> <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		
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"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>												

**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) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(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> Yes	
<b>2</b> Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	<b>2</b>	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	<b>3</b>	No

**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

Return Reference	Explanation
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**SCHEDULE D**  
(Form 990)  
  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

# Supplemental Financial Statements

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

**Name of the organization**  
Vermont Public Interest Research Group Inc

**Employer identification number**  
03-0228267

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

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

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

**1** Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education)  Preservation of an historically important land area  
 Protection of natural habitat  Preservation of a certified historic structure  
 Preservation of open space

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

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

**3** Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**4** Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**5** Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?  Yes  No

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

**7** Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**8** Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?  Yes  No

**9** In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

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

**1a** If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

**b** If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

**(i)** Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**(ii)** Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2** If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items

**a** Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**b** Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.**

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

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

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance . . . . .					
<b>b</b> Contributions . . . . .					
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships . . . . .					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses . . . . .					
<b>g</b> End of year balance . . . . .					

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
  - b** Permanent endowment ▶
  - c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%
- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by
- |  |     |    |
|--|-----|----|
| <b>(i)</b> unrelated organizations . . . . .   | Yes | No |
| <b>(ii)</b> related organizations . . . . .  |     |    |
| <b>b</b> If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? . . . . . |     |    |
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land . . . . .	0	0		0
<b>b</b> Buildings . . . . .	0	0	0	0
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements	0	5,838	5,838	0
<b>d</b> Equipment . . . . .	0	64,870	42,468	22,402
<b>e</b> Other . . . . .	0	7,948	7,948	0
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) . . . ▶				22,402

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) Due from affiliate (VPIREF)	1,650,179
(2) Security deposit	3,775
(3) Due from employees & others	0
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15 )	1,653,954

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part XIII Supplemental Information**

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

Return Reference	Explanation	
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**Part XIII** **Supplemental Information (continued)**

Return Reference	Explanation
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**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**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.

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for the latest information.

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Department of the Treasury

Name of the organization

Vermont Public Interest Research Group Inc

Employer identification number

03-0228267

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
Pt XI	Line 8 / Prior Period Adjustments \$3,986 to correct contributions receivable and prepaid expenses as of 12/31/17 based on 12/31/18 financial statement review



**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Pt VI, Line 6	Supporters of VPIRG who make contributions of at least \$30 per year - to either VPIRG or its affiliate VPIREF - are automatically considered members

## 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Pt VI, Line 7a	Directors serve two-year terms with the membership generally electing half of the Directors each year via mail or electronic ballots

## 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Pt VI, Line 7b	Members must approve any changes to the Organization's bylaws

## 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Pt VI, Line 11b	A draft of Form 990 is reviewed by management with a copy of Form 990, in PDF format, made available to the Board prior to filing

## 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Pt VI, Line 12c	Board members are required to disclose any potential conflicts of interest annually with compliance monitored by management

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Pt VI, Line 15a	The Executive Committee of the governing Board reviews comparability information as part of the annual salary review of all top officials

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Pt VI, Line 15b	See above description for Part VI, Line 15a

## 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Pt VI, Line 19	The Organization does not release its financial statements or other governance documents General financial information is provided annually to members



# 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Other	Part III / Line 4d - Other Programs

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Other	<p>Toxics &amp; Environmental Health - VPIRG works to protect the public health and our environment from the hidden dangers of toxic chemicals that we're exposed to every day. VPIRG aims to fundamentally reform how chemicals are regulated by encouraging the use of safer alternatives whenever possible and minimizing exposures particularly for children. For almost two years, VPIRG has fought to pass a wide-ranging toxic chemical reform bill that would, among other things, have given parents clearer information about the toxic chemicals in children's products, and given Vermont's Health Commissioner greater authority to regulate a children's product if it presented a toxic threat to kids. In 2018, VPIRG finally succeeded in putting the bill on Gov. Phil Scott's desk, only to see the governor side with industry lobbyists over kids' health by vetoing the legislation. A veto override vote succeeded in the Senate but fell just four votes short of the two-thirds majority needed in the House of Representatives, laying the groundwork for a potential - and long overdue - victory on toxics in 2019.</p>

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Other	<p>Elections &amp; Government Reform - VPIRG actively supports efforts to make our democracy more open and transparent. We seek to ensure that elections are fair and balanced by reducing the undue influence of money in our political process. We continue to draw attention to the devastating impact of the Supreme Court's verdict in Citizens United and press for meaningful campaign finance reform. VPIRG and our members have been saying for years that corporate money has no place in Vermont elections, and in 2018 we got closer than ever to real action in Montpelier that would drastically reduce the influence of corporate money in our democracy. The Senate passed a VPIRG-supported bill that would ban corporate campaign contributions in Vermont, and though the bill ultimately stalled in the House, we remain committed to pushing for Vermont to join 22 other states and the federal government in banning such contributions.</p>

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Other	<p>Consumer Protection - VPIRG serves as a watchdog, protecting the public interest when corporations attempt to put profits over people, and ensures that the policies and laws that we do pass to protect the public interest are, in fact, enforced VPIRG has long supported efforts to make prescription medications affordable for all those who need them In 2018, we backed a law that creates a process whereby certain prescription medicines could be imported into Vermont from Canada, where they cost only a fraction of what they do in the US Vermont is the first state in the nation to pass this type of law, and we will need federal approval to implement it Also in 2018, two VPIRG-supported digital consumer protection bills were enacted into law, marking major victories for Vermont consumers The net neutrality law ensures the state only contract with net neutral internet service providers and lays the groundwork for even more robust net neutrality protections moving forward The data broker law gives consumers back some control over their own data and privacy by requiring data brokers - third party companies that buy and sell individuals' personal information - to register with the state and report their opt-out practices It also requires these companies to maintain a minimum data security standard and makes it a crime to obtain an individual's information for malicious purposes Together, these pieces of legislation represent major wins for Vermont taxpayers, Vermont consumers and anyone who cares about preserving a fair and open internet and maintaining their security and privacy online</p>

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Other	<p>Health Care Reform - VPIRG works to reform our health care system so that it provides all Vermonters access to quality, affordable health care when they need it. For more than two years, VPIRG has joined with allies in the Vermont Family and Medical Leave Insurance coalition in advocating for a bill to establish a statewide paid family and medical leave program in Vermont. Despite overwhelming support from working families, small businesses, and public interest advocates, the bill was vetoed in 2018. We remain committed to advancing policies that no Vermonter ever has to decide between receiving a paycheck or caring for a loved one.</p>

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990, Part III, Line 4d	Other programs include Toxics & Environmental Health, 136788 0 0

**SCHEDULE R  
(Form 990)**

**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2018**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.**  
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**  
▶ **Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization  
Vermont Public Interest Research Group Inc

**Employer identification number**  
03-0228267

**Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

**Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) Vt Public Interest Research & Educ Fund 141 Main St 6 Montpelier, VT 05602 51-0163801	Education	VT	501(c)(3)	509(a)(1)	VT Public Interest Research Group Inc	Yes	

**Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

**Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b) (13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No



**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

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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?		
<b>a</b> Receipt of <b>(i)</b> interest, <b>(ii)</b> annuities, <b>(iii)</b> royalties, or <b>(iv)</b> rent from a controlled entity . . . . .		No
<b>b</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>c</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>d</b> Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s) . . . . .	Yes	
<b>e</b> Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>f</b> Dividends from related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>g</b> Sale of assets to related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>h</b> Purchase of assets from related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>i</b> Exchange of assets with related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>j</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>k</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>l</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>m</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>n</b> Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s) . . . . .	Yes	
<b>o</b> Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s) . . . . .	Yes	
<b>p</b> Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses . . . . .		No
<b>q</b> Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses . . . . .		No
<b>r</b> Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s) . . . . .		No
<b>s</b> Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s) . . . . .		No

**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)Vermont Public Interest Research and Education Fund	d	1,650,179	Cost
(2)Vermont Public Interest Research and Education Fund	n	48,232	Cost
(3)Vermont Public Interest Research and Education Fund	o	800,002	Cost

**Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	

**Part VII**    **Supplemental Information**

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

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>