

Form 990-T

Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return (and proxy tax under section 6033(e))

OMB No 1545-0047

For calendar year 2019 or other tax year beginning 04/01, 2019, and ending 03/31, 2020

2019

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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Do not enter SSN numbers on this form as it may be made public if your organization is a 501(c)(3)

Open to Public Inspection for 501(c)(3) Organizations Only

A Check box if address changed

Name of organization (Check box if name changed and see instructions)

D Employer identification number (Employer's trust, see instructions)

B Exempt under section 501(c)(3), 408(e), 408A, 529(a)

Print or Type

CATO INSTITUTE

Number, street, and room or suite no If a P O box, see instructions

1000 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., N.W.

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

WASHINGTON, DC 20001

23-7432162

E Unrelated business activity code (See instructions)

C Book value of all assets at end of year

85,585,362

F Group exemption number (See instructions)

G Check organization type 501(c) corporation, 501(c) trust, 401(a) trust, Other trust

H Enter the number of the organization's unrelated trades or businesses Describe the only (or first) unrelated trade or business here If only one, complete Parts I-V If more than one, describe the first in the blank space at the end of the previous sentence, complete Parts I and II, complete a Schedule M for each additional trade or business, then complete Parts III-V

I During the tax year, was the corporation a subsidiary in an affiliated group or a parent-subsidary controlled group? Yes No

J The books are in care of MARISSA DELGADO Telephone number 202-842-0200

Table with 3 columns: (A) Income, (B) Expenses, (C) Net. Rows include Gross receipts or sales, Less returns and allowances, Cost of goods sold, Gross profit, Capital gain net income, Net gain (loss), Capital loss deduction for trusts, Income (loss) from a partnership or an S corporation, Rent income, Unrelated debt-financed income, Interest, annuities, royalties, and rents from a controlled organization, Investment income of a section 501(c)(7) (9), or (17) organization, Exploited exempt activity income, Advertising income, Other income, Total. Includes a RECEIVED stamp: NOV 28 2020 OGDEN, UT.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees, Salaries and wages, Repairs and maintenance, Bad debts, Interest, Taxes and licenses, Depreciation, Less depreciation claimed on Schedule A and elsewhere on return, Depletion, Contributions to deferred compensation plans, Employee benefit programs, Excess exempt expenses, Excess readership costs, Other deductions, Total deductions, Unrelated business taxable income before net operating loss deduction, Deduction for net operating loss arising in tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, Unrelated business taxable income.

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Part III Total Unrelated Business Taxable Income

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows 32-39. Includes 'Total of unrelated business taxable income computed from all unrelated trades or businesses' and 'Unrelated business taxable income'.

Part IV Tax Computation

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows 40-45. Includes 'Organizations Taxable as Corporations', 'Trusts Taxable at Trust Rates', and 'Total Add lines 42, 43, and 44 to line 40 or 41, whichever applies'.

Part V Tax and Payments

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows 46a-56. Includes 'Foreign tax credit', 'Other taxes', 'Total tax', 'Payments', and 'Total payments'.

Part VI Statements Regarding Certain Activities and Other Information (see instructions)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 57-59. Includes questions about foreign accounts, foreign trusts, and tax-exempt interest.

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 taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here: MARISSA DELGADO, 11-10-2020, VP, FINANCE & CFO. Includes checkbox for 'May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below?'.

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name (MARC BERGER), Preparer's signature, Date (10/22/2020), Firm's name (BDO USA, LLP), Firm's address (8401 GREENSBORO DRIVE, #800, MCLLAN, VA 22102).

Schedule A - Cost of Goods Sold. Enter method of inventory valuation ▶

1 Inventory at beginning of year	1		6 Inventory at end of year	6	
2 Purchases	2		7 Cost of goods sold Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and in Part I, line 2	7	
3 Cost of labor	3				
4a Additional section 263A costs (attach schedule)	4a				
b Other costs (attach schedule)	4b				
5 Total. Add lines 1 through 4b	5		8 Do the rules of section 263A (with respect to property produced or acquired for resale) apply to the organization?		Yes No

Schedule C - Rent Income (From Real Property and Personal Property Leased With Real Property)

(see instructions)

1. Description of property		
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
2. Rent received or accrued		
(a) From personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property is more than 10% but not more than 50%)	(b) From real and personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property exceeds 50% or if the rent is based on profit or income)	3(a) Deductions directly connected with the income in columns 2(a) and 2(b) (attach schedule)
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
Total	Total	
(c) Total income Add totals of columns 2(a) and 2(b) Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 6, column (A) ▶		(b) Total deductions Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 6, column (B) ▶

Schedule E - Unrelated Debt-Financed Income (see instructions)

1 Description of debt-financed property		2 Gross income from or allocable to debt-financed property	3. Deductions directly connected with or allocable to debt-financed property	
			(a) Straight line depreciation (attach schedule)	(b) Other deductions (attach schedule)
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
4. Amount of average acquisition debt on or allocable to debt-financed property (attach schedule)	5. Average adjusted basis of or allocable to debt-financed property (attach schedule)	6. Column 4 divided by column 5	7 Gross income reportable (column 2 x column 6)	8. Allocable deductions (column 6 x total of columns 3(a) and 3(b))
(1)		%		
(2)		%		
(3)		%		
(4)		%		
Totals ▶			Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 7, column (A)	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 7, column (B)
Total dividends-received deductions included in column 8 ▶				

Schedule F – Interest, Annuities, Royalties, and Rents From Controlled Organizations (see instructions)

1 Name of controlled organization	2 Employer identification number	Exempt Controlled Organizations			
		3 Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	4 Total of specified payments made	5 Part of column 4 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income	6 Deductions directly connected with income in column 5
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

Nonexempt Controlled Organizations

7 Taxable income	8 Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	9 Total of specified payments made	10 Part of column 9 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income	11 Deductions directly connected with income in column 10
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
			Add columns 5 and 10. Enter here and on page 1 Part I line 8, column (A).	Add columns 6 and 11. Enter here and on page 1 Part I line 8, column (B).

Totals

Schedule G – Investment Income of a Section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) Organization (see instructions)

1 Description of income	2 Amount of income	3 Deductions directly connected (attach schedule)	4 Set-asides (attach schedule)	5 Total deductions and set-asides (col 3 plus col 4)
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
		Enter here and on page 1 Part I line 9, column (A).		Enter here and on page 1 Part I line 9, column (B).

Totals

Schedule I – Exploited Exempt Activity Income, Other Than Advertising Income (see instructions)

1 Description of exploited activity	2 Gross unrelated business income from trade or business	3 Expenses directly connected with production of unrelated business income	4 Net income (loss) from unrelated trade or business (column 2 minus column 3). If a gain, compute rows 5 through 7.	5 Gross income from activity that is not unrelated business income	6 Expenses attributable to column 5	7 Excess exempt expenses (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4)
(1)						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
		Enter here and on page 1 Part I line 10, col (A).	Enter here and on page 1 Part I line 10, col (B).			Enter here and on page 1 Part I line 25.

Totals

Schedule J – Advertising Income (see instructions)

Part I Income From Periodicals Reported on a Consolidated Basis

1 Name of periodical	2 Gross advertising income	3 Direct advertising costs	4 Advertising gain or (loss) (col 2 minus col 3). If a gain, compute rows 5 through 7.	5 Circulation income	6 Readership costs	7 Excess readership costs (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4)
(1)						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						

Totals (carry to Part II line (5))

Part II. Income From Periodicals Reported on a Separate Basis (For each periodical listed in Part II, fill in columns 2 through 7 on a line-by-line basis)

1 Name of periodical	2 Gross advertising income	3 Direct advertising costs	4. Advertising gain or (loss) (col 2 minus col 3) If a gain, compute cols 5 through 7	5. Circulation income	6. Readership costs	7 Excess readership costs (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4)
(1)						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
Totals from Part I. ▶						
Totals, Part II (lines 1-5) ▶	Enter here and on page 1, Part I line 11, col (A)	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 11, col (B)				Enter here and on page 1, Part II, line 26

Schedule K - Compensation of Officers, Directors, and Trustees (see instructions)

1. Name	2. Title	3. Percent of time devoted to business	4 Compensation attributable to unrelated business
(1)		%	
(2)		%	
(3)		%	
(4)		%	
Total Enter here and on page 1, Part II, line 14 ▶			