

**Application for Recognition of Exemption**  
**Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code**  
(Use with the June 2006 revision of the Instructions for Form 1023 and the current Notice 1382)

(00) OMB No. 1545-0056

**Note:** If exempt status is approved, this application will be open for public inspection.

Use the instructions to complete this application and for a definition of all **bold** items. For additional help, call IRS Exempt Organizations Customer Account Services toll-free at 1-877-829-5500. Visit our website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for forms and publications. If the required information and documents are not submitted with payment of the appropriate user fee, the application may be returned to you.

Attach additional sheets to this application if you need more space to answer fully. Put your name and EIN on each sheet and identify each answer by Part and line number. Complete Parts I - XI of Form 1023 and submit only those Schedules (A through H) that apply to you.

**Part I Identification of Applicant**

<b>1</b> Full name of organization (exactly as it appears in your <b>organizing document</b> )		<b>2</b> c/o Name (if applicable)	
<b>US Right to Know</b>			
<b>3</b> <b>Mailing address</b> (Number and street) (see instructions)		Room/Suite	<b>4</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)
6026A Harwood Ave.			<b>46-5676616</b>
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4		<b>5</b> Month the annual accounting period ends (01 - 12)	
Oakland, CA 94618		<b>12</b>	
<b>6</b> Primary contact (officer, director, trustee, or <b>authorized representative</b> )		<b>b</b> Phone: <b>415-944-7350</b>	
a Name: <b>Gary Ruskin</b>		<b>c</b> Fax: (optional)	
<b>7</b> Are you represented by an authorized representative, such as an attorney or accountant? If "Yes," provide the authorized representative's name, and the name and address of the authorized representative's firm. Include a completed Form 2848, <i>Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative</i> , with your application if you would like us to communicate with your representative.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	
<b>8</b> Was a person who is not one of your officers, directors, trustees, employees, or an authorized representative listed in line 7, paid, or promised payment, to help plan, manage, or advise you about the structure or activities of your organization, or about your financial or tax matters? If "Yes," provide the person's name, the name and address of the person's firm, the amounts paid or promised to be paid, and describe that person's role.		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	
<b>9a</b> Organization's website: <a href="http://www.usrighttoknow.org">www.usrighttoknow.org</a>			
<b>b</b> Organization's email: (optional)			
<b>10</b> Certain organizations are not required to file an information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ). If you are granted tax-exemption, are you claiming to be excused from filing Form 990 or Form 990-EZ? If "Yes," explain. See the instructions for a description of organizations not required to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	
<b>11</b> Date incorporated if a corporation, or formed, if other than a corporation. (MM/DD/YYYY)		<b>05 / 02 / 2014</b>	
<b>12</b> Were you formed under the laws of a <b>foreign country</b> ? If "Yes," state the country.		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	

**Part II Organizational Structure**

You must be a corporation (including a limited liability company), an unincorporated association, or a trust to be tax exempt. (See instructions.) **DO NOT file this form unless you can check "Yes" on lines 1, 2, 3, or 4.**

- 1 Are you a **corporation**? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of incorporation showing **certification of filing** with the appropriate state agency. Include copies of any amendments to your articles and be sure they also show state filing certification.  **Yes**  **No**

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- 2 Are you a **limited liability company (LLC)**? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of organization showing certification of filing with the appropriate state agency. Also, if you adopted an operating agreement, attach a copy. Include copies of any amendments to your articles and be sure they show state filing certification. Refer to the instructions for circumstances when an LLC should not file its own exemption application.  **Yes**  **No**

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- 3 Are you an **unincorporated association**? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of association, constitution, or other similar organizing document that is dated and includes at least two signatures. Include signed and dated copies of any amendments.  **Yes**  **No**

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- 4a Are you a **trust**? If "Yes," attach a signed and dated copy of your trust agreement. Include signed and dated copies of any amendments.  **Yes**  **No**
- b Have you been funded? If "No," explain how you are formed without anything of value placed in trust.  **Yes**  **No**

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- 5 Have you adopted **bylaws**? If "Yes," attach a current copy showing date of adoption. If "No," explain how your officers, directors, or trustees are selected.  **Yes**  **No**

**Part III Required Provisions in Your Organizing Document**

The following questions are designed to ensure that when you file this application, your organizing document contains the required provisions to meet the organizational test under section 501(c)(3). Unless you can check the boxes in both lines 1 and 2, your organizing document does not meet the organizational test. **DO NOT file this application until you have amended your organizing document.** Submit your original and amended organizing documents (showing state filing certification if you are a corporation or an LLC) with your application.

- 1 Section 501(c)(3) requires that your organizing document state your exempt purpose(s), such as charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes. Check the box to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement. Describe specifically where your organizing document meets this requirement, such as a reference to a particular article or section in your organizing document. Refer to the instructions for exempt purpose language. Location of Purpose Clause (Page, Article, and Paragraph): Page 1, article 2.

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- 2a Section 501(c)(3) requires that upon dissolution of your organization, your remaining assets must be used exclusively for exempt purposes, such as charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes. Check the box on line 2a to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement by express provision for the distribution of assets upon dissolution. If you rely on state law for your dissolution provision, do not check the box on line 2a and go to line 2c.
- 2b If you checked the box on line 2a, specify the location of your dissolution clause (Page, Article, and Paragraph). Do not complete line 2c if you checked box 2a. Page 1, article 6.
- 2c See the instructions for information about the operation of state law in your particular state. Check this box if you rely on operation of state law for your dissolution provision and indicate the state: not applicable

**Part IV Narrative Description of Your Activities**

Using an attachment, describe your *past*, *present*, and *planned* activities in a narrative. If you believe that you have already provided some of this information in response to other parts of this application, you may summarize that information here and refer to the specific parts of the application for supporting details. You may also attach representative copies of newsletters, brochures, or similar documents for supporting details to this narrative. Remember that if this application is approved, it will be open for public inspection. Therefore, your narrative description of activities should be thorough and accurate. Refer to the instructions for information that must be included in your description.

**Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors**

- 1a List the names, titles, and mailing addresses of all of your officers, directors, and trustees. For each person listed, state their total annual **compensation**, or proposed compensation, for all services to the organization, whether as an officer, employee, or other position. Use actual figures, if available. Enter "none" if no compensation is or will be paid. If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation.

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)
Charlie Cray	Director, Treasurer	1827 Kilbourne Pl. NW Washington, DC 20010	none
Lisa Graves	Director, Secretary	409 E. Main Street, #100 Madison, WI 53703	none
Juliet Schor	Director, Chair	5 Stuart Rd. Newton, MA 02459	none
Gary Ruskin	Executive Director	6026A Harwod Ave. Oakland, CA 94618	not yet determined

**Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)**

**b** List the names, titles, and mailing addresses of each of your five highest compensated employees who receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year. Use the actual figure, if available. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation. Do not include officers, directors, or trustees listed in line 1a.

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)
<b>Please see attached statement</b>			

**c** List the names, names of businesses, and mailing addresses of your five highest compensated **independent contractors** that receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year. Use the actual figure, if available. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation.

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)
<b>Please see attached statement</b>			

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to *past, present, or planned* relationships, transactions, or agreements with your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, and 1c.

**2a** Are any of your officers, directors, or trustees **related** to each other through **family or business relationships**? If "Yes," identify the individuals and explain the relationship.  Yes  No

**b** Do you have a business relationship with any of your officers, directors, or trustees other than through their position as an officer, director, or trustee? If "Yes," identify the individuals and describe the business relationship with each of your officers, directors, or trustees.  Yes  No

**c** Are any of your officers, directors, or trustees related to your highest compensated employees or highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1b or 1c through family or business relationships? If "Yes," identify the individuals and explain the relationship.  Yes  No

**3a** For each of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, or 1c, attach a list showing their name, qualifications, average hours worked, and duties.

**b** Do any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, or 1c receive compensation from any other organizations, whether tax exempt or taxable, that are related to you through **common control**? If "Yes," identify the individuals, explain the relationship between you and the other organization, and describe the compensation arrangement.  Yes  No

**4** In establishing the compensation for your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, the following practices are recommended, although they are not required to obtain exemption. Answer "Yes" to all the practices you use.

**a** Do you or will the individuals that approve compensation arrangements follow a conflict of interest policy?  Yes  No

**b** Do you or will you approve compensation arrangements in advance of paying compensation?  Yes  No

**c** Do you or will you document in writing the date and terms of approved compensation arrangements?  Yes  No

**Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)**

- d** Do you or will you record in writing the decision made by each individual who decided or voted on compensation arrangements?  **Yes**  **No**
- e** Do you or will you approve compensation arrangements based on information about compensation paid by **similarly situated** taxable or tax-exempt organizations for similar services, current compensation surveys compiled by independent firms, or actual written offers from similarly situated organizations? Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation.  **Yes**  **No**
- f** Do you or will you record in writing both the information on which you relied to base your decision and its source?  **Yes**  **No**
- g** If you answered "No" to any item on lines 4a through 4f, describe how you set compensation that is **reasonable** for your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c.

- 5a** Have you adopted a **conflict of interest policy** consistent with the sample conflict of interest policy in Appendix A to the instructions? If "Yes," provide a copy of the policy and explain how the policy has been adopted, such as by resolution of your governing board. If "No," answer lines 5b and 5c.  **Yes**  **No**
  - b** What procedures will you follow to assure that persons who have a conflict of interest will not have influence over you for setting their own compensation?
  - c** What procedures will you follow to assure that persons who have a conflict of interest will not have influence over you regarding business deals with themselves?
- Note:** A conflict of interest policy is recommended though it is not required to obtain exemption. Hospitals, see Schedule C, Section I, line 14.

- 6a** Do you or will you compensate any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c through **non-fixed payments**, such as discretionary bonuses or revenue-based payments? If "Yes," describe all non-fixed compensation arrangements, including how the amounts are determined, who is eligible for such arrangements, whether you place a limitation on total compensation, and how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than reasonable compensation for services. Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation.  **Yes**  **No**
- b** Do you or will you compensate any of your employees, other than your officers, directors, trustees, or your five highest compensated employees who receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year, through non-fixed payments, such as discretionary bonuses or revenue-based payments? If "Yes," describe all non-fixed compensation arrangements, including how the amounts are or will be determined, who is or will be eligible for such arrangements, whether you place or will place a limitation on total compensation, and how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than reasonable compensation for services. Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation.  **Yes**  **No**

- 7a** Do you or will you purchase any goods, services, or assets from any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," describe any such purchase that you made or intend to make, from whom you make or will make such purchases, how the terms are or will be negotiated at **arm's length**, and explain how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than **fair market value**. Attach copies of any written contracts or other agreements relating to such purchases.  **Yes**  **No**
- b** Do you or will you sell any goods, services, or assets to any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," describe any such sales that you made or intend to make, to whom you make or will make such sales, how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine you are or will be paid at least fair market value. Attach copies of any written contracts or other agreements relating to such sales.  **Yes**  **No**

- 8a** Do you or will you have any leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements with your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," provide the information requested in lines 8b through 8f.  **Yes**  **No**
- b** Describe any written or oral arrangements that you made or intend to make.
- c** Identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements.
- d** Explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length.
- e** Explain how you determine you pay no more than fair market value or you are paid at least fair market value.
- f** Attach copies of any signed leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements relating to such arrangements.

- 9a** Do you or will you have any leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements with any organization in which any of your officers, directors, or trustees are also officers, directors, or trustees, or in which any individual officer, director, or trustee owns more than a 35% interest? If "Yes," provide the information requested in lines 9b through 9f.  **Yes**  **No**

**Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)**

- b** Describe any written or oral arrangements you made or intend to make.
- c** Identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements.
- d** Explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length.
- e** Explain how you determine or will determine you pay no more than fair market value or that you are paid at least fair market value.
- f** Attach a copy of any signed leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements relating to such arrangements.

**Part VI Your Members and Other Individuals and Organizations That Receive Benefits From You**

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to goods, services, and funds you provide to individuals and organizations as part of your activities. Your answers should pertain to *past*, *present*, and *planned* activities. (See instructions.)

- 1a** In carrying out your exempt purposes, do you provide goods, services, or funds to individuals? If "Yes," describe each program that provides goods, services, or funds to individuals.  **Yes**  **No**
- b** In carrying out your exempt purposes, do you provide goods, services, or funds to organizations? If "Yes," describe each program that provides goods, services, or funds to organizations.  **Yes**  **No**
- 2** Do any of your programs limit the provision of goods, services, or funds to a specific individual or group of specific individuals? For example, answer "Yes," if goods, services, or funds are provided only for a particular individual, your members, individuals who work for a particular employer, or graduates of a particular school. If "Yes," explain the limitation and how recipients are selected for each program.  **Yes**  **No**
- 3** Do any individuals who receive goods, services, or funds through your programs have a family or business relationship with any officer, director, trustee, or with any of your highest compensated employees or highest compensated independent contractors listed in Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c? If "Yes," explain how these related individuals are eligible for goods, services, or funds.  **Yes**  **No**

**Part VII Your History**

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to your history. (See instructions.)

- 1** Are you a **successor** to another organization? Answer "Yes," if you have taken or will take over the activities of another organization; you took over 25% or more of the fair market value of the net assets of another organization; or you were established upon the conversion of an organization from for-profit to non-profit status. If "Yes," complete Schedule G.  **Yes**  **No**
- 2** Are you submitting this application more than 27 months after the end of the month in which you were legally formed? If "Yes," complete Schedule E.  **Yes**  **No**

**Part VIII Your Specific Activities**

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to specific activities that you may conduct. Check the appropriate box. Your answers should pertain to *past*, *present*, and *planned* activities. (See instructions.)

- 1** Do you support or oppose candidates in **political campaigns** in any way? If "Yes," explain.  **Yes**  **No**
- 2a** Do you attempt to **influence legislation**? If "Yes," explain how you attempt to influence legislation and complete line 2b. If "No," go to line 3a.  **Yes**  **No**
- b** Have you made or are you making an **election** to have your legislative activities measured by expenditures by filing Form 5768? If "Yes," attach a copy of the Form 5768 that was already filed or attach a completed Form 5768 that you are filing with this application. If "No," describe whether your attempts to influence legislation are a substantial part of your activities. Include the time and money spent on your attempts to influence legislation as compared to your total activities.  **Yes**  **No**
- 3a** Do you or will you operate bingo or **gaming** activities? If "Yes," describe who conducts them, and list all revenue received or expected to be received and expenses paid or expected to be paid in operating these activities. **Revenue and expenses** should be provided for the time periods specified in Part IX, Financial Data.  **Yes**  **No**
- b** Do you or will you enter into contracts or other agreements with individuals or organizations to conduct bingo or gaming for you? If "Yes," describe any written or oral arrangements that you made or intend to make, identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements, explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine you pay no more than fair market value or you will be paid at least fair market value. Attach copies or any written contracts or other agreements relating to such arrangements.  **Yes**  **No**
- c** List the states and local jurisdictions, including Indian Reservations, in which you conduct or will conduct gaming or bingo.

**Part VIII Your Specific Activities (Continued)**

**4a** Do you or will you undertake **fundraising**? If "Yes," check all the fundraising programs you do or will conduct. (See instructions.)  **Yes**  **No**

- mail solicitations
- email solicitations
- personal solicitations
- vehicle, boat, plane, or similar donations
- foundation grant solicitations
- phone solicitations
- accept donations on your website
- receive donations from another organization's website
- government grant solicitations
- Other

Attach a description of each fundraising program.

**b** Do you or will you have written or oral contracts with any individuals or organizations to raise funds for you? If "Yes," describe these activities. Include all revenue and expenses from these activities and state who conducts them. Revenue and expenses should be provided for the time periods specified in Part IX, Financial Data. Also, attach a copy of any contracts or agreements.  **Yes**  **No**

**c** Do you or will you engage in fundraising activities for other organizations? If "Yes," describe these arrangements. Include a description of the organizations for which you raise funds and attach copies of all contracts or agreements.  **Yes**  **No**

**d** List all states and local jurisdictions in which you conduct fundraising. For each state or local jurisdiction listed, specify whether you fundraise for your own organization, you fundraise for another organization, or another organization fundraises for you.

**e** Do you or will you maintain separate accounts for any contributor under which the contributor has the right to advise on the use or distribution of funds? Answer "Yes" if the donor may provide advice on the types of investments, distributions from the types of investments, or the distribution from the donor's contribution account. If "Yes," describe this program, including the type of advice that may be provided and submit copies of any written materials provided to donors.  **Yes**  **No**

**5** Are you **affiliated** with a governmental unit? If "Yes," explain.  **Yes**  **No**

**6a** Do you or will you engage in **economic development**? If "Yes," describe your program.  **Yes**  **No**

**b** Describe in full who benefits from your economic development activities and how the activities promote exempt purposes.

**7a** Do or will persons other than your employees or volunteers **develop** your facilities? If "Yes," describe each facility, the role of the developer, and any business or family relationship(s) between the developer and your officers, directors, or trustees.  **Yes**  **No**

**b** Do or will persons other than your employees or volunteers **manage** your activities or facilities? If "Yes," describe each activity and facility, the role of the manager, and any business or family relationship(s) between the manager and your officers, directors, or trustees.  **Yes**  **No**

**c** If there is a business or family relationship between any manager or developer and your officers, directors, or trustees, identify the individuals, explain the relationship, describe how contracts are negotiated at arm's length so that you pay no more than fair market value, and submit a copy of any contracts or other agreements.

**8** Do you or will you enter into **joint ventures**, including partnerships or **limited liability companies** treated as partnerships, in which you share profits and losses with partners other than section 501(c)(3) organizations? If "Yes," describe the activities of these joint ventures in which you participate.  **Yes**  **No**

**9a** Are you applying for exemption as a childcare organization under section 501(k)? If "Yes," answer lines 9b through 9d. If "No," go to line 10.  **Yes**  **No**

**b** Do you provide child care so that parents or caretakers of children you care for can be **gainfully employed** (see instructions)? If "No," explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k).  **Yes**  **No**

**c** Of the children for whom you provide child care, are 85% or more of them cared for by you to enable their parents or caretakers to be gainfully employed (see instructions)? If "No," explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k).  **Yes**  **No**

**d** Are your services available to the general public? If "No," describe the specific group of people for whom your activities are available. Also, see the instructions and explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k).  **Yes**  **No**

**10** Do you or will you publish, own, or have rights in music, literature, tapes, artworks, choreography, scientific discoveries, or other **intellectual property**? If "Yes," explain. Describe who owns or will own any copyrights, patents, or trademarks, whether fees are or will be charged, how the fees are determined, and how any items are or will be produced, distributed, and marketed.  **Yes**  **No**

**Part VIII Your Specific Activities (Continued)**

- 11** Do you or will you accept contributions of: real property; conservation easements; closely held securities; intellectual property such as patents, trademarks, and copyrights; works of music or art; licenses; royalties; automobiles, boats, planes, or other vehicles; or collectibles of any type? If "Yes," describe each type of contribution, any conditions imposed by the donor on the contribution, and any agreements with the donor regarding the contribution.  Yes  No
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- 12a** Do you or will you operate in a **foreign country** or **countries**? If "Yes," answer lines 12b through 12d. If "No," go to line 13a.  Yes  No  
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- b** Name the foreign countries and regions within the countries in which you operate.  
**c** Describe your operations in each country and region in which you operate.  
**d** Describe how your operations in each country and region further your exempt purposes.
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- 13a** Do you or will you make grants, loans, or other distributions to organization(s)? If "Yes," answer lines 13b through 13g. If "No," go to line 14a.  Yes  No
- b** Describe how your grants, loans, or other distributions to organizations further your exempt purposes.  
**c** Do you have written contracts with each of these organizations? If "Yes," attach a copy of each contract.  Yes  No  
**d** Identify each recipient organization and any **relationship** between you and the recipient organization.  
**e** Describe the records you keep with respect to the grants, loans, or other distributions you make.  
**f** Describe your selection process, including whether you do any of the following:  
**(i)** Do you require an application form? If "Yes," attach a copy of the form.  Yes  No  
**(ii)** Do you require a grant proposal? If "Yes," describe whether the grant proposal specifies your responsibilities and those of the grantee, obligates the grantee to use the grant funds only for the purposes for which the grant was made, provides for periodic written reports concerning the use of grant funds, requires a final written report and an accounting of how grant funds were used, and acknowledges your authority to withhold and/or recover grant funds in case such funds are, or appear to be, misused.  Yes  No  
**g** Describe your procedures for oversight of distributions that assure you the resources are used to further your exempt purposes, including whether you require periodic and final reports on the use of resources.
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- 14a** Do you or will you make grants, loans, or other distributions to foreign organizations? If "Yes," answer lines 14b through 14f. If "No," go to line 15.  Yes  No
- b** Provide the name of each foreign organization, the country and regions within a country in which each foreign organization operates, and describe any relationship you have with each foreign organization.  
**c** Does any foreign organization listed in line 14b accept contributions earmarked for a specific country or specific organization? If "Yes," list all earmarked organizations or countries.  Yes  No  
**d** Do your contributors know that you have ultimate authority to use contributions made to you at your discretion for purposes consistent with your exempt purposes? If "Yes," describe how you relay this information to contributors.  Yes  No  
**e** Do you or will you make pre-grant inquiries about the recipient organization? If "Yes," describe these inquiries, including whether you inquire about the recipient's financial status, its tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code, its ability to accomplish the purpose for which the resources are provided, and other relevant information.  Yes  No  
**f** Do you or will you use any additional procedures to ensure that your distributions to foreign organizations are used in furtherance of your exempt purposes? If "Yes," describe these procedures, including site visits by your employees or compliance checks by impartial experts, to verify that grant funds are being used appropriately.  Yes  No

**Part VIII Your Specific Activities** (Continued)

- 15** Do you have a **close connection** with any organizations? If "Yes," explain.  **Yes**  **No**
- 16** Are you applying for exemption as a **cooperative hospital service organization** under section 501(e)? If "Yes," explain.  **Yes**  **No**
- 17** Are you applying for exemption as a **cooperative service organization of operating educational organizations** under section 501(f)? If "Yes," explain.  **Yes**  **No**
- 18** Are you applying for exemption as a **charitable risk pool** under section 501(n)? If "Yes," explain.  **Yes**  **No**
- 19** Do you or will you operate a **school**? If "Yes," complete Schedule B. Answer "Yes," whether you operate a school as your main function or as a secondary activity.  **Yes**  **No**
- 20** Is your main function to provide **hospital or medical care**? If "Yes," complete Schedule C.  **Yes**  **No**
- 21** Do you or will you provide **low-income housing** or housing for the **elderly** or **handicapped**? If "Yes," complete Schedule F.  **Yes**  **No**
- 22** Do you or will you provide scholarships, fellowships, educational loans, or other educational grants to individuals, including grants for travel, study, or other similar purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule H.  **Yes**  **No**

**Note:** Private foundations may use Schedule H to request advance approval of individual grant procedures.



**Part IX Financial Data**

For purposes of this schedule, years in existence refer to completed tax years. If in existence 4 or more years, complete the schedule for the most recent 4 tax years. If in existence more than 1 year but less than 4 years, complete the statements for each year in existence and provide projections of your likely revenues and expenses based on a reasonable and good faith estimate of your future finances for a total of 3 years of financial information. If in existence less than 1 year, provide projections of your likely revenues and expenses for the current year and the 2 following years, based on a reasonable and good faith estimate of your future finances for a total of 3 years of financial information. (See instructions.)

**A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses**

	Type of revenue or expense	Current tax year	3 prior tax years or 2 succeeding tax years			(e) Provide Total for (a) through (d)
		(a) From <u>1/1/14</u> To <u>12/31/14</u>	(b) From <u>1/1/15</u> To <u>12/31/15</u>	(c) From <u>1/1/16</u> To <u>12/31/16</u>	(d) From _____ To _____	
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, and contributions received (do not include unusual grants)	100000	200000	200000		500000
	<b>2</b> Membership fees received	0	0	0		0
	<b>3</b> Gross investment income	25	50	50		125
	<b>4</b> Net unrelated business income	0	0	0		0
	<b>5</b> Taxes levied for your benefit	0	0	0		0
	<b>6</b> Value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit without charge (not including the value of services generally furnished to the public without charge)	0	0	0		0
	<b>7</b> Any revenue not otherwise listed above or in lines 9–12 below (attach an itemized list)	0	0	0		0
	<b>8</b> Total of lines 1 through 7	100025	200050	200050		400125
	<b>9</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to your exempt purposes (attach itemized list)	0	0	0		0
	<b>10</b> Total of lines 8 and 9	100025	200050	200050		400125
	<b>11</b> Net gain or loss on sale of capital assets (attach schedule and see instructions)	0	0	0		0
	<b>12</b> Unusual grants	0	0	0		0
	<b>13</b> Total Revenue Add lines 10 through 12	100025	200050	200050		400125
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>14</b> Fundraising expenses	0	0	0		
	<b>15</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid out (attach an itemized list)	0	0	0		
	<b>16</b> Disbursements to or for the benefit of members (attach an itemized list)	0	0	0		
	<b>17</b> Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees	0	0	0		
	<b>18</b> Other salaries and wages	85025	185050	185050		
	<b>19</b> Interest expense	0	0	0		
	<b>20</b> Occupancy (rent, utilities, etc.)	0	0	0		
	<b>21</b> Depreciation and depletion	0	0	0		
	<b>22</b> Professional fees	0	0	0		
	<b>23</b> Any expense not otherwise classified, such as program services (attach itemized list)	15000	15000	15000		
	<b>24</b> Total Expenses Add lines 14 through 23	100025	200050	200050		

**Part IX Financial Data (Continued)**

**B. Balance Sheet (for your most recently completed tax year)**

Year End: **2014**

<b>Assets</b>		(Whole dollars)
<b>1</b>	Cash . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>2</b>	Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>3</b>	Inventories . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>4</b>	Bonds and notes receivable (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>5</b>	Corporate stocks (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>6</b>	Loans receivable (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>7</b>	Other investments (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>8</b>	Depreciable and depletable assets (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>9</b>	Land . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>10</b>	Other assets (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Total Assets (add lines 1 through 10)</b> . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>12</b>	Accounts payable . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>13</b>	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc. payable . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>14</b>	Mortgages and notes payable (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>15</b>	Other liabilities (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Total Liabilities (add lines 12 through 15)</b> . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>Fund Balances or Net Assets</b>		
<b>17</b>	<b>Total fund balances or net assets</b> . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances or Net Assets (add lines 16 and 17)</b> . . . . .	<b>0</b>
<b>19</b>	Have there been any substantial changes in your assets or liabilities since the end of the period shown above? If "Yes," explain.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Part X Public Charity Status**

Part X is designed to classify you as an organization that is either a **private foundation** or a **public charity**. Public charity status is a more favorable tax status than private foundation status. If you are a private foundation, Part X is designed to further determine whether you are a **private operating foundation**. (See instructions.)

- 1a** Are you a private foundation? If "Yes," go to line 1b. If "No," go to line 5 and proceed as instructed. If you are unsure, see the instructions.  Yes  No
- b** As a private foundation, section 508(e) requires special provisions in your organizing document in addition to those that apply to all organizations described in section 501(c)(3). Check the box to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement, whether by express provision or by reliance on operation of state law. Attach a statement that describes specifically where your organizing document meets this requirement, such as a reference to a particular article or section in your organizing document or by operation of state law. See the instructions, including Appendix B, for information about the special provisions that need to be contained in your organizing document. Go to line 2.
- 2** Are you a private operating foundation? To be a private operating foundation you must engage directly in the active conduct of charitable, religious, educational, and similar activities, as opposed to indirectly carrying out these activities by providing grants to individuals or other organizations. If "Yes," go to line 3. If "No," go to the signature section of Part XI.  Yes  No
- 3** Have you existed for one or more years? If "Yes," attach financial information showing that you are a private operating foundation; go to the signature section of Part XI. If "No," continue to line 4.  Yes  No
- 4** Have you attached either (1) an affidavit or opinion of counsel, (including a written affidavit or opinion from a certified public accountant or accounting firm with expertise regarding this tax law matter), that sets forth facts concerning your operations and support to demonstrate that you are likely to satisfy the requirements to be classified as a private operating foundation; or (2) a statement describing your proposed operations as a private operating foundation?  Yes  No
- 5** If you answered "No" to line 1a, indicate the type of public charity status you are requesting by checking one of the choices below. You may check only one box.  
The organization is not a private foundation because it is:
  - a** 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i)—a church or a convention or association of churches. Complete and attach Schedule A.
  - b** 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)—a **school**. Complete and attach Schedule B.
  - c** 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)—a **hospital**, a cooperative hospital service organization, or a medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Complete and attach Schedule C.
  - d** 509(a)(3)—an organization supporting either one or more organizations described in line 5a through c, f, g, or h or a publicly supported section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organization. Complete and attach Schedule D.

**Part X Public Charity Status (Continued)**

- e 509(a)(4)—an organization organized and operated exclusively for testing for public safety.
- f 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)—an organization operated for the benefit of a college or university that is owned or operated by a governmental unit.
- g 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)—an organization that receives a substantial part of its financial support in the form of contributions from publicly supported organizations, from a governmental unit, or from the general public.
- h 509(a)(2)—an organization that normally receives not more than one-third of its financial support from gross **investment income** and receives more than one-third of its financial support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions (subject to certain exceptions).
- i A publicly supported organization, but unsure if it is described in 5g or 5h. The organization would like the IRS to decide the correct status.

**6** If you checked box g, h, or i in question 5 above, you must request either an **advance** or a **definitive ruling** by selecting one of the boxes below. Refer to the instructions to determine which type of ruling you are eligible to receive.

**a Request for Advance Ruling:** By checking this box and signing the consent, pursuant to section 6501(c)(4) of the Code you request an advance ruling and agree to extend the statute of limitations on the assessment of excise tax under section 4940 of the Code. The tax will apply only if you do not establish public support status at the end of the 5-year advance ruling period. The assessment period will be extended for the 5 advance ruling years to 8 years, 4 months, and 15 days beyond the end of the first year. You have the right to refuse or limit the extension to a mutually agreed-upon period of time or issue(s). Publication 1035, *Extending the Tax Assessment Period*, provides a more detailed explanation of your rights and the consequences of the choices you make. You may obtain Publication 1035 free of charge from the IRS web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or by calling toll-free 1-800-829-3676. Signing this consent will not deprive you of any appeal rights to which you would otherwise be entitled. If you decide not to extend the statute of limitations, you are not eligible for an advance ruling.

**Consent Fixing Period of Limitations Upon Assessment of Tax Under Section 4940 of the Internal Revenue Code**

For Organization

.....  
 (Signature of Officer, Director, Trustee, or other authorized official)

.....  
 (Type or print name of signer)

.....  
 (Date)

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 (Type or print title or authority of signer)

For IRS Use Only

.....  
 IRS Director, Exempt Organizations

.....  
 (Date)

**b Request for Definitive Ruling:** Check this box if you have completed one tax year of at least 8 full months and you are requesting a definitive ruling. To confirm your public support status, answer line 6b(i) if you checked box g in line 5 above. Answer line 6b(ii) if you checked box h in line 5 above. If you checked box i in line 5 above, answer both lines 6b(i) and (ii).

**(i) (a)** Enter 2% of line 8, column (e) on Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses. \_\_\_\_\_

**(b)** Attach a list showing the name and amount contributed by each person, company, or organization whose gifts totaled more than the 2% amount. If the answer is "None," check this box.

**(ii) (a)** For each year amounts are included on lines 1, 2, and 9 of Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each **disqualified person**. If the answer is "None," check this box.

**(b)** For each year amounts are included on line 9 of Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each payer, other than a disqualified person, whose payments were more than the larger of (1) 1% of line 10, Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses, or (2) \$5,000. If the answer is "None," check this box.

**7** Did you receive any unusual grants during any of the years shown on Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses? If "Yes," attach a list including the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, a brief description of the grant, and explain why it is unusual.  **Yes**  **No**

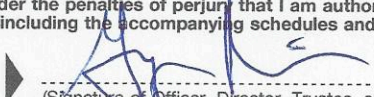
**Part XI User Fee Information**

You must include a user fee payment with this application. It will not be processed without your paid user fee. If your average annual gross receipts have exceeded or will exceed \$10,000 annually over a 4-year period, you must submit payment of \$850. If your gross receipts have not exceeded or will not exceed \$10,000 annually over a 4-year period, the required user fee payment is \$400. See instructions for Part XI, for a definition of **gross receipts** over a 4-year period. Your check or money order must be made payable to the United States Treasury. *User fees are subject to change. Check our website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and type "User Fee" in the keyword box, or call Customer Account Services at 1-877-829-5500 for current information.*

- 1** Have your annual gross receipts averaged or are they expected to average not more than \$10,000?  **Yes**  **No**  
 If "Yes," check the box on line 2 and enclose a user fee payment of \$400 (Subject to change—see above).  
 If "No," check the box on line 3 and enclose a user fee payment of \$850 (Subject to change—see above).
- 2** Check the box if you have enclosed the reduced user fee payment of \$400 (Subject to change).
- 3** Check the box if you have enclosed the user fee payment of \$850 (Subject to change).

I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization and that I have examined this application, including the accompanying schedules and attachments, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct, and complete.

**Please Sign Here**



(Signature of Officer, Director, Trustee, or other authorized official)

**Gary Ruskin**  
 (Type or print name of signer)  
**Executive Director**  
 (Type or print title or authority of signer)

**June 5, 2014**  
 (Date)

**Reminder:** Send the completed Form 1023 Checklist with your filled-in-application.

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**Part IV: Narrative Description of Your Activities**

US Right to Know is a new organization. At this time we have no past or present activities. We are planning the following activities.

We plan to promote the health of all Americans by working for a healthier, safer food system, and for increasing the transparency of our food system.

We plan to focus much of our research and investigative efforts attention on situations in which our food system is inadequately transparent; for example, where food labeling, restaurant labeling other food-related disclosure is inadequate or nonexistent.

We plan to educate the public about food and health issues, to help Americans choose foods that are safer and healthier, and to encourage an increased supply and availability of foods that are safer and healthier.

We plan to research and investigate the safety of certain food and other products. We plan to warn the public in cases where there are potentially dangerous, toxic, unsafe or unwholesome products in our food supply or in other products that consumers may use.

We plan to educate the public about how federal, state and local government decisions are made regarding issues of food and health.

We plan to distribute our investigative and research findings for free to citizens and consumers via our website, in articles, updates, blog posts, and through social media such as Twitter and Facebook. We will also distribute these findings to the news media. We may also write articles for publication in newspapers, magazines and other media outlets.

We plan to begin this work within the next month, and to continue it for as long as there is inadequate transparency in our food system.

Our work will be conducted by US Right to Know staff, consultants, volunteers and members of the general public.

We will fund our work through contributions from individual donors and charitable foundations. We hope and expect that there are many people and some charitable foundations that care about food and health that will support our cause. We will likely accept contributions from the public via our website as well.

## **Part V: Compensation**

### **Question 1a**

The board of directors of our newly formed nonprofit corporation has not yet decided the compensation for its executive director, Gary Ruskin. When it does, any such contract will provide for payment in commercially reasonable amounts in return for services related to the exempt functions of this nonprofit.

### **Question 1b**

Our newly formed nonprofit corporation does not at this time pay anyone more than \$50,000 per year. If and when it does, any such contracts will provide for payment in commercially reasonable amounts in return for services related to the exempt functions of this nonprofit.

### **Question 1c**

This newly formed nonprofit corporation does not at this time pay anyone more than \$50,000 per year. If and when it does, any such contracts will provide for payment in commercially reasonable amounts in return for services related to the exempt functions of this nonprofit.

### **Question 3a**

Following are biographical sketches of the board of directors and officers of US Right to Know. All three directors will likely work an average of less than one hour per week, and they will receive no compensation. Their duties are to direct and oversee the operations of US Right to Know.

At the outset, the executive director of US Right to Know is expected to work approximately 30 hours per week. His duties are to execute the operations of US Right to Know, to supervise other staff, to conduct all necessary financial and program planning, and to conduct fundraising needed to carry out the operations of US Right to Know.

### **Bio of Lisa Graves, Director and Secretary**

Lisa Graves is executive director of the Center for Media and Democracy. She has served as a senior advisor in all three branches of the federal government and other posts. She has also worked as a leading strategist on civil liberties advocacy in the area of national security and as an adjunct law professor at one of the top law schools in the country. Her former leadership positions include:

- Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Policy/Policy Development at the U.S. Department of Justice (handling an array of civil and criminal policy issues as well as leading the working group on judicial nominations -- worked under both Attorneys General Janet Reno and John Ashcroft)

- Chief Counsel for Nominations for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee for the Chairman/Ranking Member
- Senior Legislative Strategist for the American Civil Liberties Union (on national security and surveillance policies)
- Deputy Director of the Center for National Security Studies
- Deputy Chief of the Article III Judges Division of the U.S. Courts (including oversight of the Financial Disclosure Office for judicial ethics)

Graves has testified as an expert witness on national security/homeland security and transparency issues before both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives. She has also appeared as an expert on CNN, ABC, NBC, CBS, MSNBC, CNBC, BBC, C-SPAN, and other news programs and on numerous radio shows, including National Public Radio, Democracy Now!, Air America, and Pacifica Radio. Her analysis has been quoted in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Associated Press*, *Reuters*, *USA Today*, *The Nation*, *The Progressive*, *In These Times*, *Mother Jones*, *Vanity Fair*, *Congressional Quarterly*, *Roll Call*, *National Journal*, *Legal Times*, *Newsday*, and *Wired*, among others, as well as online in The Huffington Post, Talking Points Memo, and other blogs. She has also helped with legal briefs and her analysis of national security issues has been published by the *Texas Law Review* and other publications. She was also the managing editor for the Clinton Administration's National Integrated Firearms Violence Reduction Strategy.

### **Bio of Juliet Schor, Director and Chair**

Juliet Schor is Professor of Sociology at Boston College. Before joining Boston College, she taught at Harvard University for 17 years, in the Department of Economics and the Committee on Degrees in Women's Studies. A graduate of Wesleyan University, Schor received her Ph.D. in economics at the University of Massachusetts.

Her most recent book is *Plenitude: The New Economics of True Wealth* (The Penguin Press 2010). She is also author of the national best-seller, *The Overworked American: The Unexpected Decline of Leisure* (Basic Books, 1992) and *The Overspent American: Why We Want What We Don't Need* (Basic Books, 1998). *The Overworked American* appeared on the best-seller lists of *The New York Times*, *Publisher's Weekly*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Village Voice*, *The Boston Globe* as well as the annual best books list for *The New York Times*, *Business Week* and other publications. The book is widely credited for influencing the national debate on work and family. *The Overspent American* was also made into a video of the same name, by the Media Education Foundation (September 2003).

Schor also wrote *Born to Buy: The Commercialized Child and the New Consumer Culture* (Scribner 2004). She is the author of *Do Americans Shop Too Much?* (Beacon Press 2000), co-editor of *Consumer Society: A Reader* (The New Press 2000) and co-editor of *Sustainable Planet: Solutions for the Twenty-first Century* (Beacon Press 2002). An essay collection, *Consumerism and Its Discontents* is forthcoming from Oxford University Press in 2011. She has also co-edited a number of academic collections.

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She is a co-founder and co-chair of the Board of the Center for a New American Dream, a national sustainability organization.

She was a fellow at the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation in 1995-1996 for a project entitled "New Analyses of Consumer Society." In 2006 she received the Leontief Prize from the Global Development and Economics Institute at Tufts University for expanding the frontiers of economic thought. In 1998 Schor received the George Orwell Award for Distinguished Contributions to Honesty and Clarity in Public Language from the National Council of Teachers of English. Schor's scholarly articles have appeared in the *Economic Journal*, *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, *World Development*, *Industrial Relations*, *The Journal of Economic Psychology*, *Ecological Economics*, *The Journal of Industrial Ecology*, *Social Problems* and other journals. Schor has served as a consultant to the United Nations, at the World Institute for Development Economics Research, and to the United Nations Development Program.

In addition to the foregoing, Schor is a co-founder of the South End Press and the Center for Popular Economics. She is a former Trustee of Wesleyan University, an occasional faculty member at Schumacher College, and a former fellow of the Brookings Institution. Schor has lectured widely throughout the United States, Europe and Japan to a variety of civic, business, labor and academic groups. She appears frequently on national and international media, and profiles on her and her work have appeared in scores of magazines and newspapers, including *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Newsweek*, and *People* magazine. She has appeared on 60 Minutes, the Today Show, Good Morning America, The Early Show on CBS, numerous stories on network news, as well as many other national and local television news programs.

### **Bio of Charlie Cray, Director and Treasurer**

Charlie has been a member of Greenpeace USA's research department since 2010.

Between 1989 and 1999, he also worked with Greenpeace as a member of the Greenpeace Toxics Campaign, organizing campaigns to shut down toxic waste incinerators and phase out PVC plastics.

Between 1999 and 2004, Charlie helped edit *Multinational Monitor* magazine and directed the Campaign for Corporate Reform at Citizen Works, which was co-founded by Ralph Nader after a series of corporate crime wave beginning with Enron.

He is the co-author of *The People's Business: Controlling Corporations and Restoring Democracy* (Berrett-Koehler, 2003), as well as numerous environmental and corporate accountability articles, reports, and blogs.



Between 2004 and 2010, Charlie directed the Center for Corporate Policy (corporatpolicy.org), researching and publishing numerous articles and reports about a variety of topics related to corporate power and accountability, including corporate tax dodging, executive compensation, contractor accountability and corporate crime. During that time he co-founded and maintained the watchdog web site, HalliburtonWatch.org, using it to press for government contractor accountability and reform.

Charlie is a graduate of Amherst College.

### **Bio of Gary Ruskin, Executive Director**

During the 2012 election cycle, Gary Ruskin was campaign manager for Proposition 37, a statewide ballot initiative for labeling of genetically engineered food in California. For fourteen years, he directed the Congressional Accountability Project, which opposed corruption in the U. S. Congress. For nine years, he was executive director and co-founder of Commercial Alert, which opposed the commercialization of every nook and cranny of our lives and culture. He has often been quoted in major newspapers across the country and has appeared scores of times on national TV news programs.

He received his undergraduate degree in religion from Carleton College, and a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

### **Question 4a**

US Right to Know has adopted a conflict of interest policy that controls the approval of salaries to directors, officers and other "disqualified persons" as defined in Section 4958 of the Internal Revenue Code. See Article 9, as well as Article 3, Section 6, and Article 4, Section 9, of the bylaws attached to this application. Also, Article 9, Section 5, of the bylaws applies additional conflict of interest requirements on the board and compensation committee when approving compensation arrangements.

### **Question 4b**

Article 9, Section 3, of US Right to Know's bylaws requires the approval of compensation of directors, officers, and any "disqualified person" as defined in Section 4958 of the Internal Revenue Code in advance after full disclosure of the surrounding facts and approval by disinterested members of the governing board or committee and prior to entering into the compensation agreement or arrangement. Further, Article 9, Section 5(a) of US Right to Know's bylaws requires specific approval of compensation arrangements prior to the first payment of compensation under such arrangements.

### **Question 4c**

Article 9, Section 4, of US Right to Know's bylaws, which are attached to this application, require the taking of written minutes of meetings at which compensation paid to any director, officer, or other "disqualified person" as defined in Section 4958 of the Internal

Revenue Code, are approved. The minutes must include the date and the terms of the approved compensation arrangements. Further, and specifically with respect to the approval by the board or compensation committee of compensation arrangements, Article 9, Section 5(d), of US Right to Know's bylaws requires the recordation of the date and terms of compensation arrangements as well as other specific information concerning the basis for the approval of compensation arrangements.

**Question 4d**

Article 9, Section 4, of US Right to Know's bylaws requires the written recordation of the approval of compensation and other financial arrangements between this organization and a director, officer, employee, contractor, and any other "disqualified person" as defined in Section 4958 of the Internal Revenue Code, including the names of the persons who vote on the arrangement and their votes. Further, and specifically with respect to the approval by the board or compensation committee of compensation arrangements, Article 9, Section 5(d), of the organization's bylaws requires the recordation of the board or committee who were present during discussion of the approval of compensation arrangements, those who voted on it, and the votes cast by each board or committee member.

**Question 4e**

Article 9, Section 5(c), of US Right to Know's bylaws requires that the board or compensation committee considering the approval of a compensation arrangement obtain compensation levels paid by similarly situated organizations, both taxable and tax-exempt, for functionally comparable positions; the availability of similar services in the geographic area of this organization; current compensation surveys compiled by independent firms; and actual written offers from similar institutions competing for the services of the person who is the subject of the compensation arrangement. This article also provides that it is sufficient for these purposes to rely on compensation data obtained from three comparable organizations in the same or similar communities for similar services if this organization's three-years' average gross receipts are less than \$1 million (as allowed by IRS Regulation 53.4958-6).

**Question 4f**

Article 9, Section 5(d), of the organization's bylaws requires that the written minutes of the board or compensation committee meeting at which a compensation arrangement was discussed and approved include the terms of compensation and the basis for its approval. This bylaw provision includes a list of specific information that must be included in the required written minutes.

**Question 5a-c**

The board of directors of US Right to Know has adopted bylaws that contain a conflicts of interest policy. The policy is set out in Article 9 of the attached bylaws. This policy is based on the sample conflict of interest policy contained in Appendix A of the official instructions to IRS Form 1023. The organization has added additional requirements in Article 9, Section 5, of its bylaws for the approval of compensation arrangements that are

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based on the additional requirements contained in IRS Regulation Section 53.4958-6 to help ensure that all compensation arrangements are made by disinterested members of the organization's board or a duly constituted compensation committee of the board and are fair, reasonable, and in furtherance of the tax-exempt purposes of this organization.

## **Part VI**

### **Question 1a**

Yes, US Right to Know plans to produce research and writings about the health and safety of food and other products in the United States. We plan to distribute this information free of charge to the public via our website and social media.

### **Question 1b**

Yes, US Right to Know plans to produce research and writings about the health and safety of food and other products in the United States. We plan to distribute this information free of charge to the newspapers, magazines, radio and TV stations, and other media organizations and their journalists.

### **Question 3**

US Right to Know will provide research and writings about the health and safety of food and other products to everyone for free via our website and social media. Since we will provide this information equally to everyone, inevitably this will mean that individuals who have a family or business relationship to our officers or directors will also receive these work products, because they are members of the general public. But our research and writings are offered equally and without charge to all people via the Internet. Individuals who have a family or business relationship to our officers or directors will receive no special benefits.

## **Part VIII**

### **Question 4a**

Email solicitations: We expect to develop an email list of readers and supporters, and we expect to ask those people to contribute to US Right to Know.

Personal solicitations: The board of directors, staff, consultants and allies of US Right to Know are familiar with many potential individual donors who may want to support our efforts. We expect to ask these people to make financial contributions to US Right to Know.

Foundation grant solicitation: There are many charitable foundations with program areas in food, health, agriculture and toxic chemicals. We plan to solicit foundations with programs in those areas.

Accept donations on your website: We expect to have at least one web page on our website where donors can make financial contributions to US Right to Know. We may also use social media and email solicitations to drive our readers and supporters to our website where they may contribute to US Right to Know.

### **Question 4b**

At this time, we have not hired a fundraiser, and we do not contemplate hiring one within the next year. But, after that, we may (or may not) decide that we want to hire a fundraiser. We have not made any firm decisions on this matter, we have no specific plans to hire a fundraiser, and have not included any potential funds from a professional fundraiser in our revenue and expense projections.

### **Question 4d**

We plan to conduct fundraising equally in all states and local jurisdictions throughout the United States.

### **Question 10**

We plan to prepare and publish information, news, analyses, reports and other writings about the health and safety of food and other food and other products. We plan to release these to the public and the media free of charge via our website and social media. We may also prepare articles for publication in newspapers, magazines and other media outlets.

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**Part IX**

**Question 23**

Access to database of media contacts: \$3,000 per year

Website programming and development: \$7,000 per year

Computer applications and software: \$5,000 per year

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**Part X**

**Line 5**

US Right to Know is a new organization that expects to receive most of its operating revenue from contributions from persons and charitable foundations. We check line 5(i) to ask the IRS to decide whether line 5(g) or 5(h) is the appropriate charity classification for our organization.