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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

2005

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

A For the 2005 calendar year, or tax year beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization
Maryland Public Interest Research Foundation
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
3121 St. Paul St. 26
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Baltimore, MD 21218-3857

D Employer identification number
52 : 1033638

E Telephone number
(410) 467-9389

F Accounting method: Cash Accrual
 Other (specify) ▶

G Website: ▶ **www.marylandpirg.org/foundation**

J Organization type (check only one) ▶ 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check here if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return. Some states require a complete return.

L Gross receipts: Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 ▶ **177,810**

H and I are not applicable to section 527 organizations.
H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No
H(b) If "Yes," enter number of affiliates ▶
H(c) Are all affiliates included? Yes No (If "No," attach a list. See instructions.)
H(d) Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling? Yes No
I Group Exemption Number ▶
M Check if the organization is not required to attach Sch. B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions.)

Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received:				
	a Direct public support	1a		171,341	
	b Indirect public support	1b			
	c Government contributions (grants)	1c			
	d Total (add lines 1a through 1c) (cash \$ 171,341 noncash \$ _____)				1d 171,341
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)				2
	3 Membership dues and assessments				3
	4 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				4 6,469
	5 Dividends and interest from securities				5
	6a Gross rents	6a			
	b Less: rental expenses	6b			
	c Net rental income or (loss) (subtract line 6b from line 6a)				6c
7 Other investment income (describe ▶)				7	
Revenue	8a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(A) Securities	(B) Other		
	b Less: cost of other basis and sales expenses	8a			
	c Gain or (loss) (attach schedule)	8b			
	d Net gain or (loss) (combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B))	8c			8d
Revenue	9 Special events and activities (attach schedule). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>				
	a Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1a)	9a			
	b Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	9b			
	c Net income or (loss) from special events (subtract line 9b from line 9a)				9c
Revenue	10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a			
	b Less: cost of goods sold	10b			
	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule) (subtract line 10b from line 10a)				10c
	11 Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)				11
	12 Total revenue (add lines 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11)				12 177,810
Expenses	13 Program services (from line 44, column (B))				13 193,228
	14 Management and general (from line 44, column (C))				14 6,768
	15 Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))				15 10,284
	16 Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)				16
	17 Total expenses (add lines 16 and 44, column (A))				17 213,555
Not Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 12)				18 (35,745)
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))				19 360,371
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)				20 438
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18, 19, and 20)				21 325,064

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Part II Statement of Functional Expenses All organizations must complete column (A). Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others. (See the instructions.)

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I.		(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
22	Grants and allocations (attach schedule) (cash \$ <u>109,930.92</u> noncash \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	22 109,930.92	109,930.92		
23	Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)	23			
24	Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)	24			
25	Compensation of officers, directors, etc.	25			
26	Other salaries and wages	26 29,226.40	24,525.49	1,778.27	2,922.64
27	Pension plan contributions	27 1,137.17	954.26	69.19	113.72
28	Other employee benefits	28 1,047.20	878.76	63.72	104.72
29	Payroll taxes	29 21,737.93	18,241.50	1,322.63	2,173.79
30	Professional fundraising fees	30			
31	Accounting fees	31 91.54		91.54	
32	Legal fees	32			
33	Supplies	33 357.93	300.36	21.78	35.79
34	Telephone	34 1,699.90	1,426.48	103.43	169.99
35	Postage and shipping	35 2,291.80	1,923.18	139.44	229.18
36	Occupancy	36 380.59	319.37	23.16	38.06
37	Equipment rental and maintenance	37 154.49	129.64	9.40	15.45
38	Printing and publications	38 8,144.17	6,834.22	495.53	814.42
39	Travel	39 7,709.40	6,469.39	469.07	770.94
40	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	40 190.14	159.56	11.57	19.01
41	Interest	41			
42	Depreciation, depletion, etc. (attach schedule)	42 1,950.20	1,636.52	118.66	195.02
43	Other expenses not covered above (itemize):				
a	Consulting	43a 26,587.86	22,311.35	1,617.73	2,658.79
b	Bank charges	43b 223.30	187.38	13.59	22.33
c	Insurance	43c 419.29		419.29	
d	Dues/books/subscriptions	43d 275.24	230.97	16.75	27.52
e	43e			
f	43f			
g	43g			
44	Total functional expenses. Add lines 22 through 43 (Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15)	44 213,555.47	196,228.39	6,767.99	10,283.85

Joint Costs. Check if you are following SOP 98-2.
 Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services? Yes No
 If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ _____; (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ _____;
 (iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ _____; and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ _____

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions.)

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? ▶ All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable. (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.)	Program Service Expenses <small>(Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs., and 4947(a)(1) trusts, but optional for others.)</small>
a Research and public education on issues related to environmental preservation, consumer protection, and the democratic process (Grants and allocations \$ 106,931) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	193,228
b (Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
c (Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
d (Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
e Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
f Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services). . . . ▶	193,228

Part IV Balance Sheets (See the instructions.)

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Note: Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.				
Assets	45 Cash—non-interest-bearing	109,079	45	27,049
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments	373,145	46	477,439
	47a Accounts receivable	47a 9,252.29		
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	47b	3,198	47c 9,252
	48a Pledges receivable	48a		
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	48b		48c
	49 Grants receivable			49
	50 Receivables from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)			50
	51a Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule)	51a		
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	51b		51c
	52 Inventories for sale or use			52
	53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			53
	54 Investments—securities (attach schedule) <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV			54
	55a Investments—land, buildings, and equipment: basis	55a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	55b		55c
	56 Investments—other (attach schedule)			56
	57a Land, buildings, and equipment: basis	57a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	57b	3,900	57c 1,950
	58 Other assets (describe ►)			58
59 Total assets (must equal line 74). Add lines 45 through 58.		489,321	59	515,690
Liabilities	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	128,950	60	190,626
	61 Grants payable		61	
	62 Deferred revenue		62	
	63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)		63	
	64a Tax-exempt bond liabilities (attach schedule)		64a	
	b Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)		64b	
	65 Other liabilities (describe ►)			65
66 Total liabilities. Add lines 60 through 65		128,950	66	190,626
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74.			
	67 Unrestricted	302,621	67	325,064
	68 Temporarily restricted	57,750	68	
	69 Permanently restricted		69	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74.			
	70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds		70	
	71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		71	
	72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		72	
73 Total net assets or fund balances (add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72; column (A) must equal line 19; column (B) must equal line 21)		360,371	73	325,064
74 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances. Add lines 66 and 73.		489,321	74	515,690

Part VI Other Information (continued)		Yes	No
82a	Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value?		✓
	b If "Yes," you may indicate the value of these items here. Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II. (See instructions in Part III.)		
	82b		
83a	Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?	✓	
83b	Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions?	✓	
84a	Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?		✓
84b	b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
85a	85 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations. a Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?		
85b	b Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? If "Yes" was answered to either 85a or 85b, do not complete 85c through 85h below unless the organization received a waiver for proxy tax owed for the prior year.		
	c Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members	85c	
	d Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures	85d	
	e Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices	85e	
	f Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)	85f	
85g	g Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?		
85h	h If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year?		
86	501(c)(7) orgs. Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12	86a	
	b Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities	86b	
87	501(c)(12) orgs. Enter: a Gross income from members or shareholders	87a	
	b Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	87b	
88	At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Part IX		✓
89a	501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ ; section 4912 ▶ ; section 4955 ▶		
	b 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) orgs. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach a statement explaining each transaction		✓
	c Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶		0
	d Enter: Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶		0
90a	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ Maryland		
	b Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2005 (See instructions.)	90b	3
91a	The books are in care of ▶ Brad Heavner Telephone no. ▶ (410) 467-9389 Located at ▶ 3121 St. Paul St. #26, Baltimore, MD ZIP + 4 ▶ 21218-3857		
	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)?	91b	✓
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
	c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶	91c	✓
92	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 92		<input type="checkbox"/>

Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities (See the instructions.)

Note: Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(E) Related or exempt function income
	(A) Business code	(B) Amount	(C) Exclusion code	(D) Amount	
93 Program service revenue:					
a _____					
b _____					
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
f Medicare/Medicaid payments					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
94 Membership dues and assessments					
95 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments			14	3,646	
96 Dividends and interest from securities					
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a debt-financed property					
b not debt-financed property					
98 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
99 Other investment income					
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
101 Net income or (loss) from special events					
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
103 Other revenue: a _____					
b _____					
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))				3,646	
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					3,646

Note: Line 105 plus line 1d, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I.

Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes (See the instructions.)

Line No. ▼	Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes).

Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities (See the instructions.)

(A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity	(B) Percentage of ownership interest	(C) Nature of activities	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets
	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts (See the instructions.)

(a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? Yes No
 (b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? Yes No
Note: If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions).

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.

Please Sign Here
 Signature of officer: Brad Heavner
 Date: 12/15/07
 Type or print name and title: Brad Heavner, Executive Director

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Preparer's signature: _____ Date: _____ Check if self-employed: Preparer's SSN or PTIN (See Gen. Inst. W): _____
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: _____ EIN: _____ Phone no.: _____

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k), 501(n),
or 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

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Supplementary Information—(See separate instructions.)

▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Name of the organization Maryland Public Interest Research Foundation	Employer identification number 52 : 1033638
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Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees
(See page 1 of the instructions. List each one. If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
not applicable				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 . ▶

Part II-A Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services
(See page 2 of the instructions. List each one (whether individuals or firms). If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
not applicable		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶

Part II-B Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Other Services
(List each contractor who performed services other than professional services, whether individuals or firms. If there are none, enter "None." See page 2 of the instructions.)

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
not applicable		

Total number of other contractors receiving over \$50,000 for other services ▶

Part III Statements About Activities (See page 2 of the instructions.)

		Yes	No
1	During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ▶ \$ _____ (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line i of Part VI-B.) Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes" must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.		✓
2	During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.)		
a	Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?		✓
b	Lending of money or other extension of credit?		✓
c	Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?		✓
d	Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?	✓	
e	Transfer of any part of its income or assets?		✓
3a	Do you make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc.? (If "Yes," attach an explanation of how you determine that recipients qualify to receive payments.)		✓
b	Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?		✓
c	During the year, did the organization receive a contribution of qualified real property interest under section 170(h)?		✓
4a	Did you maintain any separate account for participating donors where donors have the right to provide advice on the use or distribution of funds?		✓
b	Do you provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services?		✓

Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 3 through 6 of the instructions.)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only **ONE** applicable box.)

- 5** A church, convention of churches, or association of churches. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 6** A school. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Also complete Part V.)
- 7** A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 8** A Federal, state, or local government or governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 9** A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state ▶ _____
- 10** An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11a** An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11b** A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 12** An organization that normally receives: **(1) more than 33 1/3%** of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its charitable, etc., functions—subject to certain exceptions, and **(2) no more than 33 1/3%** of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 13** An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and supports organizations described in: **(1)** lines 5 through 12 above; or **(2)** sections 501(c)(4), (5), or (6), if they meet the test of section 509(a)(2) Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization: ▶ Type 1 Type 2 Type 3
Provide the following information about the supported organizations. (See page 6 of the instructions.)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Line number from above

- 14** An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4). (See page 6 of the instructions.)

Part IV-A Support Schedule (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12) *Use cash method of accounting.*

Note: You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting.

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2003	(c) 2002	(d) 2001	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received. (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)	158,618	173,288	139,560	73,935	545,401
16 Membership fees received					
17 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc., purpose					
18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975	541	595			1,136
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18.					
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf					
21 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge					
22 Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets					
23 Total of lines 15 through 22	159,159	173,883	139,560	73,935	546,537
24 Line 23 minus line 17	159,159	173,883	139,560	73,935	546,537
25 Enter 1% of line 23	1,592	1,739	1,396	739	

26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11: a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24	26a	10,931
b Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 2001 through 2004 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts	26b	195,052
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test: Enter line 24, column (e)	26c	546,537
d Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 18 <u>1,136</u> 19 <u>0</u> 22 <u>0</u> 26b <u>195,052</u>	26d	196,188
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)	26e	350,349
f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))	26f	64 %

27 Organizations described on line 12: a For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person." Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of such amounts for each year:

(2004) (2003) (2002) (2001)

b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000. (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11b, as well as individuals.) Do not file this list with your return. After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year:

(2004) (2003) (2002) (2001)

c Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 15 _____ 16 _____ 17 _____ 20 _____ 21 _____	27c	
d Add: Line 27a total _____ and line 27b total _____	27d	
e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)	27e	
f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test: Enter amount from line 23, column (e)	27f	
g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))	27g	%
h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))	27h	%

28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 2001 through 2004, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant. Do not file this list with your return. Do not include these grants in line 15.

Part V Private School Questionnaire (See page 7 of the instructions.)
(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)

		Yes	No
29	Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?	29	
30	Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	30	
31	Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe; if "No," please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)	31	
32	Does the organization maintain the following:		
a	Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	32a	
b	Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?	32b	
c	Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	32c	
d	Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?	32d	
	If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)		
33	Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:		
a	Students' rights or privileges?	33a	
b	Admissions policies?	33b	
c	Employment of faculty or administrative staff?	33c	
d	Scholarships or other financial assistance?	33d	
e	Educational policies?	33e	
f	Use of facilities?	33f	
g	Athletic programs?	33g	
h	Other extracurricular activities?	33h	
	If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)		
34a	Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?	34a	
b	Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement.	34b	
35	Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation	35	

Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities (See page 9 of the instructions.)
 (To be completed **ONLY** by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)

Check **a** if the organization belongs to an affiliated group. Check **b** if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures		(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for ALL electing organizations
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)			
36	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	36	
37	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying).	37	
38	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37)	38	
39	Other exempt purpose expenditures	39	
40	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39)	40	
41	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table— If the amount on line 40 is— The lobbying nontaxable amount is— Not over \$500,000 20% of the amount on line 40 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	41	
42	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41).	42	
43	Subtract line 42 from line 36. Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36.	43	
44	Subtract line 41 from line 38. Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38.	44	

Caution: If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720.

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.
 See the instructions for lines 45 through 50 on page 11 of the instructions.)

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				
	(a) 2005	(b) 2004	(c) 2003	(d) 2002	(e) Total
45 Lobbying nontaxable amount					
46 Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e))					
47 Total lobbying expenditures					
48 Grassroots nontaxable amount					
49 Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e))					
50 Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities
 (For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 11 of the instructions.)

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:	Yes	No	Amount
a Volunteers		✓	
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h.)		✓	
c Media advertisements		✓	
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public		✓	
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements		✓	
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes		✓	
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body		✓	
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means		✓	
i Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines c through h.)			0

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.

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Items Requiring Explanation

20. Correction to payroll liabilities from the previous fiscal year.

22. Total grants of \$109,931

Chesapeake Climate Action Network: \$15,000

National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness: \$700

Christus Victor Lutheran Church: \$1,731

Environment Maryland Research and Policy Center: \$92,500

75b. Elizabeth Ridlington and Brad Heavner are married. Brad Heavner is the executive director. Elizabeth Ridlington became board president on May 1, 2006.

79. Work on environmental issues was spun off into a new organization, Environment Maryland Research and Policy Center, Inc. Maryland Public Interest Research Foundation continues to work on issues related to public health, consumer rights, the democratic process, and other public interest concerns.