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Form **990-EZ**

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2008

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

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

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 20 09

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

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization
MaryPIRG Citizen Lobby

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
3121 Saint Paul Street 26

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Baltimore, MD 21218

D Employer identification number
52 1818910

E Telephone number
(410) 467-9389

F Group Exemption Number

• **Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).**

G Accounting method Cash Accrual
Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶ www.marylandpirg.org

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

J Organization type (check only one) — 501(c) (4) ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ 222,312

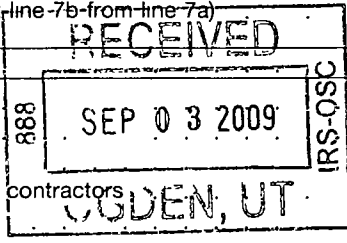
Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)			
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	221,854
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4 Investment income	4	458
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (attach schedule)	5c	
	6 Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
	a Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
	b Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	
c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c		
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8 Other revenue (describe ▶ _____)	8		
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	222,312	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	392,203
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	0
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	16,220
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	9,298
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	6,235
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	2,779
	16 Other expenses (describe ▶ <u>Conferences, depreciation, insurance, travel, supplies, etc.</u>)	16	123,986
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	550,721
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	(328,409)
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	870929
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	542519

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

(See the instructions for Part II.)

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	26004	22 172,620
23	Land and buildings	0	23 0
24	Other assets (describe ▶ <u>accounts receivable</u>)	865550	24 449,227
25	Total assets	891554	25 621,967
26	Total liabilities (describe ▶ <u>accounts payable</u>)	20625	26 79,448
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	870929	27 542,519

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? _____
Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title

Expenses
(Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

28 see attached (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		28a	498,411.35
29 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		29a	
30 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		30a	
31 Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) <input type="checkbox"/>		32	498,411.35

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated. (See the instructions for Part IV.)

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Brad Heavner 1022 W. 38th Street Baltimore, MD 21211	President, 0.5 hrs	0	0	0
Dana Dorman 912 S. Alder St. Philadelphia, PA 19147	Vice President, 0.5 hrs	0	0	0
Ed Johnson 1300 Dayton Ave., St Paul, MN 55104	Secretary, 0.5 hrs	0	0	0
Karen DeCamp 406 Woodford Rd. Baltimore, MD 21212	board member, 0.5 hrs	0	0	0
Johanna Neumann 611 Harding Pl. Baltimore. MD 21211	State Director, 40 hrs	1202	48	0
Lauren Kim 4800 Berwyn House Rd, Apt 107 College Park. MD 2	board member, 0.5 hrs			
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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		✓
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		✓
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T		
35a	a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		✓
35b	b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		✓
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a n/a		
37b	b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?		✓
38b	b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter:		
39a	a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
39b	b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ n/a, section 4912 ▶ n/a; section 4955 ▶ n/a		
40b	b Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations 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," complete Schedule L, Part I		✓
40c	c Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶		
40d	d Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶		
40e	e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.		
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ <u>Maryland</u>		
42a	The books are in care of ▶ <u>Johanna E. Neumann</u> Telephone no ▶ <u>(410) 467-9389</u> Located at ▶ <u>3121 Saint Paul Street Suite 26 Baltimore, MD</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>21218-3857</u>		
42b	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)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶	Yes	No
42c	c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		✓
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 <input type="checkbox"/>		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	Yes	No
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		✓

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

- | | Yes | No |
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| 46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I | | |
| 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II | | |
| 48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E | | |
| 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? | | |
| 49b If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization? | | |
- 50** Complete this table for the five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(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
none				
Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶				

51 Complete this table for the five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
none		
Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶		

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, this return, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here ▶ Johanna E. Neumann Signature of officer Date 8/17/2009

▶ Johanna E. Neumann, State Director Type or print name and title

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Preparer's signature ▶	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions)
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶	EIN ▶	Phone no ▶ ()	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ Yes No

Attachment to Part III:

Stopping Wasteful Energy Practices

In 2008, Maryland PIRG led the effort to enact a statewide energy efficiency goal that ensures utility companies will help consumers save electricity. By meeting the goal, Maryland consumers will save \$4.1 billion on energy costs. Maryland PIRG worked with the office of Gov. O'Malley and the leadership of the Maryland General Assembly to pass the bill and by reaching out to clean energy businesses, low income advocates and the public we built the political climate critical to passing the law. We continue to watchdog Maryland's electric utilities to hold them accountable to meeting the statewide energy efficiency goal.

Additionally, in 2008, Maryland PIRG helped pass legislation that provides more than \$17 million per year to low and moderate income households to help them lower their energy use through common-sense measures, such as weatherization and energy efficient lights.

Protecting Children's Health

In the wake of widespread toy recalls in 2007, Maryland PIRG overcame powerful opposition when we helped pass a bill that prevents the sale or manufacture of toys with dangerous levels of lead in Maryland in 2008. This victory helped push Congress into action and on August 14th, 2008 President Bush signed into law a bill that overhauls the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). The bi-partisan Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 will make consumer products safer by requiring that toys and infant products are tested before they are sold, and by banning toxic chemicals like lead and phthalates in toys. The bill also will create the first comprehensive publicly accessible consumer complaint database, give the CPSC the resources and authority it needs to protect the public, increase civil penalties that CPSC can assess against violators of product safety laws, and protect whistleblowers who report product safety defects.

Making Our Votes Count

When Marylanders cast their vote for members of Congress in 2010, that vote will be backed up by a voter-verified paper record thanks in part to work by Maryland PIRG. We brought together a coalition to enact the change to more secure machines in 2007 and watchdogged the budget process in 2008 to make sure the transition to more secure machines was funded.

Reducing Health Care Costs

Maryland PIRG drew attention to how wasteful spending and insurance company profiteering drive up health care costs through a report we released in 2009. Our findings: without reforms, premiums and deductibles for health care in Maryland will nearly double by 2016. As health care rises to the top of President Obama's and Congress's priority list, we're making the case for reform using our time-tested approach of research, tough-minded advocacy and citizen organizing.

Increasing Government Transparency

In 2008, Maryland PIRG helped pass a bipartisan bill to establish a publicly available, easy-to-use, searchable online database that discloses state subsidies and spending. We call it "Google government."