

Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

(Rev. January 2020)

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

2019

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning, 2019, and ending, 20

B Check if applicable: C Name of organization Vermont Public Interest Research Group, Inc. D Employer identification number 03-0228267 E Telephone number (802) 223-5221 F Name and address of principal officer: Paul Burns, 141 Main St. #6, Montpelier, VT 05602 H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? H(b) Are all subordinates included? H(c) Group exemption number J Website: www.vpirg.org K Form of organization: Corporation L Year of formation: 1972 M State of legal domicile: VT

Part I Summary

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Amount. Rows include: 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission... 2 Check this box... 3-7a Activities & Governance... 8-12 Revenue... 13-19 Expenses... 20-22 Net Assets or Fund Balances.

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here Signature of officer: Paul Burns, Executive Director & Authorized Tax Officer Date: 11/13/2020

Paid Preparer Use Only Print/Type preparer's name: William S. Huckabay, CPA Preparer's signature: William S. Huckabay Date: [blank] Check if self-employed: [] PTIN: P00154308 Firm's name: Tapia & Huckabay, P.C. Firm's EIN: 47-1371818 Firm's address: P.O. Box 38, Vergennes, VT 05491 Phone no.: (802) 870-7086

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) [X] Yes [] No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:
Founded in 1972, the Vermont Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG) is the largest nonprofit consumer and environmental advocacy organization in Vermont, with over 55,000 members and supporters. For nearly five decades, we have brought the voices of average See Part III, Ln 1 statement

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [] Yes [X] No
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [] Yes [X] No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 188,237. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 0.)
General Membership Services - As the largest membership-based environmental and consumer advocacy organization in the state, VPIRG provides educational and informational resources on our campaigns and related issues to over 55,000 members and supporters annually. VPIRG serves as a go-to resource for individuals and groups to learn about public interest policy issues and opportunities for making their voices heard on issues at critical times throughout the year.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 56,262. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 0.)
Climate and Energy - Vermonters know that we have a moral responsibility to protect our kids and grandkids from the environmental, economic, and social havoc that fossil fuels are wreaking. VPIRG agrees with the majority of Vermonters who want to cut our dependence on fossil fuels and take control of our energy future by using clean, renewable power. VPIRG works to advance policies and programs that aim to stop our continued reliance on fossil fuels and other dirty energy like nuclear power, and to dramatically increase the use of clean, local renewable energy.
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Weatherizing Vermont's old housing stock is an essential element of any plan to address our state's rising greenhouse gas emissions. Thanks to VPIRG's hard work on this issue, See Part III, Ln 4b statement

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 65,176. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 0.)
Zero Waste - VPIRG works to advance policies and solutions that hold manufacturers accountable for the products they put into our environment and move us closer to zero waste in Vermont.
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In 2019, VPIRG led the charge for bold legislation to address plastic pollution successfully pushing for the enactment of Act 69, the toughest anti-plastics legislation yet on the statewide level.
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The new law bans troublesome plastic carryout bags and imposes a 10-cent fee on most single-use paper bags to encourage reusable bag use. It also bans plastic drink See Part III, Ln 4c statement

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ 88,066. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 0.)

4e Total program service expenses 397,741.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	1		X
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?	2	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>	3		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	4		
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	5	X	
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>	6		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>	7		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>	8		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>	9		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	10		X
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.			
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	11a	X	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>	11b		X
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>	11c		X
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>	11d	X	
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	11e		X
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	11f		X
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	12a		X
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>	12b		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	13		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV.</i>	14b		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>	15		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV.</i>	16		X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)</i>	17		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	18		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>	19		X
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	20a		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

		Yes	No
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions, for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):			
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		X
b A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		X
c A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in lines 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34	X	
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	X	
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b	X	
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	38	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a 16		
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b 0		
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c		

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No columns. Includes questions 2a through 16 regarding employee reporting, tax returns, business income, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, and charitable contributions.

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

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

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions). 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. [] Own website [] Another's website [X] Upon request [] Other (explain on Schedule O)
19 Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records
Paul Burns, 141 Main St. #6, Montpelier, VT 05602 (802)223-5221

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

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

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

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

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

See instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Ashley Orgain President	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) Chris Miller Vice-President	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) Marianne Barton Treasurer	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) Crea Lintilhac Secretary	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(5) Talia Crowley Trustee	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) Jenn Duggan Trustee	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) Mark Floegel Trustee	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) Kati Gallagher Trustee (Jan - Nov)	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) Drew Hudson Trustee	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) Jennifer Kimmich Trustee	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) Anna Marchessault Trustee	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) Biff Mithoefer Trustee	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) Duane Peterson Trustee	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) Mathew Rubin Trustee	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) Dr. Michael Scollins Trustee	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(16) Jane Stromberg Trustee (Jan - Nov)	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(17) Dori Wolfe Trustee	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(18) Paul Burns Executive Director	14.00 26.00			X				33,506.	62,224.	17,483.
(19)										
(20)										
(21)										
(22)										
(23)										
(24)										
(25)										
1b Subtotal								33,506.	62,224.	17,483.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								33,506.	62,224.	17,483.

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

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

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

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

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a	0.				
	b	Membership dues	1b	0.				
	c	Fundraising events	1c	0.				
	d	Related organizations	1d	0.				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	0.				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	1,482,866.				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$ 0.				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		1,482,866.				
	Program Service Revenue				Business Code			
2a		-----						
b		-----						
c		-----						
d		-----						
e		-----						
f		All other program service revenue . .						
g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f							
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		3,901.	0.	0.	3,901.	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5	Royalties						
	6a	Gross rents		(i) Real				
			6a	(ii) Personal				
				9,360.				
	b	Less: rental expenses	6b	1,870.				
	c	Rental income or (loss)	6c	7,490.				
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		7,490.	0.	0.	7,490.	
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		(i) Securities				
			7a	(ii) Other				
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b					
	c	Gain or (loss)	7c					
	d	Net gain or (loss)						
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a					
	b	Less: direct expenses	8b					
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . .							
9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a						
b	Less: direct expenses	9b						
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . .							
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances							
		10a						
b	Less: cost of goods sold	10b						
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . .							
Miscellaneous Revenue				Business Code				
	11a	-----						
	b	-----						
	c	-----						
	d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d							
12	Total revenue. See instructions			1,494,257.	0.	0.	11,391.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

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

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.				
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	0.	0.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	0.	0.		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0.	0.		
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0.	0.		
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	39,625.	22,642.	13,587.	3,396.
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0.	0.	0.	0.
7 Other salaries and wages	499,001.	216,787.	123,813.	158,401.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	4,002.	1,524.	1,667.	811.
9 Other employee benefits	59,589.	19,669.	27,360.	12,560.
10 Payroll taxes	46,252.	20,539.	11,620.	14,093.
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management	0.	0.	0.	0.
b Legal	1,175.	288.	724.	163.
c Accounting	7,084.	0.	7,084.	0.
d Lobbying	13,542.	13,542.	0.	0.
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0.			0.
f Investment management fees	0.	0.	0.	0.
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	14,635.	2,109.	11,306.	1,220.
12 Advertising and promotion	6,589.	3,007.	1,330.	2,252.
13 Office expenses	26,638.	10,188.	3,377.	13,073.
14 Information technology	69,986.	29,799.	5,258.	34,929.
15 Royalties	0.	0.	0.	0.
16 Occupancy	30,416.	11,948.	11,160.	7,308.
17 Travel	43,946.	24,087.	2,891.	16,968.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0.	0.	0.	0.
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	14,250.	4,364.	8,794.	1,092.
20 Interest	0.	0.	0.	0.
21 Payments to affiliates	0.	0.	0.	0.
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	2,183.	732.	1,037.	414.
23 Insurance	9,259.	1,809.	6,428.	1,022.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <u>Newsletter & Publications</u>	19,066.	8,846.	75.	10,145.
b <u>Bank, Credit Card, & Other Fees</u>	4,468.	2,751.	1,222.	495.
c <u>Dues & Subscriptions</u>	1,309.	409.	669.	231.
d <u>Other Expenses</u>	5,938.	2,701.	943.	2,294.
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	918,953.	397,741.	240,345.	280,867.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	70,116.	1	62,065.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	238,947.	2	266,848.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	28,855.	3	0.
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	40,294.	9	17,053.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	72,444.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	49,522.	22,402.	10c 22,922.
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	1,653,954.	15	2,261,583.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	2,054,568.	16	2,630,471.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	27,260.	17	27,859.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17–24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	27,260.	26	27,859.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	2,027,308.	27	2,602,612.
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	0.	28	0.
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	2,027,308.	32	2,602,612.
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	2,054,568.	33	2,630,471.	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,494,257.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	918,953.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	575,304.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	2,027,308.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	2,602,612.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

		Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.			
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2a		x
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2b		x
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.	2c		
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	3a		x
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	3b		

Additional information from your Form 990: Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax

Form 990: Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax

Form 990, Page 2, Part III, Line 1 (continued)

Continuation Statement

Description
citizens to public policy debates concerning the environment, health care, consumer protection, and democracy. VPIRG's mission is to promote and protect the health of Vermont's people, environment and locally-based economy by informing and mobilizing citizens statewide.

Form 990: Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax

Form 990, Page 2, Part III, Line 4b (continued)

Continuation Statement

Description
Vermont is now taking a small step in the right direction with the enactment of Act 62.
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Under the new law, Vermont's energy efficiency utility, Efficiency Vermont, will allocate funds left over from electric bill efficiency charges toward weatherization incentives for low- and moderate- income Vermonters. The law also directs the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to open a proceeding to assess how Vermont can approach efficiency differently to accelerate progress towards our climate and energy goals - and how best to fund that work.
*
Our goal in 2019 had been to secure the funding needed to double the number of low- and moderate- income homes weatherized every year in Vermont, from 2,000 to 4,000. That would have needed roughly \$11 million in new, ongoing funding. Between the budget and Act 62, the legislature eventually passed a little less than half of that - almost all of it one-time funding, meaning we'll have to continue pushing to accelerate the rate of weatherization.
*
Two other climate victories in 2019 were the enactment of a law setting a schedule for phasing out the use of hydrofluorocarbons statewide-an important move that will help curb the recent spike in atmospheric concentrations of HFCs - and the launch of a new statewide electric vehicle incentive program as legislatively mandated through a VPIRG-backed provision in the 2019 Transportation Bill. This new incentive program will help low to moderate income Vermonters make the much-needed transition from internal combustion engines to cleaner vehicles, helping to reduce climate pollution in Vermont.

Form 990: Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax

Form 990, Page 2, Part III, Line 4c (continued)

Continuation Statement

Description
stirrers and expanded polystyrene food service products and makes straws available

Form 990: Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax

Form 990, Page 2, Part III, Line 4c (continued)

Continuation Statement

Description
upon request in most establishments. Finally, it set up a working group to develop ideas for next steps to address plastic pollution.

Schedule B

(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

OMB No. 1545-0047

2019

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF. ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

Name of the organization Vermont Public Interest Research Group, Inc. Employer identification number 03-0228267

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

- Form 990 or 990-EZ [X] 501(c)(4) (enter number) organization [] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation [] 527 political organization Form 990-PF [] 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation [] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation [] 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the General Rule or a Special Rule.

Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

- [X] For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- [] For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000; or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II. [] For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III. [] For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the General Rule applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it must answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

Name of organization Vermont Public Interest Research Group, Inc.	Employer identification number 03-0228267
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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	Not Applicable - 501(c)(4) Organization 141 Main Street Montpelier VT 05602	\$ 45,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	Not Applicable - 501(c)(4) Organization 141 Main Street Montpelier VT 05602	\$ 25,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	Not Applicable - 501(c)(4) Organization 141 Main Street Montpelier VT 05602	\$ 6,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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Name of organization

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03-0228267

Part II **Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
-----	----- ----- ----- -----	\$-----	-----
-----	----- ----- ----- -----	\$-----	-----
-----	----- ----- ----- -----	\$-----	-----
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Name of organization

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Employer identification number

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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ▶ \$

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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(e) Transfer of gift

Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4

Relationship of transferor to transferee

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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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(e) Transfer of gift

Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4

Relationship of transferor to transferee

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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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(e) Transfer of gift

Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4

Relationship of transferor to transferee

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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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(e) Transfer of gift

Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4

Relationship of transferor to transferee

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SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

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For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Table with 2 columns: Name of organization (Vermont Public Interest Research Group, Inc.) and Employer identification number (03-0228267)

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV. (see instructions for definition of "political campaign activities")
2 Political campaign activity expenditures (see instructions) \$ 0.
3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities (see instructions) 0

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 \$
2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 \$
3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No
4a Was a correction made? Yes No
b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities \$ 0.
2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities \$ 0.
3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b \$
4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No
5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name, (b) Address, (c) EIN, (d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds, (e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. Rows 1-6 are empty.

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)														
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)														
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)														
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures														
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)														
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.														
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="width: 50%;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)														
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-														
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-														
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

Table with columns (a) Yes/No and (b) Amount. Rows include: 1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state, or local legislation...; a Volunteers?; b Paid staff or management...; c Media advertisements?; d Mailings to members...; e Publications...; f Grants to other organizations...; g Direct contact with legislators...; h Rallies, demonstrations...; i Other activities?; j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i; 2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?; b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912; c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912; d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

Table with columns Yes/No. Rows include: 1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?; 2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?; 3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the prior year?

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

Table with columns 1-5. Rows include: 1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members; 2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid); a Current year; b Carryover from last year; c Total; 3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues; 4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?; 5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions); and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Series of horizontal dashed lines for providing supplemental information.

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. Attach to Form 990.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Name of the organization Vermont Public Interest Research Group, Inc. Employer identification number 03-0228267

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 3 columns: Question number, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Includes questions 1-6 regarding donor advised funds.

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Description, Held at the End of the Tax Year. Includes questions 1-9 regarding conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Description, Amount. Includes questions 1a, 1b, 2 regarding art and historical treasures.

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

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that make significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
a Public exhibition
b Scholarly research
c Preservation for future generations
d Loan or exchange program
e Other
4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?
b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
Table with columns: Description, Amount
1c Beginning balance
1d Additions during the year
1e Distributions during the year
1f Ending balance
2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?
b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds.

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

Table with 6 columns: (a) Current year, (b) Prior year, (c) Two years back, (d) Three years back, (e) Four years back. Rows include: 1a Beginning of year balance, b Contributions, c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses, d Grants or scholarships, e Other expenditures for facilities and programs, f Administrative expenses, g End of year balance.

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment %
b Permanent endowment %
c Term endowment %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

- (i) Unrelated organizations
(ii) Related organizations

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Rows: 3a(i), 3a(ii), 3b

b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

Table with 5 columns: Description of property, (a) Cost or other basis (investment), (b) Cost or other basis (other), (c) Accumulated depreciation, (d) Book value. Rows include: 1a Land, b Buildings, c Leasehold improvements, d Equipment, e Other, Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)

Part VII Investments—Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

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

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

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

Part IX Other Assets.

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) Due from affiliate (VPIREF)	2,257,808.
(2) Security deposit	3,775.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.)	2,261,583.

Part X Other Liabilities.

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

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

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

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

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

Table with 5 main rows and sub-rows (a-e) for adjustments. Columns include line numbers and a shaded area for calculations.

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

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

Table with 5 main rows and sub-rows (a-e) for adjustments. Columns include line numbers and a shaded area for calculations.

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

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

Series of horizontal dashed lines for providing supplemental information.

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

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Pt VI, Line 6: Supporters of VPIRG who make contributions of at least \$30 per year - to either VPIRG or its affiliate VPIREF - are automatically considered members.

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

Pt VI, Line 7b: Members must approve any changes to the Organization's bylaws.

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

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

Pt VI, Line 15a: The Executive Committee of the governing Board reviews comparability information as part of the annual salary review of all top officials.

Pt VI, Line 15b: See above description for Part VI, Line 15a.

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

Other: Part III / Line 4d - Other Programs:

Other: Toxics & Environmental Health - VPIRG works to protect the public health and our environment from the hidden dangers of toxic chemicals that we're exposed to every day. VPIRG aims to fundamentally reform how chemicals are regulated by encouraging the use of safer alternatives whenever possible and minimizing exposures particularly for children. In 2019 VPIRG helped enact a landmark law protecting against lead in school drinking water that requires testing of water taps in all schools and childcare centers in the state and mandates remediation for any tap that tests at or above 4 parts per billion of lead. We also worked

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with our allies to advocate for a landmark law establishing drinking water standards for five perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) - toxic chemicals that have been widely used in industry and consumer products since the 1950s.

VPIRG scored another hard-won victory in 2019 when Governor Scott signed into law a bill that he had previously blocked as both governor and lieutenant governor in its earlier iterations. The new law makes important changes to the Chemicals of High Concern to Children program and streamlines the process by which the Commissioner of Health can move to ban or otherwise regulate the use of harmful chemicals in children's products. Finally, in 2019 Gov. Scott signed into law a VPIRG-supported bill that classifies neonicotinoid insecticides as restricted use, an important victory for the protection of pollinators here in Vermont.

Back in 2017, VPIRG joined with our allies at Safer Chemicals Healthy Families and the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization to file a lawsuit challenging Trump administration rules for evaluating the risks of toxic chemicals under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). In 2019, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit found that the EPA had violated the TSCA and determined that the EPA must fix its ongoing risk evaluation to better protect workers and consumers. Also in 2019, VPIRG joined a suit against the Trump EPA for failure to act on deadly methylene chloride paint strippers. We are committed to continuing to fight to protect workers and bystanders from the harmful impacts of methylene chloride exposure.

Other: Elections & Government Reform - VPIRG actively supports efforts to make our democracy more open and transparent. We seek to ensure that elections are fair and balanced by reducing the undue influence of money in our political process. We continue to draw attention to the devastating impact of the Supreme Court's verdict in Citizens United and press for meaningful campaign finance reform.

Other: Consumer Protection - VPIRG has long been committed to addressing Vermont's

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connectivity issues and moving Vermont much more rapidly toward universal broadband coverage. In 2019, Governor Scott signed into law Act 79 - the VPIRG-backed broadband expansion legislation - that represents the most significant set of policies in years to expand and improve broadband internet access throughout the state. The new law increases the funding needed to boost state government support for local internet startups and establishes a state revolving loan fund to help these startups succeed. It also reforms Vermont's pole attachment rules, cutting red tape that is currently preventing local internet service providers from building the infrastructure necessary to bring high-speed Internet to unserved Vermonters. Finally, the bill raises the bar on the internet speeds required for projects receiving state funding - ensuring that we provide Vermonters with service that is commensurate with their needs and prevent state dollars from subsidizing the construction of outdated technology.

Other: Health Care Reform - VPIRG works to reform our health care system so that it provides all Vermonters access to quality, affordable health care when they need it. We remain committed to advancing policies that ensure no Vermonter ever has to decide between receiving a paycheck or caring for a loved one.

Pt III, Line 4d:

Expenses: \$88,066 including grants of: \$0 Revenue: \$0

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

**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)**

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) <u>Vt Public Interest Res. & Educ. Fund, Inc. 51-0163801</u> <u>141 Main St. #6 Montpelier VT 05602</u>	Education	VT	501(c)(3)	509(a)(1)	Vt Public Interest Research Group, Inc.	X	
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512–514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1)												
(2)												
(3)												
(4)												
(5)												
(6)												
(7)												

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
(1)									
(2)									
(3)									
(4)									
(5)									
(6)									
(7)									

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note: Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

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

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) Vermont Public Interest Research and Education Fund, Inc.	d	2,257,808.	Cost
(2) Vermont Public Interest Research and Education Fund, Inc.	n	57,710.	Cost
(3) Vermont Public Interest Research and Education Fund, Inc.	o	94,708.	Cost
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

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

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1)													
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Form 8868

Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

(Rev. January 2020)

OMB No. 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

File a separate application for each return. Go to www.irs.gov/Form8868 for the latest information.

Electronic filing (e-file). You can electronically file Form 8868 to request a 6-month automatic extension of time to file any of the forms listed below with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, for which an extension request must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/e-file-for-charities-and-non-profits.

Automatic 6-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

All corporations required to file an income tax return other than Form 990-T (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Form fields for Name of exempt organization (Vermont Public Interest Research Group, Inc.), Taxpayer identification number (03-0228267), and address (141 Main Street, #6, Montpelier VT 05602).

Enter the Return Code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) 01

Table with 4 columns: Application Is For, Return Code, Application Is For, Return Code. Lists various forms like 990-EZ, 990-BL, 4720, 990-PF, 990-T, and 8870.

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Telephone No. (802) 223-5221 Fax No. (802) 223-6855

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box. If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN).

1 I request an automatic 6-month extension of time until Nov 15, 20 20, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for: [X] calendar year 20 19 or [] tax year beginning, 20, and ending, 20.

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason: [] Initial return [] Final return [] Change in accounting period

Table with 3 rows (3a, 3b, 3c) and 2 columns (Description, Amount). 3a: tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. 3b: refundable credits and estimated tax payments. 3c: Balance due.

Caution: If you are going to make an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.