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May 18, 2007

BY FEDEX

Internal Revenue Service
201 West Rivercenter Blvd.
Attn: Extracting Stop 312
Covington, KY 41011

Re: Application for Recognition of Exemption under Section 501(c)(3), Form 1023 for American Consumer Institute Center for Citizen Research

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is submitted in support of American Consumer Institute Center for Citizen Research's (ACICCR) Application for Recognition of Exemption under Section 501(c)(3).

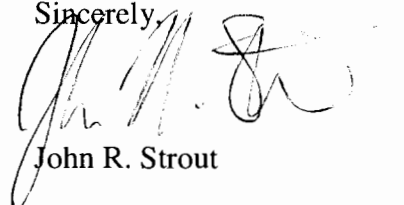
Enclosures

Enclosed you will find the following attachments:

- a) 1 check, payable to the "United States Treasury," totaling \$750.00;
- b) Form 1023 Checklist;
- c) Form 2848, Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative;
- d) Form 1023, Application for Recognition of Exemption under Section 501(c)(3);
- e) Exhibit A, Articles of Incorporation for ACICCR;
- f) Exhibit B, Bylaws for ACICCR;
- g) Form 5768, Election by an Eligible Section 501(c)(3) Organization to Make Expenditures to Influence Legislation;
- h) Exhibit C, Answers to questions posed in the 1023 form; and
- i) Exhibit D, Conflict of Interest Policy for ACICCR.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



John R. Strout

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CITIBANK, N.A. BR.#901
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Seven hundred fifty and NO/100

DATE

05/18/2007

AMOUNT

\$750.00

PAY
TO THE
ORDER
OF

United States Treasury

VOID AFTER SIX MONTHS FROM DATE OF ISSUE
TWO SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON AMOUNTS OVER \$1000.00

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Form 1023 Checklist

(Revised June 2006)

Application for Recognition of Exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

Note. Retain a copy of the completed Form 1023 in your permanent records. Refer to the General Instructions regarding Public Inspection of approved applications.

Check each box to finish your application (Form 1023). Send this completed Checklist with your filled-in application. If you have not answered all the items below, your application may be returned to you as incomplete.

- Assemble the application and materials in this order:
- Form 1023 Checklist
 - Form 2848, *Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative* (if filing)
 - Form 8821, *Tax Information Authorization* (if filing)
 - Expedite request (if requesting)
 - Application (Form 1023 and Schedules A through H, as required)
 - Articles of organization
 - Amendments to articles of organization in chronological order
 - Bylaws or other rules of operation and amendments
 - Documentation of nondiscriminatory policy for schools, as required by Schedule B
 - Form 5768, *Election/Revocation of Election by an Eligible Section 501(c)(3) Organization To Make Expenditures To Influence Legislation* (if filing)
 - All other attachments, including explanations, financial data, and printed materials or publications. Label each page with name and EIN.
- User fee payment placed in envelope on top of checklist. DO NOT STAPLE or otherwise attach your check or money order to your application. Instead, just place it in the envelope.
- Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- Completed Parts I through XI of the application, including any requested information and any required Schedules A through H.
- You must provide specific details about your past, present, and planned activities.
 - Generalizations or failure to answer questions in the Form 1023 application will prevent us from recognizing you as tax exempt.
 - Describe your purposes and proposed activities in specific easily understood terms.
 - Financial information should correspond with proposed activities.
- Schedules. Submit only those schedules that apply to you and check either "Yes" or "No" below.
- | | | | | | |
|------------|---------|--|------------|---------|--|
| Schedule A | Yes ___ | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Schedule E | Yes ___ | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Schedule B | Yes ___ | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Schedule F | Yes ___ | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Schedule C | Yes ___ | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Schedule G | Yes ___ | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Schedule D | Yes ___ | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Schedule H | Yes ___ | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

- An exact copy of your complete articles of organization (creating document). Absence of the proper purpose and dissolution clauses is the number one reason for delays in the issuance of determination letters.
 - Location of Purpose Clause from Part III, line 1 (Page, Article and Paragraph Number) Pages 1-2, Article Third
 - Location of Dissolution Clause from Part III, line 2b or 2c (Page, Article and Paragraph Number) or by operation of state law Page 3, Article Ninth
- Signature of an officer, director, trustee, or other official who is authorized to sign the application.
 - Signature at Part XI of Form 1023.
- Your name on the application must be the same as your legal name as it appears in your articles of organization.

Send completed Form 1023, user fee payment, and all other required information, to:

Internal Revenue Service
P.O. Box 192
Covington, KY 41012-0192

If you are using express mail or a delivery service, send Form 1023, user fee payment, and attachments to:

Internal Revenue Service
201 West Rivercenter Blvd.
Attn: Extracting Stop 312
Covington, KY 41011

Form **2848**
(Rev. March 2004)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative

OMB No. 1545-0150

For IRS Use Only

Received by:

Name _____

Telephone _____

Function _____

Date / /

▶ Type or print. ▶ See the separate instructions.

Part I Power of Attorney

Caution: Form 2848 will not be honored for any purpose other than representation before the IRS.

1 Taxpayer information. Taxpayer(s) must sign and date this form on page 2, line 9.

Taxpayer name(s) and address American Consumer Institute Center for Citizen Research P.O. Box 2161 Reston, Virginia 20195	Social security number(s) _____ _____ _____	Employer identification number 20 8601897
	Daytime telephone number (703) 282-9400	Plan number (if applicable) N/A

hereby appoint(s) the following representative(s) as attorney(s)-in-fact:

2 Representative(s) must sign and date this form on page 2, Part II.

Name and address John R. Strout, Webster, Chamberlain & Bean 1747 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., #1000 Washington, D.C. 20006-4693	CAF No. 0301-47332R Telephone No. (202) 785-9500, ext. 34 Fax No. (202) 835-0243 Check if new: Address <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone No. <input type="checkbox"/> Fax No. <input type="checkbox"/>
Name and address Alan P. Dye, Webster, Chamberlain & Bean 1747 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., #1000 Washington, D.C. 20006-4693	CAF No. 2600-00946R Telephone No. (202) 785-9500 Fax No. (202) 835-0243 Check if new: Address <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone No. <input type="checkbox"/> Fax No. <input type="checkbox"/>
Name and address Edward D. Cofeman, Webster, Chamberlain & Bean 1747 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 1000 Washington, D.C. 20006	CAF No. 2605-46117R Telephone No. (202) 785-9500 Fax No. (202) 835-0243 Check if new: Address <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone No. <input type="checkbox"/> Fax No. <input type="checkbox"/>

to represent the taxpayer(s) before the Internal Revenue Service for the following tax matters:

3 Tax matters

Type of Tax (Income, Employment, Excise, etc.) or Civil Penalty (see the instructions for line 3)	Tax Form Number (1040, 941, 720, etc.)	Year(s) or Period(s) (see the instructions for line 3)
Income, Employment	1023, 990, SS-4	2007-2012

4 Specific use not recorded on Centralized Authorization File (CAF). If the power of attorney is for a specific use not recorded on CAF, check this box. See the instructions for Line 4. **Specific uses not recorded on CAF.** ▶

5 Acts authorized. The representatives are authorized to receive and inspect confidential tax information and to perform any and all acts that I (we) can perform with respect to the tax matters described on line 3, for example, the authority to sign any agreements, consents, or other documents. The authority does not include the power to receive refund checks (see line 6 below), the power to substitute another representative, the power to sign certain returns, or the power to execute a request for disclosure of tax returns or return information to a third party. See the line 5 instructions for more information.

Exceptions. An unenrolled return preparer cannot sign any document for a taxpayer and may only represent taxpayers in limited situations. See **Unenrolled Return Preparer** on page 2 of the instructions. An enrolled actuary may only represent taxpayers to the extent provided in section 10.3(d) of Circular 230. See the line 5 instructions for restrictions on tax matters partners.

List any specific additions or deletions to the acts otherwise authorized in this power of attorney: _____

6 Receipt of refund checks. If you want to authorize a representative named on line 2 to receive, **BUT NOT TO ENDORSE OR CASH**, refund checks, initial here _____ and list the name of that representative below.

Name of representative to receive refund check(s) ▶ _____

7 Notices and communications. Original notices and other written communications will be sent to you and a copy to the first representative listed on line 2.

- a If you also want the second representative listed to receive a copy of notices and communications, check this box
b If you do not want any notices or communications sent to your representative(s), check this box

8 Retention/revocation of prior power(s) of attorney. The filing of this power of attorney automatically revokes all earlier power(s) of attorney on file with the Internal Revenue Service for the same tax matters and years or periods covered by this document. If you do not want to revoke a prior power of attorney, check here. YOU MUST ATTACH A COPY OF ANY POWER OF ATTORNEY YOU WANT TO REMAIN IN EFFECT.

9 Signature of taxpayer(s). If a tax matter concerns a joint return, both husband and wife must sign if joint representation is requested, otherwise, see the instructions. If signed by a corporate officer, partner, guardian, tax matters partner, executor, receiver, administrator, or trustee on behalf of the taxpayer, I certify that I have the authority to execute this form on behalf of the taxpayer.

IF NOT SIGNED AND DATED, THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY WILL BE RETURNED.

Handwritten signature of Stephen B. Pociask

Handwritten date 5/18/07

President

Signature

Date

Title (if applicable)

Stephen B. Pociask

PIN Number boxes

American Consumer Institute Center for Citizen Research

Print Name

PIN Number

Print name of taxpayer from line 1 if other than individual

Signature

Date

Title (if applicable)

Print Name

PIN Number boxes

PIN Number

Part II Declaration of Representative

Caution: Students with a special order to represent taxpayers in Qualified Low Income Taxpayer Clinics or the Student Tax Clinic Program, see the instructions for Part II.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that:

- I am not currently under suspension or disbarment from practice before the Internal Revenue Service;
I am aware of regulations contained in Treasury Department Circular No. 230 (31 CFR, Part 10), as amended, concerning the practice of attorneys, certified public accountants, enrolled agents, enrolled actuaries, and others;
I am authorized to represent the taxpayer(s) identified in Part I for the tax matter(s) specified there; and
I am one of the following:
a Attorney—a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of the jurisdiction shown below.
b Certified Public Accountant—duly qualified to practice as a certified public accountant in the jurisdiction shown below.
c Enrolled Agent—enrolled as an agent under the requirements of Treasury Department Circular No. 230.
d Officer—a bona fide officer of the taxpayer's organization.
e Full-Time Employee—a full-time employee of the taxpayer.
f Family Member—a member of the taxpayer's immediate family (i.e., spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister).
g Enrolled Actuary—enrolled as an actuary by the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries under 29 U.S.C. 1242 (the authority to practice before the Service is limited by section 10.3(d) of Treasury Department Circular No. 230).
h Unenrolled Return Preparer—the authority to practice before the Internal Revenue Service is limited by Treasury Department Circular No. 230, section 10.7(c)(1)(viii). You must have prepared the return in question and the return must be under examination by the IRS. See Unenrolled Return Preparer on page 2 of the instructions.

IF THIS DECLARATION OF REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT SIGNED AND DATED, THE POWER OF ATTORNEY WILL BE RETURNED. See the Part II instructions.

Table with 4 columns: Designation—Insert above letter (a–h), Jurisdiction (state) or identification, Signature, Date. Row 1: a, D.C., [Signature], 5/18/07. Row 2: a, D.C., [Signature], [Date]. Row 3: a, D.C., [Signature], [Date].

**Application for Recognition of Exemption
 Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code**

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

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

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

Part I Identification of Applicant

1 Full name of organization (exactly as it appears in your organizing document)		2 c/o Name (if applicable)	
American Consumer Institute Center for Citizen Research		Stephen B. Pociask	
3 Mailing address (Number and street) (see instructions)	Room/Suite	4 Employer Identification Number (EIN)	
P.O. Box 2161		20-8601897	
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4		5 Month the annual accounting period ends (01 - 12)	
Reston, VA 20195		12	
6 Primary contact (officer, director, trustee, or authorized representative)		b Phone: 202-785-9500	
a Name: John R. Strout		c Fax: (optional) 202-835-0243	
7 Are you represented by an authorized representative, such as an attorney or accountant? If "Yes," provide the authorized representative's name, and the name and address of the authorized representative's firm. Include a completed Form 2848, <i>Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative</i> , with your application if you would like us to communicate with your representative.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
8 Was a person who is not one of your officers, directors, trustees, employees, or an authorized representative listed in line 7, paid, or promised payment, to help plan, manage, or advise you about the structure or activities of your organization, or about your financial or tax matters? If "Yes," provide the person's name, the name and address of the person's firm, the amounts paid or promised to be paid, and describe that person's role.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9a Organization's website: N/A			
b Organization's email: (optional) N/A			
10 Certain organizations are not required to file an information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ). If you are granted tax-exemption, are you claiming to be excused from filing Form 990 or Form 990-EZ? If "Yes," explain. See the instructions for a description of organizations not required to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
11 Date incorporated if a corporation, or formed, if other than a corporation. (MM/DD/YYYY)		03 / 01 / 2007	
12 Were you formed under the laws of a foreign country ? If "Yes," state the country.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Part II Organizational Structure

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

- 1 Are you a **corporation**? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of incorporation showing **certification of filing** with the appropriate state agency. Include copies of any amendments to your articles and be sure they also show state filing certification. **Yes** **No**
- 2 Are you a **limited liability company (LLC)**? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of organization showing certification of filing with the appropriate state agency. Also, if you adopted an operating agreement, attach a copy. Include copies of any amendments to your articles and be sure they show state filing certification. Refer to the instructions for circumstances when an LLC should not file its own exemption application. **Yes** **No**
- 3 Are you an **unincorporated association**? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of association, constitution, or other similar organizing document that is dated and includes at least two signatures. Include signed and dated copies of any amendments. **Yes** **No**
- 4a Are you a **trust**? If "Yes," attach a signed and dated copy of your trust agreement. Include signed and dated copies of any amendments. **Yes** **No**
- b Have you been funded? If "No," explain how you are formed without anything of value placed in trust. **Yes** **No**
- 5 Have you adopted **bylaws**? If "Yes," attach a current copy showing date of adoption. If "No," explain how your officers, directors, or trustees are selected. **Yes** **No**

Part III Required Provisions in Your Organizing Document

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

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

Part IV Narrative Description of Your Activities

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

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

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

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)
Stephen B. Pociask	President/Treasurer/Director	P.O. Box 2161 Reston, VA 20195	None
Anne Danehy	Secretary/Director	P.O. Box 2161 Reston, VA 20195	None
Larry Darby	Director	P.O. Box 2161 Reston, VA 20195	None

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

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

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)
N/A			

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

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)
N/A			

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

- 2a** Are any of your officers, directors, or trustees **related** to each other through **family or business relationships**? If "Yes," identify the individuals and explain the relationship. **Yes** **No**
- b** Do you have a business relationship with any of your officers, directors, or trustees other than through their position as an officer, director, or trustee? If "Yes," identify the individuals and describe the business relationship with each of your officers, directors, or trustees. **Yes** **No**
- c** Are any of your officers, directors, or trustees related to your highest compensated employees or highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1b or 1c through family or business relationships? If "Yes," identify the individuals and explain the relationship. **Yes** **No**

- 3a** For each of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, or 1c, attach a list showing their name, qualifications, average hours worked, and duties.
- b** Do any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, or 1c receive compensation from any other organizations, whether tax exempt or taxable, that are related to you through **common control**? If "Yes," identify the individuals, explain the relationship between you and the other organization, and describe the compensation arrangement. **Yes** **No**

- 4** In establishing the compensation for your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, the following practices are recommended, although they are not required to obtain exemption. Answer "Yes" to all the practices you use.
 - a** Do you or will the individuals that approve compensation arrangements follow a conflict of interest policy? **Yes** **No**
 - b** Do you or will you approve compensation arrangements in advance of paying compensation? **Yes** **No**
 - c** Do you or will you document in writing the date and terms of approved compensation arrangements? **Yes** **No**

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

- d** Do you or will you record in writing the decision made by each individual who decided or voted on compensation arrangements? Yes No
- e** Do you or will you approve compensation arrangements based on information about compensation paid by **similarly situated** taxable or tax-exempt organizations for similar services, current compensation surveys compiled by independent firms, or actual written offers from similarly situated organizations? Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation. Yes No
- f** Do you or will you record in writing both the information on which you relied to base your decision and its source? Yes No
- g** If you answered "No" to any item on lines 4a through 4f, describe how you set compensation that is **reasonable** for your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c.
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- 5a** Have you adopted a **conflict of interest policy** consistent with the sample conflict of interest policy in Appendix A to the instructions? If "Yes," provide a copy of the policy and explain how the policy has been adopted, such as by resolution of your governing board. If "No," answer lines 5b and 5c. Yes No
- b** What procedures will you follow to assure that persons who have a conflict of interest will not have influence over you for setting their own compensation?
- c** What procedures will you follow to assure that persons who have a conflict of interest will not have influence over you regarding business deals with themselves?
- Note:** A conflict of interest policy is recommended though it is not required to obtain exemption. Hospitals, see Schedule C, Section I, line 14.
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- 6a** Do you or will you compensate any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c through **non-fixed payments**, such as discretionary bonuses or revenue-based payments? If "Yes," describe all non-fixed compensation arrangements, including how the amounts are determined, who is eligible for such arrangements, whether you place a limitation on total compensation, and how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than reasonable compensation for services. Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation. Yes No
- b** Do you or will you compensate any of your employees, other than your officers, directors, trustees, or your five highest compensated employees who receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year, through non-fixed payments, such as discretionary bonuses or revenue-based payments? If "Yes," describe all non-fixed compensation arrangements, including how the amounts are or will be determined, who is or will be eligible for such arrangements, whether you place or will place a limitation on total compensation, and how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than reasonable compensation for services. Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation. Yes No
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- 7a** Do you or will you purchase any goods, services, or assets from any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," describe any such purchase that you made or intend to make, from whom you make or will make such purchases, how the terms are or will be negotiated at **arm's length**, and explain how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than **fair market value**. Attach copies of any written contracts or other agreements relating to such purchases. Yes No
- b** Do you or will you sell any goods, services, or assets to any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," describe any such sales that you made or intend to make, to whom you make or will make such sales, how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine you are or will be paid at least fair market value. Attach copies of any written contracts or other agreements relating to such sales. Yes No
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- 8a** Do you or will you have any leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements with your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," provide the information requested in lines 8b through 8f. Yes No
- b** Describe any written or oral arrangements that you made or intend to make.
- c** Identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements.
- d** Explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length.
- e** Explain how you determine you pay no more than fair market value or you are paid at least fair market value.
- f** Attach copies of any signed leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements relating to such arrangements.
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- 9a** Do you or will you have any leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements with any organization in which any of your officers, directors, or trustees are also officers, directors, or trustees, or in which any individual officer, director, or trustee owns more than a 35% interest? If "Yes," provide the information requested in lines 9b through 9f. Yes No

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

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

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

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

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

Part VII Your History

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

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

Part VIII Your Specific Activities

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

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

Part VIII Your Specific Activities (Continued)

- 4a** Do you or will you undertake **fundraising**? If "Yes," check all the fundraising programs you do or will conduct. (See instructions.) **Yes** **No**
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mail solicitations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phone solicitations |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> email solicitations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> accept donations on your website |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> personal solicitations | <input type="checkbox"/> receive donations from another organization's website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vehicle, boat, plane, or similar donations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government grant solicitations |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> foundation grant solicitations | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
- Attach a description of each fundraising program.
- b** Do you or will you have written or oral contracts with any individuals or organizations to raise funds for you? If "Yes," describe these activities. Include all revenue and expenses from these activities and state who conducts them. Revenue and expenses should be provided for the time periods specified in Part IX, Financial Data. Also, attach a copy of any contracts or agreements. **Yes** **No**
- c** Do you or will you engage in fundraising activities for other organizations? If "Yes," describe these arrangements. Include a description of the organizations for which you raise funds and attach copies of all contracts or agreements. **Yes** **No**
- d** List all states and local jurisdictions in which you conduct fundraising. For each state or local jurisdiction listed, specify whether you fundraise for your own organization, you fundraise for another organization, or another organization fundraises for you.
- e** Do you or will you maintain separate accounts for any contributor under which the contributor has the right to advise on the use or distribution of funds? Answer "Yes" if the donor may provide advice on the types of investments, distributions from the types of investments, or the distribution from the donor's contribution account. If "Yes," describe this program, including the type of advice that may be provided and submit copies of any written materials provided to donors. **Yes** **No**
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- 5** Are you **affiliated** with a governmental unit? If "Yes," explain. **Yes** **No**
- 6a** Do you or will you engage in **economic development**? If "Yes," describe your program. **Yes** **No**
- b** Describe in full who benefits from your economic development activities and how the activities promote exempt purposes.
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- 7a** Do or will persons other than your employees or volunteers **develop** your facilities? If "Yes," describe each facility, the role of the developer, and any business or family relationship(s) between the developer and your officers, directors, or trustees. **Yes** **No**
- b** Do or will persons other than your employees or volunteers **manage** your activities or facilities? If "Yes," describe each activity and facility, the role of the manager, and any business or family relationship(s) between the manager and your officers, directors, or trustees. **Yes** **No**
- c** If there is a business or family relationship between any manager or developer and your officers, directors, or trustees, identify the individuals, explain the relationship, describe how contracts are negotiated at arm's length so that you pay no more than fair market value, and submit a copy of any contracts or other agreements.
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- 8** Do you or will you enter into **joint ventures**, including partnerships or **limited liability companies** treated as partnerships, in which you share profits and losses with partners other than section 501(c)(3) organizations? If "Yes," describe the activities of these joint ventures in which you participate. **Yes** **No**
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- 9a** Are you applying for exemption as a childcare organization under section 501(k)? If "Yes," answer lines 9b through 9d. If "No," go to line 10. **Yes** **No**
- b** Do you provide child care so that parents or caretakers of children you care for can be **gainfully employed** (see instructions)? If "No," explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k). **Yes** **No**
- c** Of the children for whom you provide child care, are 85% or more of them cared for by you to enable their parents or caretakers to be gainfully employed (see instructions)? If "No," explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k). **Yes** **No**
- d** Are your services available to the general public? If "No," describe the specific group of people for whom your activities are available. Also, see the instructions and explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k). **Yes** **No**
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- 10** Do you or will you publish, own, or have rights in music, literature, tapes, artworks, choreography, scientific discoveries, or other **intellectual property**? If "Yes," explain. Describe who owns or will own any copyrights, patents, or trademarks, whether fees are or will be charged, how the fees are determined, and how any items are or will be produced, distributed, and marketed. **Yes** **No**

Part VIII Your Specific Activities (Continued)

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

Part VIII Your Specific Activities (Continued)

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

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

Part IX Financial Data

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

A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses

	Type of revenue or expense	Current tax year	3 prior tax years or 2 succeeding tax years			(e) Provide Total for (a) through (d)
		(a) From To 2007	(b) From To 2008	(c) From To 2009	(d) From To	
Revenues	1 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (do not include unusual grants)	20000	22500	25000		67500
	2 Membership fees received	0	0	0		0
	3 Gross investment income	0	0	0		0
	4 Net unrelated business income	0	0	0		0
	5 Taxes levied for your benefit	0	0	0		0
	6 Value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit without charge (not including the value of services generally furnished to the public without charge)	0	0	0		0
	7 Any revenue not otherwise listed above or in lines 9-12 below (attach an itemized list)	0	0	0		0
	8 Total of lines 1 through 7	20000	22500	25000		67500
	9 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to your exempt purposes (attach itemized list)	0	0	0		0
	10 Total of lines 8 and 9	20000	22500	25000		67500
	11 Net gain or loss on sale of capital assets (attach schedule and see instructions)	0	0	0		0
	12 Unusual grants	0	0	0		0
	13 Total Revenue Add lines 10 through 12	20000	22500	25000		67500
Expenses	14 Fundraising expenses	10000	10000	10000		
	15 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid out (attach an itemized list)	0	0	0		
	16 Disbursements to or for the benefit of members (attach an itemized list)	0	0	0		
	17 Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees	0	0	0		
	18 Other salaries and wages	0	0	0		
	19 Interest expense	0	0	0		
	20 Occupancy (rent, utilities, etc.)	1000	1000	1000		
	21 Depreciation and depletion	0	0	0		
	22 Professional fees	3000	3000	3000		
	23 Any expense not otherwise classified, such as program services (attach itemized list)	5000	7000	10000		
	24 Total Expenses Add lines 14 through 23	19000	21000	24000		

Part IX Financial Data (Continued)

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

Year End: **2007**

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

Part X Public Charity Status

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

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

Part X Public Charity Status (Continued)

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

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

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

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

For Organization

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

Stephen B. Pociask
(Type or print name of signer)
President
(Type or print title or authority of signer)

5/18/2007
(Date)

For IRS Use Only

IRS Director, Exempt Organizations

(Date)

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

- (i) (a) Enter 2% of line 8, column (e) on Part IX-A, Statement of Revenues and Expenses. _____
- (b) Attach a list showing the name and amount contributed by each person, company, or organization whose gifts totaled more than the 2% amount. If the answer is "None," check this box.
- (ii) (a) For each year amounts are included on lines 1, 2, and 9 of Part IX-A, Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each **disqualified person**. If the answer is "None," check this box.
- (b) For each year amounts are included on line 9 of Part IX-A, Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each payer, other than a disqualified person, whose payments were more than the larger of (1) 1% of line 10, Part IX-A, Statement of Revenues and Expenses, or (2) \$5,000. If the answer is "None," check this box.

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

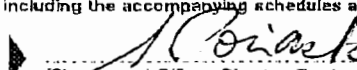
Part XI User Fee Information

You must include a user fee payment with this application. It will not be processed without your paid user fee. If your average annual gross receipts have exceeded or will exceed \$10,000 annually over a 4-year period, you must submit payment of \$750. If your gross receipts have not exceeded or will not exceed \$10,000 annually over a 4-year period, the required user fee payment is \$300. See instructions for Part XI, for a definition of **gross receipts** over a 4-year period. Your check or money order must be made payable to the United States Treasury. User fees are subject to change. Check our website at www.irs.gov and type "User Fee" in the keyword box, or call Customer Account Services at 1-877-829-5500 for current information.

- 1 Have your annual gross receipts averaged or are they expected to average not more than \$10,000? Yes No
If "Yes," check the box on line 2 and enclose a user fee payment of \$300 (Subject to change—see above).
If "No," check the box on line 3 and enclose a user fee payment of \$750 (Subject to change—see above).
- 2 Check the box if you have enclosed the reduced user fee payment of \$300 (Subject to change).
- 3 Check the box if you have enclosed the user fee payment of \$750 (Subject to change).

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

Please Sign Here


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

Stephen B. Pociask
(Type or print name of signer)
President
(Type or print title or authority of signer)

5/18/2007
(Date)

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

Commonwealth of Virginia



STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

Richmond, March 1, 2007

This is to certify that the certificate of incorporation of

**American Consumer Institute Center for Citizen
Research**

*was this day issued and admitted to record in this office and that
the said corporation is authorized to transact its business subject
to all Virginia laws applicable to the corporation and its business.
Effective date: March 1, 2007*



State Corporation Commission

Attest:

Joel H. Beck
Clerk of the Commission

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
AMERICAN CONSUMER INSTITUTE CENTER FOR CITIZEN RESEARCH**

TO: The State Corporation Commission
Richmond, Virginia

I, the undersigned natural person of the age of 21 years or more, acting as the incorporator of a corporation adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation pursuant to the Virginia Nonstock Corporation Act.

FIRST: The name of the corporation is:

American Consumer Institute Center for Citizen Research

SECOND: The period of duration is perpetual.

THIRD: This corporation is organized, and shall be administered and operated to receive, administer, and expend funds for the following charitable and educational purposes, and to support in other ways the following activities within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986:

1. To conduct research on subjects of interest to consumers and publish the results of such research;
2. To provide information useful to American consumers;
3. To engage in other charitable and educational activity as determined by the board of directors;
5. To engage in any and all lawful activities incidental to the foregoing purposes except as restricted herein.

In order to accomplish the foregoing charitable and educational purposes, and for no other purpose or purposes, this corporation shall also have the power to:

- (a) sue and be sued;
- (b) make contracts;
- (c) receive property by devise or bequest, subject to the laws regulating the transfer of property by will, and otherwise acquire and hold all property, real or personal, including shares of stock, bonds and securities of other corporations;

(d) act as trustee under any trust whose objects are related to the principal objects of the corporation, and to receive, hold, administer and expend funds and property subject to such trust;

(e) convey, exchange, lease, mortgage, encumber, transfer upon trust or otherwise dispose of all property, real or personal;

(f) borrow money, contract debts and issue bonds, notes, and debentures, and secure the payment or performance of its obligations; and

(g) do all other acts necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of the purposes of this corporation; provided, however, that this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purposes of this corporation.

FOURTH: The corporation shall not have members.

FIFTH: No part of the net income of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes and objects set forth in Article THIRD hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provisions set forth in these Articles of Incorporation, at any time during which it is deemed a private foundation, the corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; the corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; the corporation shall not own any excess business holdings that would subject it to tax under Section 4943 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; the corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to the tax imposed by Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and the corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Any reference in these Articles to any section of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall be deemed to incorporate by reference the corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

SIXTH: The affairs of the corporation shall be carried on through its Board of Directors. The election or appointment of new directors shall be by the present Board; successors to outgoing directors shall be elected by the Board of Directors. In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by statute, the corporation is expressly authorized to carry on its affairs and to hold annual or special meetings of its Board of Directors either within or out of any of the states, territories or possessions of the United States, or the District of Columbia.

SEVENTH: The private property of the incorporators, directors and officers shall not be subject to the payment of corporate debts to any extent whatever.

EIGHTH: Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or by an organization contributions to which are to be deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code.

NINTH: Upon the dissolution of the corporation or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the corporation shall be distributed exclusively for charitable or educational purposes or to organizations which are then exempt from federal tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and to which contributions are then deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code.

TENTH: The address, including the street and number of its initial registered office is 2002 North Kenmore St., Arlington, VA 22207, located in the County of Arlington and the name of its initial registered agent is James S. Wilson, Jr., a Virginia resident and member of the Virginia State Bar/director of the corporation, whose address is 2002 North Kenmore St., Arlington, Virginia 22207.

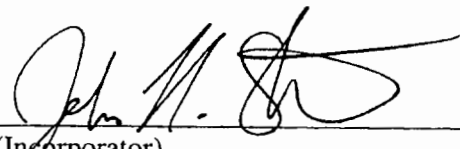
ELEVENTH: The corporation reserves the right to amend, change or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation or to merge or consolidate this corporation with any other nonprofit corporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute, provided, however, that any such action shall be undertaken exclusively to carry out the objects and purposes for which the corporation is formed, and all rights herein conferred or granted shall be subject to this reservation.

TWELETH: The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is one (1), but the number of directors may be increased or decreased in the manner set forth in the bylaws, provided that the number shall not be less than one (1). The name and address, including street and number, of the person who is to serve as the initial directors is:

NAME	ADDRESS
Stephen B. Pociask	P.O. Box 2161 Reston, VA 20195

THIRTEENTH: The name and address of the incorporator is John R. Strout, 1747 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20006.

Dated: 2/15/07



(Incorporator)

BYLAWS
OF
AMERICAN CONSUMER INSTITUTE CENTER FOR CITIZEN RESEARCH

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of this non-profit corporation is American Consumer Institute Center For Citizen Research. It is hereinafter referred to in these Bylaws as the Corporation.

ARTICLE II
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. **General Powers.** The property, affairs, and business of the Corporation shall be managed and controlled by its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may by general resolution delegate to officers of the Corporation and to committees such powers as provided for in these Bylaws.

2. **Number.** The number of Directors shall be three, or such other number as shall be decided by the directors from time to time.

3. **Terms.** The initial Directors shall serve terms of three years or until their successors are elected and qualified. Directors may succeed themselves in office. The Board of Directors shall establish a procedure so that after the expiration of the terms of the initial directors one-third of the membership of the Board of Directors is elected each year.

4. **Resignation.** Any Director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or, if no time is specified, at the time of acceptance thereof as determined by the President or Board of Directors.

5. **Removal.** The vote of a majority of the number of the Directors established by these bylaws shall be required to remove a Director from office prior to the expiration of the term for which that Director has been elected.

6. **Vacancies.** Vacancies among the Directors, whether caused by resignation, death, removal, or expiration of a term, may be filled by the remaining Directors at any regular or special meeting.

7. **Meetings.** (a) The Board of Directors shall provide by resolution the time and place, whether within or without the Commonwealth of Virginia, for the holding of the annual meeting of the Board, and any other regular meetings of the Board.

(b) Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chairman

or the President, or by a majority of the voting Directors then in office, who may fix any place, whether within or without the Commonwealth of Virginia, as the place for holding any special meeting.

8. **Notice.** Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least seven days previous thereto by written notice delivered personally or sent by mail or telegram to each Director at his address as shown by the records of the Corporation. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice be given by telegram, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the telegram is delivered to the telegraph company. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a Director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by law or by these Bylaws.

9. **Quorum.** The presence in person of a majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board; but if less than a majority of the Directors are present in person at said meeting, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

10. **Manner of Acting.** The act of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these Bylaws. Directors may attend a meeting by telephonic or similar equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other or may vote by mail ballot.

11. **Informal Action.** Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of Directors, or any action that may be taken at a meeting of Directors, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the Directors.

12. **Compensation.** Directors shall not receive any stated salaries for their services as such, but by resolution of the Board of Directors expenses of attendance may be allowed for attendance at each regular or special meeting of the Board; however, nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any Director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving reasonable compensation therefor.

ARTICLE III **OFFICERS**

1. **Officers.** The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be elected in accordance with other provisions of this Article. The Board of Directors may elect such other officers or agents, including a Chairman of the Board and an Executive Director, one or more Assistant Secretaries, and one or more Assistant

Treasurers, as it shall deem desirable, and such officers shall have the authority and perform the duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary.

2. **Selection.** The officers of the Corporation shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the Board. If the election of these officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as convenient. New offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified.

3. **Removal.** Any officer, except the President, elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Corporation would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the officer so removed. The President shall be removed only upon a two-thirds vote of the Directors.

4. **Vacancy.** A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

5. **President.** The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Corporation and shall exercise general supervision over the affairs of the Corporation, its officers, and personnel, consistent with policies established by the Board of Directors. The President may sign any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these Bylaws or by statute to some other officer or agent of the Corporation; and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of the President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The President may authorize and approve expenditures and take such other steps he or she shall deem necessary to advance the purposes of the Corporation, provided such steps do not exceed the scope of authority granted him by the Board of Directors.

6. **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation; receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Corporation from any source whatsoever and deposit all such monies in the name of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of Article VII of these Bylaws; and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the administration and oversight of the Corporation's financial records, initiation of an annual audit (if necessary), compliance with statutory reporting requirements, tax returns, and tax payments. If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his or her duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine.

7. **Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and shall oversee the keeping, preparation, and filing of all other records required by law or by the policies of the Board; be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the

Corporation and see that the seal of the Corporation is affixed to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of the Corporation under its seal is duly authorized in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws; keep a register of the post office address of each Director which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such Director; and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

8. Assistant Treasurers and Secretaries. The Assistant Treasurers and Assistant Secretaries, in general, shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to them by the Treasurer or the Secretary or by the President or the Board of Directors. If required by the Board of Directors, the Assistant Treasurers shall give bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties in such sums and with such sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine.

ARTICLE IV **COMMITTEES**

1. Authority. (a) The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors in office, may designate and appoint one or more committees of its members, each of which shall consist of two or more persons, which committees, to the extent provided in said resolution, shall have and exercise the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the Corporation; provided, however, that no such committee shall have the authority of the Board of Directors in reference to amending, altering or repealing the Bylaws; electing, appointing or removing any member of any such committee or any Director or officer of the Corporation; amending the Articles of Incorporation; adopting a plan of merger or adopting a plan of consolidation with another corporation; authorizing the sale, lease, exchange or mortgage of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Corporation; authorizing the voluntary dissolution of the Corporation or revoking proceedings therefor; adopting a plan for the distribution of the assets of the Corporation; or amending, altering, or repealing any resolution of the Board of Directors which by its terms provides that it shall not be amended, altered, or repealed by such committee. The designation and appointment of any such committee and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the Board of Directors or any individual Director of any responsibility imposed upon it or him by law.

(b) Other committees not having and exercising the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the Corporation may be designated and appointed by resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors at a meeting at which a quorum is present, or by the Chairman as authorized by a like resolution of the Board. Membership on such committees need not be limited to Directors.

2. Term. Each member of a committee shall continue as such until the next annual meeting of the Directors of the Corporation and until his successor is appointed, unless the committee shall be sooner terminated, or unless such member be removed from such committee, or unless such member shall cease to qualify as a member thereof.

3. Chairman. One member of each committee shall be appointed chairman by the person or persons authorized to appoint the members thereof.

4. Vacancies. Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointments.

5. Manner of Acting. Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors designating a committee, a majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee. Each committee may adopt rules for its own governance not inconsistent with these Bylaws or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors.

6. Board of Trustees. The Board of Directors may appoint a Board of Trustees to act as informal advisors to the corporation. The Board of Directors may establish by resolution the compensation and functions of the Board of Trustees. No such Board of Trustees may exercise the powers of the Corporation.

ARTICLE V **CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS**

1. Contracts. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent, or agents of the Corporation in addition to the officers so authorized by these Bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

2. Checks. All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent, or agents of the Corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer and countersigned by the President or Vice President of the Corporation.

3. Deposits. All funds of the Corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

4. Funds. The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the Corporation any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the general purposes or for any special purpose of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VI **BOOKS AND RECORDS**

The Corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its Board of Directors and committees having any of the authority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII
FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December.

ARTICLE VIII
SEAL

The Board of Directors shall provide a corporate seal which shall be in a form selected by a resolution of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX
INDEMNIFICATION

Any present or former Director, officer, employee, or agent of the Chapter, or other such persons so designated in the discretion of the Board of Directors, or the legal representative of such person, shall be indemnified (including advances against expenses) by the Chapter against all judgments, fines, settlements, and other reasonable costs, expenses, and counsel fees paid or incurred in connection with any action, suit, or proceeding to which any such person or his legal representative may be made a party by reason of his being or having been such a Director, officer, employee, or agent, to the extent authorized by the Board of Directors. No indemnification or advance against expenses shall be approved by the Board or paid by the Chapter until after receipt from legal counsel of an opinion concerning the legality of the proposed indemnification or advance.

ARTICLE X
PROCEDURE

The rules contained in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall provide the rules of procedure for the Corporation where they are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by a majority of the Directors present at any regular meeting or at any special meeting, if at least seven days' written notice is given of intention to alter, amend, or repeal, or to adopt new Bylaws at such meeting.

Form **5768**

Election/Revocation of Election by an Eligible Section 501(c)(3) Organization To Make Expenditures To Influence Legislation

(Rev. December 2004)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

(Under Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code)

For IRS
Use Only ▶

Name of organization:

American Consumer Institute Center for Citizen Research

Employer identification number

20-8601897

Number and street (or P.O. box no., if mail is not delivered to street address):

P.O. Box 2161

Room/suite

City, town or post office, and state

Reston, VA 20195

ZIP + 4

1 Election—As an eligible organization, we hereby elect to have the provisions of section 501(h) of the Code, relating to expenditures to influence legislation, apply to our tax year ending **December 31, 2007** and all subsequent tax years until revoked. (Month, day, and year)

Note: This election must be signed and postmarked within the first taxable year to which it applies.

2 Revocation—As an eligible organization, we hereby revoke our election to have the provisions of section 501(h) of the Code, relating to expenditures to influence legislation, apply to our tax year ending _____ (Month, day, and year)

Note: This revocation must be signed and postmarked before the first day of the tax year to which it applies.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am authorized to make this (check applicable box) election revocation on behalf of the above named organization.

Stephen B. Pociask
(Signature of officer or trustee)

Stephen B. Pociask / President
(Type or print name and title)

5/18/2007
(Date)

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 501(c)(3) states that an organization exempt under that section will lose its tax-exempt status and its qualification to receive deductible charitable contributions if a substantial part of its activities are carried on to influence legislation. Section 501(h), however, permits certain eligible 501(c)(3) organizations to elect to make limited expenditures to influence legislation. An organization making the election will, however, be subject to an excise tax under section 4911 if it spends more than the amounts permitted by that section. Also, the organization may lose its exempt status if its lobbying expenditures exceed the permitted amounts by more than 50% over a 4-year period. For any tax year in which an election under section 501(h) is in effect, an electing organization must report the actual and permitted amounts of its lobbying expenditures and grass roots expenditures (as defined in section 4911(c)) on its annual return required under section 6033. See Schedule A (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ). Each electing member of an affiliated group must report these amounts for both itself and the affiliated group as a whole.

To make or revoke the election, enter the ending date of the tax year to which the election or revocation applies in item 1 or 2, as applicable, and sign and date the form in the spaces provided.

Eligible Organizations.—A section 501(c)(3) organization is permitted to make the election if it is not a disqualified organization (see below) and is described in:

1. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) (relating to educational institutions),
2. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii) (relating to hospitals and medical research organizations),
3. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) (relating to organizations supporting government schools),
4. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (relating to organizations publicly supported by charitable contributions),
5. Section 509(a)(2) (relating to organizations publicly supported by admissions, sales, etc.), or
6. Section 509(a)(3) (relating to organizations supporting certain types of public charities other than those section 509(a)(3) organizations that support section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations).

Disqualified Organizations.—The following types of organizations are not permitted to make the election:

- a. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i) organizations (relating to churches),

- b. An integrated auxiliary of a church or of a convention or association of churches, or
- c. A member of an affiliated group of organizations if one or more members of such group is described in a or b of this paragraph.

Affiliated Organizations.—Organizations are members of an affiliated group of organizations only if (1) the governing instrument of one such organization requires it to be bound by the decisions of the other organization on legislative issues, or (2) the governing board of one such organization includes persons (i) who are specifically designated representatives of another such organization or are members of the governing board, officers, or paid executive staff members of such other organization, and (ii) who, by aggregating their votes, have sufficient voting power to cause or prevent action on legislative issues by the first such organization.

For more details, see section 4911 and section 501(h).

Note: A private foundation (including a private operating foundation) is not an eligible organization.

Where To File.—Mail Form 5768 to the Internal Revenue Service Center, Ogden, UT 84201-0027.

PART I—IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

Item 7

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E-mail: jstrout@wc-b.com

PART IV—NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

American Consumer Institute Center for Citizen Research (the “ACICCR”) is a consumer research educational organization incorporated as a non-profit corporation. ACICCR’s goal is to inform mainstream consumers on important issues that affect their lives by providing consumer news and research. The Institute accomplishes this by:

Publishing information for the general public on such topics as consumer safety, food and drug recalls, product recalls, finding government assistance, and helpful consumer tips. ACICCR hopes to start on this project within the year.

Acting as a clearinghouse for new research on public policies affecting consumers. ACICCR’s goal is to promote a more factual debate for the resolution of important public policies. ACICCR provides empirical evidence that seeks to quantify the consumer benefits and measures changes in cost/benefit.

PART V—COMPENSATION, ETC., FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AND INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

Item 2a

Anne Danehy, Secretary and Director of ACICCR, is the sister-in-law of Stephen Pociask, President, Treasurer and Director of ACICCR, and their respective businesses have done a limited amount of work together in the past. The respective businesses of Larry Darby, Director of ACICCR, and Stephen Pociask, President, Treasurer and Director of ACICCR, have done work together in the past.

Item 3a

Name: Stephen Pociask

Qualifications: Mr. Pociask has been involved in public policy research for over twenty-five years. He has published numerous economic studies, including three books, and policy studies for various independent think tanks. Many of his research studies have focused the

consequences of public policies on consumer welfare. He has extensive experience in various policy issues, including telecommunications, energy, healthcare and insurance. He has conducted several surveys of consumer opinion covering a wide variety of public policy issues. He has also written reports on small businesses' telecommunications expenditures and use, and broadband use in rural America. He has testified before Congress and appeared numerous times in the media. He is a public policy associate and an Adjunct Scholar. From 1998 to 2000, Mr. Pociask served as chief economist and executive vice president for an economic consulting firm in Washington, DC. He has completed his Ph.D. coursework in economics and has an M.A. in economics.

Average hours: Mr. Pociask will work the minimum amount of hours required to perform the duties associated with those of an officer and director of ACICCR

Duties: Mr. Pociask will perform the duties of officer and director of ACICCR as required by its bylaws.

Name: Anne Danehy

Qualifications: Ms. Danehy brings more than 15 years of experience in designing, conducting and analyzing public opinion research both nationally and internationally for use in developing and evaluating public policy programs and public relations. Ms. Danehy has conducted research involving various demographic segments, including teenagers, low-income residents, mentally ill patients and non-English speaking populations. Over the years, her research has covered medical, public health and safety issues. On the political front, she has conducted numerous political polls for political candidates. She is also actively involved in community education issues. Ms. Danehy holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Master of Arts degree in Public Opinion Research. Ms. Danehy is a lecturer at various universities. Prior to her current assignment, Ms. Danehy served as a Vice President and a Director of Research of a company where she was involved in survey and focus group research.

Average hours: Ms. Danehy will work the minimum amount of hours required to perform the duties associated with those of an officer and director of ACICCR.

Duties: Ms. Danehy will perform the duties of officer and director of ACICCR as required by its bylaws.

Name: Dr. Larry Darby

Qualifications: Dr. Darby is president and founder of a communications consultant business in Washington DC. He advises a broad spectrum of clients on issues in broadcasting, cable television, domestic and foreign telephony, trade and technology, and domestic common carrier regulation. He is a professorial lecturer in telecommunications finance and an adjunct professor of law. Dr. Darby has testified before Congress on wireless spectrum; airline passenger services; deregulation of telecom markets, trade agreements, and postal rate structures. He is an advisor to foreign governments; to major infrastructure companies; and, to several startups in the IT space. Prior to this, he was Vice-President for a corporation, spent two years on Capitol Hill as the Executive Director of a Study Commission, served as Chief Economist and Chief of the FCC and served as Senior Economist of Telecommunications Policy in the White House Office. He also taught managerial economics, industrial economics, and the regulation of business for a Graduate School of Business. He earned a doctorate in economics, specializing in industrial organization and international economics.

Average hours: Dr. Darby will work the minimum amount of hours required to perform the duties associated with those of an officer and director of ACICCR.

Duties: Dr. Darby will perform the duties of officer and director of ACICCR as required by its bylaws.

Item 5a

The Conflict of Interest Policy was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

PART VIII—SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

Item 2a

ACICCR may contact various legislators regarding issues that are relevant to ACICCR's exempt purpose. ACICCR may also encourage the general public to contact their legislator regarding their support for legislation. All expenditures for these activities will constitute an insubstantial amount of ACICCR's expenditures. All attempts to influence legislation will be done to the extent permitted by §4911. ACICCR will make the section 501(h) election and form 5768 is attached.

Item 4a

ACICCR shall engage in fundraising activities including mail solicitations, email solicitations, personal solicitations, foundation grant solicitations, phone solicitations, government grant solicitations, and other possible types of activities. ACICCR is currently developing its fundraising program and does not have a program at this time.

Item 4d

ACICCR will raise funds nation wide, in most, if not all, states.

Item 10

ACICCR does not currently publish, own, or have rights in music, literature, tapes, or other intellectual property, but it intends to publish various documents in the future. In addition, it may provide educational programming that will be provided in the form of video or audio recording.

PART IX—FINANCIAL DATA

A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses

Line 23

These expenses will be made for the marketing and dissemination of materials on behalf of ACICCR's exempt purpose.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY
FOR
AMERICAN CONSUMER INSTITUTE
CENTER FOR CITIZEN RESEARCH**

**Article I
Purpose**

The purpose of this conflict of interest policy (the "Policy") is to protect American Consumer Institute Center for Citizen Research's (the "Organization") interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

**Article II
Definitions**

- 1. Interested Person.** Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.
- 2. Financial Interest.** A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:
 - a.** An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement,
 - b.** A compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or
 - c.** A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

Article III Procedures

1. Duty to Disclose. In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists. After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest.

a. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.

b. The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.

c. After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.

d. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy

a. If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.

b. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the

member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

Article IV Records of Proceedings

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

- a.** The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- b.** The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

Article V Compensation

A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation. A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation. No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

Article VI Annual Statements

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement that affirms such person:

- a.** Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,
- b.** Has read and understands the policy,
- c.** Has agreed to comply with the policy, and

d. Understands the Organization is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities that accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

Article VII Periodic Reviews

To ensure the Organization operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

- a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.
- b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Organization's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

Article VIII Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.