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CLIMATE SCIENCE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND 475 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, SUITE 246 NEW YORK, NY 10115

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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Department of the Treasury

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations) Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning Check if applicable: C Name of organization D Employer identification number Address change CLIMATE SCIENCE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND Name change 47-1941171 Initial return Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) E Telephone number Room/suite Final return/ termin-ated 475 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, SUITE 246 646-801-0853 525,799. City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code G Gross receipts \$ Amended return 10115 NEW YORK, NY H(a) Is this a group return Applica-tion pending F Name and address of principal officer: LAUREN KURTZ __Yes X No for subordinates? SAME AS C ABOVE **H(b)** Are all subordinates included? Yes Tax-exempt status: X 501(c)(3) 527 501(c) ((insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or If "No," attach a list. See instructions WWW.CSLDF.ORG J Website: H(c) Group exemption number **K** Form of organization: **X** Corporation Other L Year of formation: 2014 M State of legal domicile: DE Trust Association Part I Summary Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: SEE SCHEDULE O **Activities & Governance** 2 if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets. 11 3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 3 $\overline{11}$ Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 4 4 0 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2023 (Part V, line 2a) 5 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 6 7 a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 **b** Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11 0. 7h **Prior Year Current Year** 517,665. 522,694. Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) 8 0. 0. Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 582. 2.810. Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) 10 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) 384. 295. 11 518,631. 799 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) 12 0. 0. Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) 0. 0. 14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) 191,932. Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) 168,139. 15 16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) **b** Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 174,779. 198,872. Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) 367,011. 366,711. 18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) 151,920. 158,788. Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 **Beginning of Current Year End of Year** 5 1,087,317. 1,243,468. Total assets (Part X, line 16) 26,167. 23,530. 21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) 三年 061,150. 219,938 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 ... Part II | Signature Block Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge. lauren October 7, 2024 Signature of officer Date Sign EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LAUREN KURTZ Here Type or print name and title Date PTIN Print/Type preparer's name Preparer's signature YIGIT UCTUM, CPA 09/30/24 P01269549 YIGIT UCTUM, CPA Paid self-employed Firm's EIN 39-0974031 WEGNER CPAS LLP Preparer Firm's name Firm's address 230 PARK AVE FL 3 Use Only NEW YORK, NY 10169-0005 Phone no. (212) 551-1724 X Yes May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

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Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-E27	Pai	Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III
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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

			Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)?			
	If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? See instructions	2	Х	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for			
	public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3		Х
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect			
-	during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4		х
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or			
•	similar amounts as defined in Rev. Proc. 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5		x
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to	Ť		
U	provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6		x
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space,			
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	the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II			
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete			_V
	Schedule D, Part III	8		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for			
	amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services?			٠,,
	If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9		<u> </u>
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments			
	or in quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10		X
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X,			
	as applicable.			
а	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D,			
	Part VI	11a	X	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12, that is 5% or more of its total			
	assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	11b		X
С	Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13, that is 5% or more of its total			
	assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	11c		X
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in			
	Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d		X
е	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e		Х
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses			
	the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11f		Х
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete			
	Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a	Х	
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year?			
_	If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	12b		x
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13		х
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a		X
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business,	u		<u></u>
	investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000			
	or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any	- 1.12		
	foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15		x
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to			
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17	or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	10		
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX,	47		x
10	column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I. See instructions	17		<u> </u>
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines	4.		_v
40	1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18		<u> </u>
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes,"			\ . ,
	complete Schedule G, Part III	19		X
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a		X
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b		
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or			
	domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes." complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21		X

CLIMATE SCIENCE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND 47-1941171 Page 4 Part IV | Checklist of Required Schedules (continued) Yes No Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III Х 22 23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes." complete 23 X 24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Х 24a Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? 24b Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? 24c d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? 24d 25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I 25a Х b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes." complete Х 25b 26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% Х controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II 26 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled Х entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III 27 28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (See the Schedule L, Part IV, instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions): A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? If "Yes." complete Schedule L, Part IV 28a X **b** A family member of any individual described in line 28a? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV 28b c A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? If 28c "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV 29 29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in noncash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M 30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation Х contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M 30 Х Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I 31 31 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes." complete Х 32 Schedule N, Part II Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations X sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I 33 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and 34 X 35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? 35a b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 35b Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? Х If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 36 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI Х 37 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Х Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O 38 Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V Yes No 9 **1a** Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable 0 Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable

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Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming

(gambling) winnings to prize winners?

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

			Yes	No
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements,			
	filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return			
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b		
За	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	1	X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O	3b	,	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a			
	financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	1	X
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country			
	See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	1	X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		X
С	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	50	:	_
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit			
	any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a	1	X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts			
	were not tax deductible?	6k)	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			177
а	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b)	
С	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required	۱_		x
	to file Form 8282? If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year 7d	70	;	 ^
d		٦,		х
e f	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7e		X
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	70		125
9 h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the	7.		
Ū	sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
а	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	98		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9k		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
а	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12			
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities			
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:			
а	Gross income from members or shareholders			
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against			
	amounts due or received from them.)			
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12	а	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	4		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
а	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?	13	а	
	Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the			
	organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans 13b	-		
C	Enter the amount of reserves on hand [13c]	144	_	x
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14		<u> </u>
	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If</i> " <i>No</i> ," <i>provide an explanation on Schedule O</i> Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or	14	_	
15		15		x
	excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	10		
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income?	16		х
.0	If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.			
17	Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person engage in any activities			
	that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952 or 4953?	17	,	
	If "Yes," complete Form 6069.			

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Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure. For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on Schedule O. See instructions. X Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI Section A. Governing Body and Management Yes No 11 **1a** Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O. 11 **b** Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other Х officer, director, trustee, or key employee? 2 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision 3 Х of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? 3 X Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? 4 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? 5 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? 6 Х 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? Х 7a b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? X 7b Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: Х a The governing body? 8a **b** Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? Х 8b Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes." provide the names and addresses on Schedule O Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.) Yes Nο 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? 10a b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? Х 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? 11a b Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. Х 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 12a Х b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? 12b c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes." describe Х 12c on Schedule O how this was done Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? Х 13 13 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? 14 Х 14 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official Х 15a Х Other officers or key employees of the organization 15b If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions. 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a Х taxable entity during the year? 16a b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? 16b Section C. Disclosure List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed CA, FL, MA, MD, MI, NC, NH, NY, OR, PA, VA Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. X Own website Another's website X Upon request ___ Other (explain on Schedule O) Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year. State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records LAUREN KURTZ - 646-801-0853 475 RIVERSIDE DR STE 246, NEW YORK, NY 10115

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

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

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

- 1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.
- List all of the organization's current officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
 - List all of the organization's current key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five current highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEĆ) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

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

- List all of the organization's former officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's former directors or trustees that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations. See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week	(do		Pos heck	ition	than o	one n an	(D) Reportable compensation from	(E) Reportable compensation from related	(F) Estimated amount of other
	(list any hours for related organizations below line)	Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	compensation from the organization and related organizations
(1) LAUREN KURTZ	40.00									
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	 			Х				88,000.	0.	69.
(2) JOSHUA WOLFE	5.00	ļ								
PRESIDENT	1 00	Х		Х				0.	0.	0.
(3) SCOTT MANDIA	1.00								_	•
SECRETARY	0.00	Х		Х				0.	0.	0.
(4) CHARLES ZELLER	2.00	.,		,,					_	0
TREASURER	2 00	Х		Х				0.	0.	0.
(5) ANDREW FREY	2.00	.,		7,7					_	0
VICE PRESIDENT (6) NAOMI ORESKES	1.00	Х		Х				0.	0.	0.
DIRECTOR	1.00	х						0.	0.	0
(7) JEFFREY MASTERS	2.00	^						0.	0.	0.
DIRECTOR	2.00	x						0.	0.	0.
(8) MICHAEL OPPENHEIMER	1.00	^						0.	0.	<u></u>
DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) MICHAEL GERRARD	1.00	22						•	<u> </u>	
DIRECTOR	1100	х						0.	0.	0.
(10) KATRINA KUH	1.00							· ·	•	
DIRECTOR		x						0.	0.	0.
(11) CYMIE PAYNE	1.00	ļ <u> </u>								
DIRECTOR		Х						0.	0.	0.
(12) ARADHNA TRIPATI	1.00									
DIRECTOR		Х						0.	0.	0.
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Par	t VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trus	tees, Key Emp	oloy	ees,	and	l Hiç	ghes	t C	ompensated Employee	s (continued)				
	(A)	(B)	(C)				(D)	(E)			(F)			
	Name and title	Average	(do		Posi heck i		າ than ເ	one	Reportable	Reportable	,	E	stimate	∌d
		hours per	box	, unles	ss per	rson i	s both	n an	compensation	compensatio		ar	mount	of
		week (list any					1	l	from the	from related		000	other	tion
		hours for	Individual trustee or director				_			organization (W-2/1099-MIS		l	npensa rom th	
		related	ee or	stee			nsate		(W-2/1099-MISC/	1099-NEC)		l	ganizat	
		organizations	trust	Institutional trustee		oyee	Highest compensated employee		1099-NEC)	,		ı `	, d relat	
		below	vidual	itution	ser	Key employee	nest c	ner				org	anizati	ons
		line)	Indi	Inst	Officer	Key	High	윤						
		-												
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			-											
			-											
1b	Subtotal					<u> </u>			88,000.		0.			69.
c	Total from continuation sheets to Part VI	I. Section A							0.		0.			0.
	Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								88,000.		0.			69.
2	Total number of individuals (including but n								•	000 of reportable	 }			
	compensation from the organization						•			•				0
													Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any former officer,	director, trust	ee, k	кеу е	empl	oye	e, or	hig	hest compensated empl	loyee on				
	line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for sa	uch individual										3		Х
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the su	ım of reportabl	е сс	mpe	ensa	tion	and	oth	ner compensation from the	ne organization				
	and related organizations greater than \$150	0,000? If "Yes,	" co	mple	ete S	Sche	edule	Jf	or such individual			4		Х
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or a													
	rendered to the organization? If "Yes," com	plete Schedule	e J f	or su	ıch r	oers	on .					5		X
Sec	tion B. Independent Contractors													
1	Complete this table for your five highest co	•	•								pensat	tion fr	om	
	the organization. Report compensation for	the calendar ye	ear e	endir	ng w	ith c	or wi	thin T		ear.				
	(A)	addraga	37/						(B)	om do o o	0)) 	C)	_
	Name and business	address	N	ONE	5				Description of s	ervices		ompe	ensatio	<u> </u>
								-						
								\dashv						
								_						
								_						
2	Total number of independent contractors (ii	ncludina hut n	ot lir	niter	to t	thos	se lis	ted	above) who received mo	ore than				
_	\$100,000 of compensation from the organization					(

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Part VIII Statement of Revenue

		Check if Schedule O contains	a response	or note to any lin	e in this Part VIII			
				,	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
					Total revenue	Related or exempt	Unrelated	Revenue excluded from tax under
						function revenue	business revenue	sections 512 - 514
SS	1 a	Federated campaigns	1a					
anta								
يَّ وَ		Membership dues						
fts, Ar		Fundraising events						
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts		Related organizations						
ns, Sim		Government grants (contributions						
utio er (Ť	All other contributions, gifts, grants, a		E22 604				
현된		similar amounts not included above .		522,694.				
ont od (Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g \$		F00 C04			
<u>0 g</u>	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		1	522,694.			
				Business Code				
e	2 a	·						
e Ķ	b	·						
Se	С	:						
am	d	I						
Program Service Revenue	е	·						
P	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	-						
	3	Investment income (including divi						
					2,810.			2,810.
	4	Income from investment of tax-ex			•			•
	5	Royalties						
	•	The state of the s	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	6 3	Gross rents 6a	()	()				
	C	Rental income or (loss) 6c						
		Net rental income or (loss)) Securities	(ii) Other				
	<i>i</i> a) Securities	(II) Other				
		assets other than inventory 7a						
	b	Less: cost or other basis						
nue l		and sales expenses 7b						
Revenue		Gain or (loss) 7c						
		Net gain or (loss)	I	I				
her	8 a	Gross income from fundraising events	(not					
ᅙ		including \$						
		contributions reported on line 1c)						
		Part IV, line 18						
	b	Less: direct expenses	8b					
	С	Net income or (loss) from fundrais	ing events					
	9 a	Gross income from gaming activit	I					
		Part IV, line 19	9a					
	b	Less: direct expenses						
	С	Net income or (loss) from gaming	activities					
	10 a	Gross sales of inventory, less retu	rns					
		and allowances	10a					
	b	Less: cost of goods sold						
		Net income or (loss) from sales of						
		, ,	,	Business Code				
snc	11 a	ı						
nec	u							
Miscellaneous Revenue	c							
Be	4	All other revenue		900099	295.			295.
Σ	u	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		-	295.			2,50.
	12	Total revenue. See instructions			525,799.	0.	0.	3,105.
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	n 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must comple Check if Schedule O contains a respons	e or note to any line in t	his Part IX		X
	ot include amounts reported on lines 6b, b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations				
	and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic				
	individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign				
	organizations, foreign governments, and foreign				
	individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
	Compensation of current officers, directors,				
	trustees, and key employees	88,069.	74,859.	6,605.	6,605.
6	Compensation not included above to disqualified				
	persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and				
	persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	56,090.	52,964.	461.	2,665.
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include				
	section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9	Other employee benefits	10,419.	10,330.	39.	50.
	Payroll taxes	13,561.	12,024.	669.	868.
	Fees for services (nonemployees):				
а	Management				
	Legal				
	Accounting	12,850.		12,850.	
	Lobbying	-			
	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
	Investment management fees				
	Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25,				
-	column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	117,936.	28,830.	33,160.	55,946.
	Advertising and promotion	1,653.	1,106.	475.	72.
	Office expenses	14,039.	857.	8,534.	4,648.
	Information technology	5,796.	2,974.	148.	2,674.
	Royalties	7,1001			
	Occupancy	19,657.	17,436.	963.	1,258.
	Travel	10.	27,1001	3001	10.
	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses	200			
	for any federal, state, or local public officials				
	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	3,576.	3,576.		
	_	3,370.	3,370.		
	Interest				
	Payments to affiliates	2,966.		2,966.	
	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	20,389.	5,000.	15,389.	
	Insurance Other expanses by appared not sovered	40,303.	3,000.	13,303.	
	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule 0.)				
а					
b					
С					
d					
	All other expenses				
	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	367,011.	209,956.	82,259.	74,796.
	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization	·	,	·	•
	reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined				
	educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				
	Check here if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

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Part X | Balance Sheet

<u>Par</u>	tΧ	Balance Sheet					
		Check if Schedule O contains a response or no	te to an	line in this Part X			
					(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing			781,560.	1	865,346
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			279,699.	2	282,509
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		1,449.	3	76,181	
	4	Accounts receivable, net				4	
	5	Loans and other receivables from any current of					
		trustee, key employee, creator or founder, subs	stantial c	ontributor, or 35%			
		controlled entity or family member of any of the	ese pers	ns		5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqua	lified per	ons (as defined			
		under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons describe	ed in sec	on 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
ţ	7	Notes and loans receivable, net				7	
Assets	8	Inventories for sale or use				8	1.2 - 2.2
⋖	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			18,918.	9	16,707
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other		04 040			
		basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D		24,248.	2 661		605
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation		23,553.	3,661.	10c	695
	11	Investments - publicly traded securities			11		
	12	Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line			12		
	13	Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line		13			
	14	Intangible assets		0.020	14	2 020	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	2,030.	15	2,030		
-	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must eq			1,087,317.	16	1,243,468
	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			26,167.	17	23,530
	18	Grants payable				18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19			
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities				20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete				21	
Liabilities	22	Loans and other payables to any current or for					
┋╽		trustee, key employee, creator or founder, sub-				22	
La	22	controlled entity or family member of any of the Secured mortgages and notes payable to unre				23	
	23 24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelate				24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, p				24	
	20	parties, and other liabilities not included on line	•				
		of Schedule D	-			25	
	26	=			26,167.	26	23,530
		Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, ch					==7,000
es		and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.		_			
auc	27	Net assets without donor restrictions			1,061,150.	27	1,159,938
Bai	28	Net assets with donor restrictions			0.	28	60,000
힏		Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC					
ᇳ		and complete lines 29 through 33.					
ğ	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	s			29	
Set	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or e				30	
As	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated i				31	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	32	Total net assets or fund balances			1,061,150.	32	1,219,938
-	33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			1,087,317.	33	1,243,468

Pai	T XI Reconciliation of Net Assets						
	Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI						
1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1			<u>99.</u>		
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2			<u>11.</u>		
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3			88.		
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	1,06	1,1	<u>50.</u>		
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5					
6	6 Donated services and use of facilities 6						
7	Investment expenses	7					
8							
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9			0.		
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32,						
	column (B))	10	1,21	9,9	38.		
Pai	t XII Financial Statements and Reporting						
	Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII				X		
				Yes	No		
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash X Accrual Other						
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.							
2a	2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?						
	If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed	on a					
	separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:						
	Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis						
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?		2b	X			
	If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate	basis,					
	consolidated basis, or both:						
	X Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis						
С	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the	audit,					
	review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?						
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.							
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the							
	Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?		За		Х		
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required						
	or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	<u></u>	3b				
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SCHEDULE A

(Form 990)

Total

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

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Open to Public Inspection

Employer identification number Name of the organization CLIMATE SCIENCE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND 47-1941171 Part I Reason for Public Charity Status. (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions. The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.) A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i). A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).) 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Complete Part II.) 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v). X An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.) A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.) An agricultural research organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix) operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or 10 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions, subject to certain exceptions; and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Complete Part III.) 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4). 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See section 509(a)(3). Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g. Type I. A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B. Type II. A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C. Type III functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E. Type III non-functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V. Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization. Enter the number of supported organizations Provide the following information about the supported organization(s). (iv) Is the organization listed (i) Name of supported (ii) EIN (iii) Type of organization (v) Amount of monetary (vi) Amount of other in your governing document? (described on lines 1-10 organization support (see instructions) support (see instructions) Yes above (see instructions))

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Sec	tion A. Public Support									
Cale	ndar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total			
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and									
	membership fees received. (Do not									
	include any "unusual grants.")	502,800.	357,913.	569,124.	517,665.	522,694.	2470196.			
2	Tax revenues levied for the organ-						_			
	ization's benefit and either paid to									
	or expended on its behalf									
3	The value of services or facilities									
	furnished by a governmental unit to									
	the organization without charge									
4	Total. Add lines 1 through 3	502,800.	357,913.	569,124.	517,665.	522,694.	2470196.			
	The portion of total contributions			·						
	by each person (other than a									
	governmental unit or publicly									
	supported organization) included									
	on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the									
	amount shown on line 11,									
	column (f)						528,868.			
6	Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						1941328.			
	ction B. Total Support									
Cale	ndar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total			
	Amounts from line 4	502,800.	357,913.	569,124.	517,665.	522,694.	2470196.			
	Gross income from interest,	•		•						
	dividends, payments received on									
	securities loans, rents, royalties,									
	and income from similar sources		2,960.	1,157.	582.	2,810.	7,509.			
9	Net income from unrelated business		,	,		,	,			
_	activities, whether or not the									
	business is regularly carried on									
10	Other income. Do not include gain									
	or loss from the sale of capital									
	assets (Explain in Part VI.)									
11	Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						2477705.			
	Gross receipts from related activities,	etc. (see instructio	ns)			12	9,906.			
	First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the	•				01(c)(3)	•			
	organization, check this box and stop	-								
Sec	tion C. Computation of Publi									
14	Public support percentage for 2023 (I	ine 6, column (f), di	ivided by line 11, c	olumn (f))		14	78.35 %			
15	Public support percentage from 2022	Schedule A, Part I	II, line 14			15	74.94 %			
16a	33 1/3% support test - 2023. If the	organization did no	t check the box or	line 13, and line 1	14 is 33 1/3% or m	ore, check this box	k and			
	stop here. The organization qualifies						77			
b	33 1/3% support test - 2022. If the	organization did no	t check a box on li	ne 13 or 16a, and	line 15 is 33 1/3%	or more, check thi	s box			
	and stop here. The organization qual	ifies as a publicly s	upported organiza	tion						
17a	10% -facts-and-circumstances test									
	and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization									
	meets the facts-and-circumstances te	st. The organizatio	n qualifies as a pu	blicly supported or	ganization					
b	10% -facts-and-circumstances test	- 2022. If the org	anization did not c	heck a box on line						
	more, and if the organization meets the	ne facts-and-circum	stances test, chec	k this box and st	op here. Explain ir	n Part VI how the				
	organization meets the facts-and-circu	ımstances test. Th	e organization qua	lifies as a publicly	supported organiz	ation				
18	Private foundation. If the organization	n did not check a l	oox on line 13, 16a	a, 16b, 17a, or 17b	, check this box ar					
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Schedule A (Form 990) 2023

Part III | Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Suppor		ow, picase comp	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginr	ning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
Gifts, grants, contributions, membership fees received. include any "unusual grants"	and (Do not						
2 Gross receipts from admiss merchandise sold or service formed, or facilities furnishe any activity that is related to organization's tax-exempt p	sions, es per- ed in o the						
3 Gross receipts from activities are not an unrelated trade of iness under section 513	- 1						
4 Tax revenues levied for the ization's benefit and either or expended on its behalf	·						
5 The value of services or factorinished by a governmentathe organization without ch	al unit to						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through	5						
7a Amounts included on lines3 received from disqualified	′′′						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 re from other than disqualified persons exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% or amount on line 13 for the year	that f the						
c Add lines 7a and 7b							
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7ct Section B. Total Support							
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginn		(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
	· ' /	(a) 2019	(6) 2020	(6) 2021	(4) 2022	(6) 2020	(i) iotai
10a Gross income from interest dividends, payments receiv securities loans, rents, roya and income from similar so	ed on Ities,						
b Unrelated business taxable inco	ome						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	business ne 10b,						
regularly carried on 12 Other income. Do not incluour loss from the sale of cap assets (Explain in Part VI.)	ital						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 1	11, and 12.)						
14 First 5 years. If the Form 9	90 is for the	organization's fi	rst, second, third,	fourth, or fifth tax	year as a section	501(c)(3) organizatio	on,
check this box and stop he		SUBBORT DOR					
Section C. Computation						1 1	
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Part IV | Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

- 1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.
- 2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).
- **3a** Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.
- **b** Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** when and how the organization made the determination.
- c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.
- **4a** Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? *If* "Yes," and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.
- **b** Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.
- c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.
- 5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).
- b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?
- c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?
- 6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.
- 7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).
- 8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7?

 If "Yes." complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).
- 9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.
- **b** Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes." provide detail in **Part VI.**
- c Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.
- 10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.
 - **b** Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)

	Yes	No
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Par	rt IV Supporting Organizations (continued)			
			Yes	No
11	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?			
а	A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and			
	11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?	11a		
b	A family member of a person described on line 11a above?	11b		
С	A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide			
	detail in Part VI.	11c		
Sect	tion B. Type I Supporting Organizations			
			Yes	No
1	Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of on	e or		
	more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's office	cers,		
	directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s)			
	effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one suppo organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among t			
	supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.	1		
	Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported			
	organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in			
	Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated,			
	supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.	2		
Sect	tion C. Type II Supporting Organizations			
			Yes	No
1	Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors			
	or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in Part VI how control			
	or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed			
	the supported organization(s).	1		
Sect	tion D. All Type III Supporting Organizations		1	
			Yes	No
	Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the			
	organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax			
	year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the			
	organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?	1		
2	Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported			
	organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how			
	the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).	2		
	By reason of the relationship described on line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a			
	significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's			
	income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's			
Sect	supported organizations played in this regard. tion E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations	3		
1 a	Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instruction of the organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.	uctivi15j.		
b	The organization satisfied the Activities rest. Complete line 2 below. The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.			
c	The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental entity.	v (soo instruction	20)	
2	Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.	y (see mstruction	Yes	No
	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of		100	110
	the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify			
	those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes,			
	how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined			
	that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.	2a		
	one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in			
	Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in			
	these activities but for the organization's involvement.	2b		
	Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.			
а	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or			
	trustees of each of the supported organizations? If "Yes" or "No" provide details in Part VI.	3a		
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each			

of its supported organizations? *If* "Yes," describe in **Part VI** the role played by the organization in this regard.

3b Schedule A (Form 990) 2023

1	Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
	All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must	st complete S	Sections A through E.	
Sect	ion A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1		
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2		
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3		
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4		
_5	Depreciation and depletion	5		
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or			
	collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or			
	maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6		
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7		
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8		
Sect	ion B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see			
	instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):			
а	Average monthly value of securities	1a		
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b		
С	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c		
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d		
е	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors			
	(explain in detail in Part VI):			
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2		
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3		
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount,			
	see instructions).	4		
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5		
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6		
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7		
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8		
Sect	ion C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
_1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1		
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2		
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3		
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4		
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5		
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to			
	emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6		
7	Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functional	ally integrated	Type III supporting orga	nization (see
	instructions).			•

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e Excess from 2023

Schedule B

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Schedule of Contributors

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C	CLIMATE SCIENCE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND	47-1941171				
Organization type (check	cone):					
Filers of:	Section:					
Form 990 or 990-EZ	\overline{X} 501(c)($\overline{3}$) (enter number) organization					
	4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation					
	527 political organization					
Form 990-PF	501(c)(3) exempt private foundation					
	4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation					
	501(c)(3) taxable private foundation					
	n is covered by the General Rule or a Special Rule. (c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Ru	le. See instructions.				
	ion filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling ny one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor					
Special Rules						
sections 509(a)(⁻ contributor, duri	ion described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support 1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, an ng the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000; or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.	d that received from any one				
For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.						
For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the General Rule applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year						
answer "No" on Part IV, li	that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Fine 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, ling requirements of Schedule B (Form 990).	• •				

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Part I	Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional	space is needed.	
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1		\$	Person X Payroll Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
2		\$11,000.	Person X Payroll
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
3		\$ 25,750.	Person X Payroll
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
No. 4	Name, address, and ZIP + 4	Total contributions \$ 13,150.	Person X Payroll Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
5		\$\$	Person X Payroll
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
6		\$ 15,000.	Person X Payroll Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part I	Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional	space is needed.	
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7		\$	Person X Payroll
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
8		\$ 25,000.	Person X Payroll
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
9		\$ 16,350.	Person X Payroll
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
10	Name, address, and ZIF + 4	\$ 20,000.	Person X Payroll Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
11		\$ 25,000.	Person X Payroll
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
12		\$\$	Person X Payroll Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part II	Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part	II if additional space is needed.	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
		 \$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
		 \$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
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Schedule B (Form 990) (2023) Name of organization **Employer identification number** 47-1941171 SCIENCE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this info. once.) \$ Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed. (a) No. from (b) Purpose of gift (c) Use of gift (d) Description of how gift is held Part I (e) Transfer of gift Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4 Relationship of transferor to transferee (a) No. from (b) Purpose of gift (c) Use of gift (d) Description of how gift is held Part I (e) Transfer of gift Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4 Relationship of transferor to transferee (a) No. from (b) Purpose of gift (c) Use of gift (d) Description of how gift is held Part I (e) Transfer of gift Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4 Relationship of transferor to transferee (a) No. from (b) Purpose of gift (c) Use of gift (d) Description of how gift is held Part I (e) Transfer of gift Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4 Relationship of transferor to transferee

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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

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Pai	organizations Maintaining Donor Advised organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line		nilar Funds or Ac	counts. Complete if the	
		(a) Donor advised f	funds	(b) Funds and other accounts	
1	Total number at end of year				
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)				
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)				
4	Aggregate value at end of year				
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in w	riting that the assets held	in donor advised fund	ds	
	are the organization's property, subject to the organization's e	exclusive legal control?		Yes No	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor ad				
	for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or	donor advisor, or for any o	other purpose conferr	ing	
	impermissible private benefit?			Yes No	
Pai	rt II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization	anization answered "Yes"	on Form 990, Part IV,	line 7.	
1	Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization				
	Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreati	ion or education)	Preservation of a histo	orically important land area	
	Protection of natural habitat	F	Preservation of a certi	fied historic structure	
	Preservation of open space				
2	Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualifie	ed conservation contribution	on in the form of a co	nservation easement on the last	
	day of the tax year.			Held at the End of the Tax Year	
а	Total number of conservation easements			2a	
b				2b	
С	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure.			2c	
d	Number of conservation easements included on line 2c acquir	red after July 25, 2006, and	d not		
	on a historic structure listed in the National Register	•		2d	
3	Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, rele			zation during the tax	
	year				
4	Number of states where property subject to conservation ease	ement is located			
5	Does the organization have a written policy regarding the period	odic monitoring, inspectior	n, handling of		
	violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it l	holds?		Yes No	
6	Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, h				
7	Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handli	ing of violations, and enfor	cing conservation ea	sements during the year	
8	Does each conservation easement reported on line 2d above s	satisfy the requirements of	section 170(h)(4)(B)(i		
	and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?			Yes No	
9	In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation	n easements in its revenue	e and expense statem	ent and	
	balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnot	ote to the organization's fir	nancial statements tha	at describes the	
_	organization's accounting for conservation easements.				
Pai	rt III Organizations Maintaining Collections of		sures, or Other S	imilar Assets.	
	Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 9	990, Part IV, line 8.			
1a	If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958	3, not to report in its revenu	ue statement and bala	ance sheet works	
	of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for publ	lic exhibition, education, or	research in furtherar	nce of public	
	service, provide in Part XIII the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.				
b	If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958	B, to report in its revenue s	tatement and balance	sheet works of	
	art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public	exhibition, education, or re	esearch in furtherance	e of public service,	
	provide the following amounts relating to these items.				
	(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1				
	(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X			•	
2	If the organization received or held works of art, historical trea-	sures, or other similar asse	ets for financial gain, ¡	orovide	
	the following amounts required to be reported under FASB AS	SC 958 relating to these ite	ems:		
а	Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1			\$	
	Assets included in Form 990, Part X				
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Description of property	(d) Book value		
1a Land			
b Buildings			
c Leasehold improvements			
d Equipment	 5,498.	4,803.	695.
e Other	 18,750.	18,750.	0.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must e	695.		

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Part VII	1 1	ENCE LEGAL DE		47-1941171 Page 3
rait VII	Complete if the organization answered "Yes" of	on Form 990 Part IV line	11b See Form 990 Part X line 12	
(a) Descrin	tion of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost of	r end-of-vear market value
		(b) Book value	(e) Metrica of Valuation. Cost of	Tond or your market value
. ,	al derivatives held equity interests			
(3) Other				
(A)				
(B)				
(C)				
(D)				
(E)				
(F)				
(G)				
(H)				
	o) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 12, col. (B))			
Part VIII	Investments - Program Related.			
	Complete if the organization answered "Yes" of	on Form 990, Part IV, line	11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.	
	(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost of	r end-of-year market value
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				
(7)				
(8)				
(9)				
	o) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 13, col. (B))			
Part IX	Other Assets			
	Complete if the organization answered "Yes" (11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.	415
	(a) I	Description		(b) Book value
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				
<u>(7)</u>				
(8)				
(9)	The second second Second Co. Deat V. Second	(D))		
Part X	mn (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, col. Other Liabilities	(B))		
1 6.1171	Complete if the organization answered "Yes" of	on Form 990 Part IV line	11e or 11f See Form 990 Part X line	e 25
1.	(a) Description of liability			(b) Book value
	eral income taxes			(-,
(2)	crai income taxes			
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				
(7)				
(8)				
(9)				

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

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Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B))

Pa	rt XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Stat		Revenue per Re	turn	
	Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lir				605 615
1				1	625,615.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:	1 - 1			
a	•		00 016		
b			99,816.		
С	. , , ,				
d	,	2d			00 016
е	9			2e	99,816. 525,799.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1			3	545,799.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:	1.1			
a	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,				
b					0
_C				4c	525,799.
5 Pa	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12, rt XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Sta) atements With	Fynenses ner F	5 Return	343,133.
ı a	Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lir		Expenses per i	ietui ii	
_					466,827.
1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements			1	400,027
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:	2a	99,816.		
a			JJ,010.		
b	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,				
C C					
d	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			2e	99,816.
е 3				3	367,011.
4	Subtract line 2e from line 1 Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:				307,011.
а		4a			
b					
C	A 1117 A 1 A	·		4c	0.
5	Add lines 4a and 4b Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I. line 1			5	367,011.
	rt XIII Supplemental Information	<u>o.,,</u>			,
lines	s 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide ar	ny additional inform	ation.		

SCHEDULE O (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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CLIMATE SCIENCE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

Employer identification number 47-1941171

FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

THE CLIMATE SCIENCE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND PROVIDES LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO

CLIMATE RESEARCHERS, EXPERTS, AND INSTITUTIONS FACING CHALLENGES BY

POLITICALLY AND IDEOLOGICALLY MOTIVATED GROUPS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

THE CLIMATE SCIENCE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND (CSLDF) PROTECTS THE SCIENTIFIC

ENDEAVOR BY PUTTING OUR LEGAL EXPERTISE TO WORK FOR SCIENTISTS WHO ARE

THREATENED OR SILENCED FOR DOING THEIR JOBS. OUR EFFORTS AND

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES PRESERVE AND EXPAND SCIENTISTS' RIGHTS AND

STRENGTHEN LEGAL PROTECTIONS TO PROMOTE SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:

THE PREPARED FORM 990 IS REVIEWED BY THE ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING BODY BEFORE THE RETURN IS FILED WITH THE IRS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

ANNUALLY ALL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS COMPLETE AND SIGN A STATEMENT THAT

PROVIDES INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR INTERESTS AND THOSE OF THEIR FAMILY

MEMBERS THAT COULD GIVE RISE TO CONFLICTS. THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING

BODY MAKE DETERMINATIONS OF WHETHER A CONFLICT EXISTS AND REVIEW ACTUAL

CONFLICTS. ANY PERSON WITH A CONFLICT IS PROHIBITED FROM PARTICIPATING IN

THE GOVERNING BODY'S DELIBERATIONS AND DECISIONS IN THE TRANSACTION.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A:

COMPENSATION FOR MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL IS COMPARED TO THE INDUSTRY STANDARDS

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Employer identification number Name of the organization CLIMATE SCIENCE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND 47-1941171 OF SIMILAR ORGANIZATION'S UPON FIRST HIRING. ALL SUBSEQUENT RAISES ARE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE BOARD INCORPORATES THE OVERALL FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE ORGANIZATION INTO THEIR DECISION MAKING. FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST. FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, OTHER FEES: CONSULTANTS: PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 28,830. MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 19,607. FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 55,946. TOTAL EXPENSES 104,383. PAYROLL PROCESSING FEES: PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 0. 13,553. MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 0. TOTAL EXPENSES 13,553. 117,936. TOTAL OTHER FEES ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, COL A FORM 990, PART V, LINE 2A, PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT ORGANIZATION CLIMATE SCIENCE MAINTAINS A CO-EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH TRINET, A PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION (PEO), PROVIDING OUTSOURCED HUMAN RESOURCES AND EMPLOYER SERVICES. IN THIS ARRANGEMENT, THE EMPLOYEES ARE CONSIDERED COMMON LAW EMPLOYEES OF CLIMATE SCIENCE, HOWEVER, TRINET IS THE EMPLOYER OF RECORD, PAYROLL, BENEFITS, AND OTHER FUNCTIONS

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Name of the organization CLIMATE SCIENCE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND	Employer identification number 47-1941171			
INVOLVING EMPLOYER-RELATED ADMINISTRATION.				