Form **990-EZ**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 All other organizations with gross receipts less than $500,000 and total assets less than $1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form

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

OMB No 1545-1150

2009

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning July 1 **, 2009, and ending** June 30 **, 20** 10

B Check if applicable
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

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

C Name of organization: Maryland Public Interest Research Group

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

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

D Employer identification number 521103818

E Telephone number 4104679389

F Group Exemption Number ▶

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

G Accounting Method ☐ Cash ☑ Accrual Other (specify) ▶

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

I Website: ▶ www.marylandpirgstudents.org

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☑ 501(c) (4) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Check ▶ ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization **and** its gross receipts are normally **not** more than $25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if $500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ $ 3295

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

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received			1	3140
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts			2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments			3	
	4	Investment income			4	155
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a			
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b			
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)			5c	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from **gaming**, check here ▶ ☐				
	a	Gross revenue (not including $ ______ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a			
	b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b			
	c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)			6c	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a			
	b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b			
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)			7c	
	8	Other revenue (describe ▶)			8	
	9	**Total revenue.** Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8 ▶			9	3295
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)			10	9012
	11	Benefits paid to or for members			11	0
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits			12	31111
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors			13	0
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance			14	0
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping			15	3
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ "Conferences, depreciation, insurance, travel, supplies, etc.")			16	1890
	17	**Total expenses.** Add lines 10 through 16 ▶			17	42016
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)			18	(38,721)
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)			19	30050
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)			20	0
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶			21	(8671)

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Part II **Balance Sheets.** If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are $1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

	(See the instructions for Part II.)	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	33789	22	8077
23	Land and buildings	0	23	0
24	Other assets (describe ▶ accounts receivable)	56	24	5462
25	**Total assets**	33845	25	13508
26	**Total liabilities** (describe ▶ accounts payable)	3796	26	22180
27	**Net assets or fund balances** (line 27 of column (B) **must** agree with line 21)	30050	27	(8671)

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

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

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

28	see attached (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	28a	36952
29	(Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	29a	
30	(Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	30a	
31	Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	31a	
32	**Total program service expenses** (add lines 28a through 31a) ▶	32	36952

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

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Krystala Skordalos 2511 Ambler Rd. Baltimore, MD 21222	Chapter Chair, 0.5	0	0	0
Megan Runion 1050 Picture Dr. St. Leonard, MD 20685	Secretary, 0.5	0	0	0
Sam Zwerling 309 Van Neste Rd. Felimington, NJ 08822	Treasurer, 0.5	0	0	0
Brian Burrell 3 Monument Ct. Rockville, MD 20850	SGA Liason, 0.5	0	0	0
Johanna Neumann 611 Harding Pl Baltimore MD 21211	State Director, 30 hrs	953	38	0
Jason Donofrio 11219 N. 44th Court, Phoenix AZ 85028	Campus Organizer, 40 hrs	2990	0	0

Part V **Other Information** (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

			Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	33		✓
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34		✓
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but **not** reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.			
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a		✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on **Form 990-T** for this year?	35b		
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36		
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a n/a			
b	Did the organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?	37b		✓
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee **or** were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?	38a		✓
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b			
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a			
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b			
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ n/a ; section 4912 ▶ n/a ; section 4955 ▶ n/a			
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it 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 Schedule L, Part I	40b		✓
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ n/a			
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ n/a			
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.	40e		✓

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ Maryland

42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Johanna E Neumann Telephone no. ▶ 410-467-9389

Located at ▶ 3121 Saint Paul Street Suite 26 Baltimore MD ZIP + 4 ▶ 21218-3857

			Yes	No
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	42b		✓
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for **Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.**			
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶	42c		✓

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041**—Check here ▶ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43

			Yes	No
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44		✓
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45		✓

Part VI **Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46–49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

			Yes	No
46	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46		
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47		
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48		
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a		
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b		

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than $100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
n/a				

f Total number of other employees paid over $100,000 ▶ 0

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

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than $100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
none		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over $100,000 ▶ 0

Sign Here

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

▶ Johanna E. Neumann | 12/21/2010

Signature of officer | Date

▶ Johanna E Neumann, State Director

Type or print name and title

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Preparer's signature ▶	Date	Check if self-employed ▶ ☐	Preparer's identifying number (See instructions)
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶		EIN ▶	
		Phone no ▶	

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

Attachment to Part III

Maryland PIRG is an independent statewide student organization that works on issues like environmental protection, consumer protection, and hunger and homelessness. For 30 years students with their campus Maryland PIRG chapters have been making a real difference in people's lives and winning concrete changes to build a better world.

We give students the skills and opportunity to practice effective citizenship. Both here on campus and out in the world, we mobilize students to investigate big social problems, come up with practical solutions, convince the media and public to pay attention, and get decision-makers to act.

Recent accomplishments include:

Making Higher Education Affordable: In March 2010, President Obama signed into law the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, which invests in financial aid by ending sweetheart deals to big banks and loan companies. It infuses $36 billion into the financially strapped Pell grant program, benefiting 8 million students. It also improves the Income Based Repayment program, benefiting 1 million borrowers by capping repayment at no more than ten percent of their salary and allowing for loan forgiveness after 20 years. The bill also cut $60 billion in subsidies for banks and lenders to pay for college affordability measures. Maryland PIRG Student Chapters and Student PIRG lobbying and organizing over the past several years was critical to the passage of this historic law.

Global Warming Solutions: Maryland PIRG students have joined together with PIRG students in other states in educating the country about the solutions we have to global warming and building support for local, state and national policies that will put those solutions into practice. In Spring 2010, we mobilized over 30,000 students and community members nationally to call for clean, renewable energy and an end to our dependence on oil and coal. We held events on and off campus to educate thousands of people, resulting in more than 100 news stories about our work.

New Voters Project: Launched more than 25 years ago, the Student PIRGs' New Voters Project has helped to register more than 700,000 voters and make more than a million personalized voting reminders since 2004, making it the nation's largest nonpartisan grassroots mobilization effort targeting young voters. During that period, young voter turnout has consistently increased, rising from 36% in 2000 to more than 52% in 2008.

The 2008 election saw young voter turnout surge by at least 2.2 million votes over 2004 levels. Students involved with the New Voters Project played a big role in the impressive turnout of students in this historic election. On 100 campuses in 17 states, the Student PIRGs' New Voters Project combined old-fashioned pavement pounding with cutting-edge technology to reach young voters.

The CARD Act: In February 2010, the "Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility and Disclosure (CARD) Act" went into effect. The Student PIRGs and Maryland PIRG students helped pass this strong legislation, which ends some of the worst abuses of the credit card industry, including some which are often targeted at college students. The CARD Act eliminates excessive penalty fees, unfair billing practices, and unjustified and retroactive interest charges. It also restricts and requires greater transparency for marketing targeted exclusively at college campuses or consumers under the age of 21. Despite the credit card industry's lobbying to defeat the bill, the Senate and the House both passed it with overwhelming bipartisan majorities.

Making Health Care Work: In March 2010, President Obama signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act into law. This law takes unprecedented steps to lower costs for families and small businesses and prohibits insurers from using pre-existing conditions, errors on forms, and lifetime or yearly caps to drop patient coverage or price it out of reach. It also helps young adults – a highly uninsured demographic - by allowing them to stay on their parents' coverage until age 26.

Truth About Credit: Since 2007, Maryland PIRG students and USPIRG have been running the Truth About Credit campaign to expose dangerous credit card practices and clean them up. We organized "FEESA" educational tables on colleges nationwide, where we acted like credit card marketers but instead promoted principles for responsible credit card marketing on campus. In 2008, we also surveyed over 2,000 students and released a subsequent report, "The Campus Credit Card Trap," which garnered nationwide media coverage.

Student Debt Alert: Our Student Debt Alert campaign raises awareness about the growing problem of student debt and calls for solutions. Through the campaign, over five thousand students posted their photos and stories on the Student Debt Yearbook, to illustrate to decision makers the importance of financial aid programs. Hundreds of additional students sent testimony to the federal Commission on the Future of Higher Education urging them to address student debt issues facing students in Maryland and across the country.

Affordable Textbooks: The Student PIRGs along with Maryland PIRG students have been leading the charge to make textbooks affordable. We have been building support for "open textbooks" – books that are available to students for free – and signed on over 2,000 college professors who support using open textbooks in their classes. In August 2008, we helped get an Affordable Textbooks provision included in the federal Higher Education Opportunity Act. The provision helps lower the cost of textbooks for millions of students by requiring publishers to disclose textbook pricing and revision information to faculty and requiring publishers to offer textbooks and supplemental materials "unbundled." It also asks colleges to provide the list of assigned textbooks, including prices, for each course when students are registering for classes.

Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness: Students in Maryland joined together with thousands of students on campuses across the country through our annual Hunger Cleanup each April to raise money and volunteer in a day of service in their communities. Since students started this annual tradition in 1984, more than 150,000 have volunteered and their combined efforts have raised over $2 million. This year, in addition to service events and food drives, Maryland PIRG students donated funds to relief projects in Haiti.

In November 2009, we launched the Resolve Conference, where 250 students were joined by activists, advocates and organizers for a weekend of education and training to create anti-poverty campaigns in their communities. Coming out of the conference, participants joined hundreds of campuses holding educational and service events during the annual Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

21st Century Transportation: We're building support for 21st century transportation in America, including high-speed rail and more and better mass transit. In 2009, Student PIRG and Maryland PIRG student activists mobilized their peers and helped persuade Congress to include an additional $2.5 billion down-payment for high-speed rail in their appropriations bill, more than doubling President Obama's original recommendation.