

Mission: To provide people of faith with tools for implementing their values as consumers, investors, employees, employers, and citizens.

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[CSR]² Review's Approach

One goal of the Review is to challenge the way people think about companies and their role in the world.

In this issue, we present two feature stories—one on lobbying and one on philanthropy. Lobbying is often viewed to be a negative, while philanthropy is often viewed in positive terms. As you will see, the articles offer a perspective in each case suggesting that the opposite could be true. There may be a role for corporate lobbying that is in line with corporate social responsibility concepts, and there may be philanthropy that is not.

By presenting these two articles in the same issue, we hope that we have continued to challenge your thinking about the appropriate role of companies in society. Now it is time to challenge yourself and challenge your friends, family, and co-workers.

Express Your Values through Action

1. **Check your portfolio.** After reading the articles on lobbying (p. 2), philanthropy (p. 4), rated companies (p. 7), and EPA recognized companies (p. 8), review your portfolio of companies. Are there “socially responsible” companies that you should consider as an investment option? Are there companies you do hold that are not behaving as you think they should? If so, consider expressing your opinion to companies you own.
2. **Influence local manufacturing.** Read the article about EPA's Performance Track program on p. 8. Investigate the EPA website and contact the managers of local manufacturing facilities. Encourage them to engage with EPA in voluntary initiatives to improve environmental performance. Often these initiatives also improve business performance.
3. **Vote your proxies.** Use the list of Upcoming Shareholder Proposals on p. 9 to see what issues companies you own will be facing. Even if you don't own these companies, you should always vote your proxies.