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Consumer Federation of America records

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Summary information

Repository:	Richard L. D. and Marjorie J. Morse Department of Special Collections
Title:	Consumer Federation of America records
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Physical location:	Pre-fire 2018: Stack G:R18/S3/Sf1-6; Boxes 1-12, 15.00 Cubic Feet
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

As described on their website, "The Consumer Federation of America (CFA) is an association of non-profit consumer organizations that was established in 1968 to advance the consumer interest through the research, advocacy, and education." As of 2015, over 300 consumer groups belong to the federation and participate in its governance. Executive Director Stephen Brobeck selected the Consumer Movement Archives as the repository for the association's records in 2015. For a comprehensive history of CFA, see *Watchdogs and Whistleblowers: A Reference Guide to Consumer Activism*, Robert N. Mayer and Stephen Brobeck, 2015.

Custodial history

Accession number 2015-16.017.

Scope and content

The Consumer Federation of America records document the association's development from 1967 to 2017 through testimonies, newsletters, reports, statements, correspondence, press releases, pamphlets, policy resolutions, and audiotapes. The collection contains minutes from the CFA board of directors meetings, CFA policy resolutions and CFA's annual reports (1980–2016). Other reports, statements, and surveys provide coverage of issues investigated, policies advanced, and materials developed to educate the public and media. Areas addressed include consumer safety, financial advancement and protection, consumer knowledge, post-9/11 terrorism insurance and safety, product safety in general and specifically product safety in children's products and automobiles

Of special interest is correspondence documenting interactions with prominent political figures including Joe Biden, Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton, and Bob Dole. Also noteworthy are pamphlets from the association's annual Consumer Assembly (1980–2015) and pamphlets developed for the CFA project America Saves. A set of audiotapes (2000-2003) offer insight into CFA conferences that tackled issues including food safety, obesity, and bioterrorism. Reports document court cases and petitions. The collection contains the association's voting records (1971–2008).

CFANews and Consumer Federation of America annual reports are available online. See Series 8 for online access to annual reports and series 9 for online access to CFANews. Series 12 provides access to CFA's website from 2007-2017.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Acquisition Source: Consumer Federation of America

Acquisition Method: Donation

Acquisition Date: 20150706

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into 11 series by type of material: 1) Official & Board Minutes; 2) Correspondence; 3) Statements; 4) Reports; 5) Testimonies; 6) Surveys; 7) Press Releases; 8) Annual Reports & Policy Resolutions; 9) CFANews & Voting Record; 10) Conference Tapes; 11) Pamphlets.

Restrictions on access

No access restrictions: All materials are open for research

Conditions governing use

The researcher assumes full responsibility for observing all copyright, property, and libel laws as they apply.

Related material

The Consumer Federation of America: Fifty Years of Education, Advocacy, and Research: <https://consumerfed.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/cfa-celebrating-50-years.mp4>

Accruals

Consumer Federation of America will send Annual Reports and Policy Resolutions each year. Date range should reflect this.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Series descriptions

Series 31465: Series 1: Official & Board Minutes

Publication status:

Published

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31503: Box 1: Minutes

Date: 1969-2015 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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Series 31466: Series 2: Correspondence

Publication status:

Published

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31476: Box 2: Correspondence				
<u>Date:</u> 1978-2011 (date of creation)				
<u>Publication status:</u>				
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Series 31467: Series 3: Statements				
<u>Publication status:</u>				
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Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
31477: Box 3: Statements				
<u>Date:</u> 1967-74 (date of creation)				
<u>Publication status:</u>				
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31478: Box 4: Statements				
<u>Date:</u> 1977-79 (date of creation)				
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31479: Box 5: Statements				
<u>Date:</u> 1979-88 (date of creation)				
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File / item list**31480: Box 6: Statements**

Date: 1989-2011 (date of creation)

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File / item list**Series 31468: Series 4: Reports**

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31481: Box 7: Reports

Date: 1967-88 (date of creation)

Publication status:

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File / item list**31482: Box 8: Reports**

Date: 1989-92 (date of creation)

Publication status:

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File / item list**31483: Box 9: Reports**

Date: 1992-95 (date of creation)

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<p>31484: Box 10: Reports</p> <p><u>Date</u>: 1995-97 (date of creation)</p> <p><u>Publication status</u>:</p> <p>Published</p>
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<p>31485: Box 11: Reports</p> <p><u>Date</u>: 1997-98 (date of creation)</p> <p><u>Publication status</u>:</p> <p>Published</p>
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<p>31486: Box 12: Reports</p> <p><u>Date</u>: 1998-2000 (date of creation)</p> <p><u>Publication status</u>:</p> <p>Published</p>
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<p>31500: Box 13: Reports</p> <p><u>Date</u>: 2000-03 (date of creation)</p> <p><u>Publication status</u>:</p> <p>Published</p>
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<p>31501: Box 14: Reports</p> <p><u>Date</u>: 2003-08 (date of creation)</p> <p><u>Publication status</u>:</p> <p>Published</p>

File / item list**31502: Box 15: Reports**Date: 2008-2011 (date of creation)Publication status:

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File / item list**Series 31469: Series 5: Testimonies**Publication status:

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31504: Box 16: TestimoniesDate: 1979-2005 (date of creation)Publication status:

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File / item list**31505: Box 17: Testimonies**Date: 2005-2011 (date of creation)Publication status:

Published

File / item list**Series 31470: Series 6: Surveys**Publication status:

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31506: Box 18: Surveys

Date: 1987-2003 (date of creation)

Publication status:

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Series 31471: Series 7: Press Releases

Publication status:

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31509: Box 19: Press Releases

Date: 1981-2002 (date of creation)

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31510: Box 20: Press Releases

Date: 2002-2010 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

31513: Box 15: Press Releases

Date: 2010-11 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list**59269: Box 24: Press Releases**

Date: 1983-1996 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list**59270: Box 25: Press Releases**

Date: 1997-1999 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list**59271: Box 26: Press Releases**

Date: 2000, 2006-2007 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list**Series 31472: Series 8: Annual Reports & Policy Resolutions**

Publication status:

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31511: Box 21: Annual Reports & Policy Resolutions

Date: 1980-2015 (date of creation)

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Annual reports available online at <extref href='http://hdl.handle.net/2097/34146'>http://hdl.handle.net/2097/34146</extref>.

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44599: Box 23: Annual Reports & Policy Resolutions, 2016-2017				
<u>Publication status:</u> Published				
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Series 31473: Series 9: CFAnews & Voting Record				
<u>Publication status:</u> Published				
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31512: Box 22: CFAnews & Voting Record				
<u>Date:</u> 1971-2009 (date of creation)				
<u>Note:</u> CFAnews available online at <extref href='http://hdl.handle.net/2097/34147'>http://hdl.handle.net/2097/34147</extref>.				
<u>Publication status:</u> Published				
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Series 31474: Series 10: Conference Tapes				
<u>Publication status:</u> Published				
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Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
31507: Box 18: Tapes				

<p><u>Date:</u> 2000-2003 (date of creation)</p> <p><u>Publication status:</u> Published</p>				
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<p>Series 31475: Series 11: Pamphlets</p> <p><u>Publication status:</u> Published</p>				
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<p>31508: Box 18: Pamphlets</p> <p><u>Date:</u> 1980-2015 (date of creation)</p> <p><u>Publication status:</u> Published</p>				
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<p>Series 44481: Series 12: Web Archives</p> <p><u>Date:</u> 2007-2017 (date of creation)</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Web pages created by the Consumer Federation of America. Some link to external sites. [url=https://archive-it.org/explore?q=consumer+federation+of+america]https://archive-it.org/explore?q=consumer+federation+of+america[/url]</p> <p><u>Publication status:</u> Published</p>				
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