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Memorandum

To: Senator Bill Harris, Chair
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From: Tony W. Bledsoe, Legislative Inspector General *TWB*

Date: March 15, 2006

Re: Lobbying Statistics for 2005

Pursuant to Revised Code §101.72(H), attached please find the report of annual lobbying registration and expenditure statistics. The past year was a busy one for the lobbying community, as well as for the Office of the Legislative Inspector General in carrying out its duties in administration of the lobbying statutes. A few notes of interest about the data on the following pages for 2005 as compared to 2004:

- The number of registered agents increased 13.67%
- The number of employers of agents increased 5.5%
- The number of legislative engagements increased 2.7%
- The number of executive agency lobbying engagements increased 4.75%
- Expenditures for legislative lobbying increased 53%
- Expenditures for executive agency lobbying increased 18%
- Overall lobbying expenditures increased 52%

Since 2005 was the first full year for Retirement System Lobbying registration, statistical comparisons do not paint an accurate picture. By the end of the year, however, there were 173 retirement system lobbyists representing 83 employers, for a total of 181 retirement system lobbying engagements. This year also saw the introduction of Post Employment Disclosure filing for public officials and other Financial Disclosure Statement filers, upon their departure from state service. To date, 93 individuals have filed Initial Post Employment Disclosure Statements, 14 of whom identified qualifying sources of income to trigger Updated Post Employment Disclosure filing similar to the expenditure reporting required of legislative agents.

Lobbyist Registration Inquiries

Additionally, the Office conducted nine formal registration inquiries, all of which are now closed. The following is a breakdown based on the resolutions of the inquiry:

- 4 – subject of the inquiry registered as a legislative and/or executive agency lobbyist
- 3 – registration by the subject was not required
- 2 – referrals were made to the Attorney General's office. In their recommendations to the Franklin County Prosecutor, the AG's office concluded in one case there was an apparent violation of the lobbyist registration statutes (Thomas Noe); and in one case there was no apparent violation.

2005 Lobbying Expenditures

| | January – April | May – August | September – December | Total |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Legislative Agents | \$67,994 | \$43,137 | \$27,495 | \$138,626 |
| Legislative Employers | \$286,781 | \$115,425 | \$44,734 | \$446,940 |
| Executive Agency Lobbyist | \$4,129 | \$4,038 | \$3,130 | \$11,297 |
| Executive Employers | \$233 | \$707 | \$1,695 | \$2,635 |
| Retirement System Lobbyists | \$0 | \$0 | \$30 | \$30 |
| Retirement System Employers | \$73 | \$0 | \$0 | \$73 |

Analysis of Total Expenditures:

By Type of Lobbying (Agents + Employers)

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|----------------------------------------------|------------|
| All Legislative Lobbying Expenditures: | \$ 585,566 |
| All Executive Agency Lobbying Expenditures: | \$ 13,932 |
| All Retirement System Lobbying Expenditures: | \$ 103 |

By Source of Expenditure (Legislative, Executive Agency + Retirement System)

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|----------------------------|------------|
| All Agent Expenditures: | \$ 149,953 |
| All Employer Expenditures: | \$ 449,648 |

Annual Expenditures Over \$ 10,000 by Source

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|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | Ohio Chamber of Commerce: | |
| | Legislative Receptions | \$ 8,224 |
| | Other Meal & Beverage | \$ 5,091 |
| | Gifts | \$ 2,700 |
| | Travel & Lodging | \$11,565 |
| | | Total: \$ 27,580 |
| 2. | The Ohio State University: | |
| | Meal & Beverage | \$ 259 |
| | Athletic Tickets & Gifts | \$ 4,274 |
| | All-Invited Events | \$10,562 |
| | College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Legislative Reception | \$ 8,263 |
| | College of Medicine, All-Invited Function | \$ 1,047 |
| | | Total: \$ 24,405 |
| 3. | Ohio Association of Realtors: | |
| | Annual Legislative Conference | Total: \$ 22,795 |
| 4. | Wholesale Beer and Wine Association of Ohio: | |
| | Legislative Reception | Total: \$ 22,150 |
| 5. | Cincinnati State Technical & Community College: | |
| | All-Invited Reception | Total: \$ 13,591 |
| 6. | Ohio Library Council: | |
| | Legislative Day Lunch | Total: \$ 12,029 |
| 7. | AIA Ohio: | |
| | Legislative Reception | Total: \$ 10,481 |
| 8. | Ohio AFL-CIO: | |
| | Legislative Reception | Total: \$ 10,201 |

Lobbying Registration Data

| | Legislative Lobbying | Executive Agency Lobbying | Retirement System Lobbying |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Agents | 1,388 | 946 | 173 |
| Employers | 1,264 | 1,087 | 83 |
| Engagements* | 2,930 | 2,361 | 181 |

*Individual Agents may have multiple engagements

Number of Individuals Registered as Agents and Number of Separate Employers by Reporting Period (Includes Legislative, Executive Agency and Retirement System Lobbying)

| | January – April | May – August | September - December |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Number of Agents | 1,674 | 1,714 | 1,721 |
| Number of Employers | 1,542 | 1,600 | 1,591 |

Updated Registration Statement Filing Compliance Data

| Reporting Period | | Delinquency | Final Non-Compliance |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| January – April 2005 | <i>Agents</i> | 104 | 31 |
| | <i>Employers</i> | 197 | 27 |
| May – August 2005 | <i>Agents</i> | 78 | 13 |
| | <i>Employers</i> | 184 | 28 |
| September – December 2005 | <i>Agents</i> | 108 | N/A |
| | <i>Employers</i> | 155 | N/A |