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The Honorable Bryan Steil  
Chairman  
Committee on House Administration  
1309 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Joe Morelle  
Ranking Member  
Committee on House Administration  
1216 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Steil and Ranking Member Morelle,

Pursuant to Section 505 of House Resolution 756 from the 116th Congress, I am submitting this quarterly report regarding the assignment of unique identifiers for reports filed by registered lobbyists.

As the Committee is aware, my staff and I recommended that the current Lobbying Disclosure System be redesigned and built anew.<sup>1</sup> A contemporary system will improve user experience, provide more efficient processing and automation, and allow for greater transparency. It will also permit us to meet the request of assigning unique identifiers to individual lobbyists.

Since the report submitted on July 15, 2024, my staff in the Legislative Computer Systems and Legislative Resource Center divisions have worked with our Senate counterparts to formalize and launch a project to modernize the existing system. The newly created Lobbying Disclosure Act Executive Decision Board continues to meet monthly to discuss system proposals and make key decisions. We are assembling the project team, defining House and Senate roles and responsibilities, and outlining key features of the redesigned Lobbying Disclosure System. The project team will continue with product discovery and requirements-gathering activities in the coming months.

Regarding funds for this work, the Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 2617, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (P.L. 117-328), provided my office with \$1,400,000 from the Modernization Initiatives Account.<sup>2</sup> The Board has agreed to use a portion of these funds for research, development, and implementation of identity verification and improved

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<sup>1</sup> <https://docs.house.gov/meetings/AP/AP24/20220406/114592/HHRG-117-AP24-Wstate-JohnsonC-20220406.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.congress.gov/117/crec/2022/12/20/168/198/CREC-2022-12-20-pt2-PgS8553-2.pdf>.

account management. In October we contracted a software developer to build a proof of concept for identity verification and management. We will continue to use the appropriated funds to further augment staff to assist with the development of the new system. Currently, we are drafting a task order to onboard a user experience/user interface (UX/UI) designer to join the development team. In addition, after conducting a review of identity-verification solutions, we have used these funds to source identity verification services through ID.me.

Finally, unless otherwise directed, we will submit our next report about this project on or before July 15, 2025. If you or others on the Committee have questions about this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin F. McCumber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kevin F. McCumber  
Acting Clerk of the House

cc: The Honorable David Valadao, Chairman, Legislative Branch Appropriations  
Subcommittee  
The Honorable Adriano Espaillat, Ranking Member, Legislative Branch Appropriations  
Subcommittee