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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.

In 2022 my staff and I recommended that the current Lobbying Disclosure System be redesigned and built anew.¹ 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 January 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 continued to meet monthly to review and discuss system proposals and make key decisions. The Board has met five times since the last report and has been working towards assembling the project team, formalizing House and Senate roles and responsibilities, and reviewing identity-verification solutions. The project team has begun discovery and user requirements-gathering activities. In the coming months, the project team will

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

continue with project discovery and requirements gathering to outline and define key features of the redesigned Lobbying Disclosure System.

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 (MIA).² The Board has agreed to use a portion of the MIA funds for research, development, and implementation of identity verification and improved account management. We are in the process of using a portion of the appropriated funds to augment staff to assist with the development of the new system.

Finally, unless otherwise directed, we will submit our next report about this project on or before January 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, slightly slanted 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

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