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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 report regarding the assignment of unique identifiers for reports filed by registered lobbyists.

Previously, we recommended the current Lobbying Disclosure System be redesigned and built anew.¹ A contemporary system will improve user experience, ensure a greater degree of transparency, and provide more efficient processing and automation. It will also enable the assignment of unique identifiers to individual lobbyists.

As described in previous communications, we share the current system with the Secretary of the Senate, though each office has a separate interface for receiving, processing, and making the filed registrations and reports public. Key components include:

- LD-1 (Registration): Used by individuals or lobbying firms and organizations employing lobbyists to register new lobbying activities.
- LD-2 (Quarterly Activity Report): Filed every calendar quarter, disclosing lobbying activities and expenses.
 - LD-2 Amendments and Terminations can also be filed to update or end registrations.
- LD-203 (Semiannual Contribution Report): Filed by individual lobbyists to report political contributions and certain other activities.

Since the December 15, 2025, report, my staff in the Legislative Computer Systems and Legislative Resource Center divisions have continued to work with our Senate counterparts to formalize and launch a project to modernize the existing system.

Created in 2024, the Lobbying Disclosure Act Executive Decision Board continues to meet monthly to discuss system proposals and make key decisions. It assembled the project team, defined House and

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

Senate roles and responsibilities, and outlined central features of the redesigned Lobbying Disclosure System. The Executive Decision Board decided that the new system will leverage the recently upgraded Senate platform and the Senate team will lead the modernization effort, with its House counterpart providing support and assistance as needed. With the project team in place, along with the outsourced contractors, the modernization work began in earnest in May of 2025 and has continued with product discovery, requirements gathering, user experience design activities, and application development.

During this reporting period, a unified Congressional search website (lda.gov) was completed and is scheduled to replace the separate House and Senate search websites in the third quarter of 2026, offering the public a single point for searching and viewing lobbying disclosure filings. In addition, the development team completed login/account management, lobbyist management, and third-party preparer management modules, all integrated into an ID.me authentication workflow. The focus of our work during the upcoming six-month period will be the development of the filing modules for LD-1, LD-2, and LD-203 reports.

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.² The Executive Decision Board has agreed to use a portion of these funds for research, development, and implementation of identity verification and improved account management. As previously reported, we contracted with ID.me in December 2024 to provide identity verification and management services. In 2025, we contracted a software developer to build a proof of concept for identity verification and management, as well as a user experience/user interface (UX/UI) designer to support that development. We will continue to use the appropriated funds to further augment staff capacity to assist with the development of the new system.

Unless otherwise directed, we will submit our next report about this project on or before December 18, 2026. 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 fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Kevin F. McCumber
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>.