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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 and with the concurrence of the Committee on House Administration, I am submitting this report regarding the assignment of unique identifiers for reports filed by registered lobbyists.

Previously, we recommended a redesign and redevelopment of the current Lobbying Disclosure System.[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 reports, we share the current system with the Secretary of the Senate, with each office maintaining its own interfaces 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.

Staff in the Legislative Computer Systems and Legislative Resource Center divisions continue to work with our Senate counterparts to modernize the existing system.

Established in 2024, the Lobbying Disclosure Act Executive Decision Board continues to meet monthly to evaluate proposed system enhancements and make key decisions. The Board assembled the project team, defined House and Senate roles and responsibilities, and identified the core features of the redesigned Lobbying Disclosure System. The modernization effort leverages the Senate platform, with

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

the Senate team leading current redesign efforts and the House providing additional support. Since May 2025, the joint project team and contractors have conducted product discovery, requirements gathering, user experience design, and application development activities.

A significant milestone was achieved on July 31, 2026, with the successful launch of LDA.gov. Replacing the separate House and Senate search websites, the new site provides the public with a single access point for searching and viewing lobbying disclosure filings. Since then, we promoted the unified search functionality provided by the new site in reminder and noncompliance communications distributed to individual filers and lobbying firms.

We continue to work with our Senate counterparts to develop new system capabilities, including unique identifiers for individual lobbyists. The joint project team is now concentrating on further enhancements to account management and verification, as well as building filing functionality for LD-1, LD-2, and LD-203 reports. Plans for conducting a pilot test with selected lobbying firms and their lobbyists are currently under consideration, with the goal of deploying the full system in 2027.

Regarding funding, the Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 2617, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (P.L. 117-328), provided $1.4 million from the Modernization Initiatives Account to support identity verification and account management improvements.[2] These funds have been used for ID.me services and user experience/user interface (UX/UI) design and will continue to support staff augmentation and system development efforts.

Unless otherwise directed, we will submit our next report about this work on or before July 15, 2027. If you or others on the Committee have questions about this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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.