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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.

Previously, we have recommended 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.

As described in previous communications, the current system is shared by our office and the Secretary of the Senate's office, though each 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-203 (Semiannual Contribution Report): Filed by individual lobbyists to report political contributions and certain other activities.
- LD-2 Amendments and Terminations can also be filed to update or end registrations.

Since our December 30, 2024, 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.

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

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

House and Senate roles and responsibilities, and outlined key features of the redesigned Lobbying Disclosure System. The Executive Decision Board decided that the new system will leverage the latest Senate platform upgraded recently, and the Senate team will lead the modernization effort with the 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 this year, and will continue with product discovery, requirements gathering, and user experience design activities in the coming months. The first deliverable planned for later this year is a unified congressional public search website that will replace the separate House and Senate search tools—offering the public a single point for viewing lobbying disclosure filings.

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. In October 2024, we contracted a software developer to build a proof of concept for identity verification and management, and in March 2025, we contracted a user experience/user interface (UX/UI) designer to support the development. For provision of identity verification and identity management services, we contracted with ID.me in December 2024. We will continue to use the appropriated funds to further augment the capacity of 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 December 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 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>.