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The Honorable Zoe Lofgren Chairperson Committee on House Administration 1309 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairperson Lofgren and Ranking Member Davis,

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 mentioned in past reports as well as in my April 6, 2022, statement before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch, given the lobbying disclosure system's age, we recommend that it be redesigned and built anew. 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. To assist in our analysis of this project, we continue researching similar systems in other jurisdictions and in both public and private sectors and evaluating technologies that we can leverage in a redesign effort.

Currently, we do not have further updates or information to share. We will update the Committee about our discussions, findings, and recommendations.

If you or others on the Committee have questions about this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Cheryl L. Johnson Clerk of the House

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