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Secretary of the Senate Received: Feb 14, 2008

# LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page

Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only

Method B. Reporting amounts under section 5033[b](8) of the Internal Revenue Code
Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

1. Registrant Name: **U S PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP** 218 D STREET, SE 1st Floor, WASHINGTON, DC 20003 3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2): 4. Contact Name: RICHARD TRILSCH Telephone: 2025469707 E-mail (optional): rick@pirg.org Senate ID #: 38814-12 House ID #: 325310000 7. Client Name: X Self TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2007 Midyear (January 1 - June 30): OR Year End (July 1 - December 31): X 9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report: 10. Check if this is a Termination Report: 

=> Termination Date: 11. No Lobbying Activity: 🔲 INCOME OR EXPENSES Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13 12. Lobbying Firms INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was: Less than \$10,000: \$10,000 or more: => Income (nearest \$20,000); Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client). 13. Organizations EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were: Less than \$10,000: -\$10,000 or more: X => Expenses (nearest \$20,000): 497,096.00 14. Reporting Method. Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

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- 15. General issue area code: BAN (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Banking Regulations & General Banking Issues, Bank Fees, Credit Unions, Savings & Loans

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Federal Reserve System HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE Treasury, Dept of

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: MIERZWINSKI, EDMUND M. Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. None

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- 15. General issue area code: BNK (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Personal Bankruptcy

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: MIERZWINSKI, EDMUND M. Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. None

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- 15. General issue area code: BUD (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Budget, Appropriations Bills, Taxes. All of the above alone and as they relate & effect other U.S. PIRG issues.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Office of Management & Budget (DMB) SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: AURILIO, ANNA Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: BROWN, PAUL Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: FAZLULLAH, AMINÀ Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: FIDIS, ALEX Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: FIGDOR, EMILY Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: GARREN, SEAN Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: GENTILE, NICOLE Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: GOLDFUSS, CHRISTY Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: GRAVITZ, MIKE Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: JOHNSON, KATE Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: KRIEGER, JOHN Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: LEAVITT, CHRISTY Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: MIERZWINSKI, EDMUND M. Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: PITTS, DEREK Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: SCHREIBER, BEN Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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- 15. General issue area code: CAW (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Clean Air, Clean Water, Safer Drinking Water, Mercury Pollution, General Air & Water Pollution Issues

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: FIGDOR, EMILY
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: GRAVITZ, MIKE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: JOHNSON, KATE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: LEAVITT, CHRISTY
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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- 15. General issue area code: CHM (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Chemical Plant Security, Chemical Safety, Toxics Release Inventory, Toxics/Right to Know, Superfund, Pollution Prevention

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: FIDIS, ALEX Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. None

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- 15. General issue area code: CSP (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Consumer Protection, Consumer Rights, Product Safety, Toy Safety

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: BROWN, PAUL
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: FAZLULLAH, AMINA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: MIERZWINSKI, EDMUND M.
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. None

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- 15. General issue area code: EDU (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Student Aid, Student Loans, National Service, Higher Education Act, Student Rights

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Education, Dept of HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: LINDSTROM, CHRIS Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: SWARTHOUT, LUKE Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. None

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- 15. General issue area code: ENG (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Clean Energy, Nuclear Power, Energy Efficiency, Global Warming/Climate Change, Energy Legislation, Fossil Fuel & Nuclear Subsidies

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Energy, Dept of HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Interior, Dept of (DOI) SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: AURILIO, ANNA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: FIGDOR, EMILY
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: GARREN, SEAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: GRAVITZ, MIKE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: JOHNSON, KATE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: SCHREIBER, BEN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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- 15. General issue area code: ENV (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Toxics/Right to Know, Toxics Release Inventory, Pesticides, Polluter Pork/Anti-Environmental Subsidies, EPA Budget, Regulatory Issues, Superfund, Other General Environmental Issues

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Agriculture, Dept of (USDA) Energy, Dept of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Interior, Dept of (DOI) SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: AURILIO, ANNA Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: FIDIS, ALEX Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: FIGDOR, EMILY Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: GARREN, SEAN Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: GENTILE, NICOLE Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: GOLDFUSS, CHRISTY Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: GRAVITZ, MIKE Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: JOHNSON, KATE Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: LEAVITT, CHRISTY Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: PITTS, DEREK Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: SCHREIBER, BEN Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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- 15. General issue area code: FIN (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Fair Credit, Financial Services, Credit Privacy, Identity Theft

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Federal Reserve System HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE Treasury, Dept of

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: MIERZWINSKI, EDMUND M. Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. None

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- 15. General issue area code: FOO (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Food Safety Genetically Modified (GMO) Food

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Agriculture, Dept of (USDA) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Food & Drug Administration (FDA) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: BROWN, PAUL
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: FIDIS, ALEX
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: MIERZWINSKI, EDMUND M.
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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- 15. General issue area code: FUE (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Subsidies to Fossil Fuel Industry Subsidies to Nuclear Industry Gas & Energy Prices

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Energy, Dept of HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Interior, Dept of (DOI) SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: AURILIO, ANNA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: FIGDOR, EMILY
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: GARREN, SEAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: GRAVITZ, MIKE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: JOHNSON, KATE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
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Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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- 15. General issue area code: GOV (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Campaign Finance Reform, Lobbying & Ethics Reform, Election Reform

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Federal Election Commission (FEC) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: KALMAN, GARY Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. None

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- 15. General issue area code: MAR (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Oceans Preservation, Overfishing, Bycatch, Offshore Drilling

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Interior, Dept of (DOI) Natl Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: GRAVITZ, MIKE Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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- 15. General issue area code: MIA (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Media Consolidation Media Reform Internet Freedom

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Federal Trade Commission (FTC) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: FAZLULLAH, AMINA Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: MIERZWINSKI, EDMUND M. Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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- 15. General issue area code: NAT (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Forests Protection, Endangered Species, Wetlands, Everglades, Arctic Refuge, Public Lands, Wilderness

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Agriculture, Dept of (USDA) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Interior, Dept of (DOI) SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: AURILIO, ANNA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: GENTILE, NICOLE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
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Name: PITTS, DEREK
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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- 15. General issue area code: RES (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Conservation & Preservation in Forests and Public Lands Road-Building in Forests and Public Lands

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Agriculture, Dept of (USDA) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Interior, Dept of (DOI) SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: GENTILE, NICOLE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: GOLDFUSS, CHRISTY
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: PITTS, DEREK
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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- 15. General issue area code: TEC (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

"Net Neutrality" Internet Freedom Telecommunication Company Mergers

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Federal Trade Commission (FTC) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: FAZLULLAH, AMINA Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: MIERZWINSKI, EDMUND M. Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. None

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- 15. General issue area code: TOB (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Tobacco & Smoking Health and Safety

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Agriculture, Dept of (USDA) Food & Drug Administration (FDA) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: MIERZWINSKI, EDMUND M. Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. None

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- 15. General issue area code: TRA (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Public Transportation & Rail; Highway Bills; Pollution for Cars, Trucks & Buses; Fuel Efficiency; Anti-Environmental Subsidies Related to Transportation

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE Transportation, Dept of (DOT)

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: AURILIO, ANNA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: FIGDOR, EMILY
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: GARREN, SEAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: JOHNSON, KATE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: KRIEGER, JOHN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: SCHREIBER, BEN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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- 15. General issue area code: TRD (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Fair Trade Issues, Labeling of Products (concerns between U.S. & other countries), Safe Product Imports, Environmental & Consumer Protection in Trade Agreements

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Agriculture, Dept of (USDA) Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: AURILIO, ANNA Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: MIERZWINSKI, EDMUND M. Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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- 15. General issue area code: UTI (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Utility Deregulation, PUHCA, Subsidies

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Energy, Dept of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: AURILIO, ANNA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: FIGDOR, EMILY
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: GARREN, SEAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: JOHNSON, KATE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: SCHREIBER, BEN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: SCHREIBER, BEN

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15. General issue area code: WAS (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Nuclear Waste, Hazardous Waste, Toxic Waste, Superfund

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Energy, Dept of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: AURILIO, ANNA Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: FIDIS, ALEX Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: SCHREIBER, BEN Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. None

Signature: ON FILE Date: Feb 14, 2008

Printed Name and Title: RICHARD TRILSCH, ADMINISTRATIV -

### Information Update Page:

Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.

### LOBBYIST UPDATE

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is NO LONGER expected to act as a lobbyist for the client

### ISSUE UPDATE

24. General lobbying issues previously reported that NO LONGER pertain

# AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

25. Add the following organization(s)

26. Name of each previously reported organization that is NO LONGER affiliated with the registrant or client

#### FOREIGN ENTITIES

27. Add the following foreign entities

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity the NO LONGER owns, OR controls, OR is affiliated with the registrant, client or affiliated organization

Signature: ON FILE Date: Feb 14, 2008

Printed Name and Title: -