

LOBBYING REGISTRATION

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 4)

Check if this is an Amended Registration

1. Effective Date of Registration Mar 01, 2006

2. House Identification Number _____

Senate Identification Number 2057-2943

REGISTRANT

3. Registrant Name: AMERICAN CONTINENTAL GROUP
Address: 2099 PENNSYLVANIA AVE NW #850
City: WASHINGTON State: DC Zip: 20006

4. Principal place of business (if different from line 3):

5. Telephone number and contact name:
202419-2500 Contact: BETH ANNE COLE
E-mail(optional): cole@acgrep.com

6. General description of registrant's business or activities:
Government Affairs

CLIENT

A Lobbying firm is required to file a separate registration for each client. Organizations employing in-house lobbyists should check the box labeled "Self" and proceed to line 10.

Self

7. Client name: MERCHANTS PAYMENTS COALITION, INC.
Address: 325 7TH STREET, NW SUITE 1100
City: WASHINGTON State: DC Zip: 20004

8. Principal place of business (if different from line 7):

9. General description of client's business or activities:
an association of major retail trade organizations

LOBBYISTS

10. Name of each individual who has acted or is expected to act as a lobbyist for the client identified on line 7. If any person listed in this section has served as a "covered executive branch official" or "covered legislative branch official" within two years of first acting as a lobbyist for the client, state the executive and/or legislative position(s) in which the person served.

Name: THORSEN, CARLYLE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: URBAN, DAVID
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

LOBBYING ISSUES

11. General lobbying issue areas. Select all applicable codes listed in instructions and on the reverse side of Form LD-1, page 1:

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12. Specific lobbying issues (current and anticipated):

General Financial Service Issues

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

13. Is there an entity other than the client that contributes more than \$10,000 to the lobbying activities of the registrant in a semi-annual period **and** 13. Is there an entity other than the client that contributes more than \$10,000 to the lobbying activities of the registrant in a semi-annual period in whole or in major part plans, supervises or controls the registrant's lobbying activities?

Registrant Name: AMERICAN CONTINENTAL GROUP Client Name: MERCHANTS PAYMENTS
COALITION, INC.

No, then go to line 14.

Yes, then complete the rest of this section for each entity matching the criteria above, then proceed to line 14.

FOREIGN ENTITIES

14. Is there any foreign entity that:

- a) holds at least 20% equitable ownership in the client or any organization identified on line 13; **OR**
- b) directly or indirectly, in whole or in major part, plans, supervises, controls, directs, finances or subsidizes activities of the client or any organization identified on line 13; **OR**
- c) is an affiliate of the client or any organization identified on line 13 and has a direct interest in the outcome of the lobbying activity?

No, then sign and date the registration.

Yes, then complete the rest of this section for each entity matching the criteria above, then sign and date the registration.

Signature: ON FILE Date: Apr 05, 2006

Printed Name and Title: DAVID J. URBAN - MANAGING DIRECTOR