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# LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant name			
Organization		Agricultural Retailers Association	
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported			
1156 15th Street, NW		Suite 302	
City	Washington	State	DC
Zip Code	20005	Country	US
3. Principal place of business (if different than line 2)			
City		State	
Zip Code		Country	
4a. Contact Name		b. Telephone number	c. E-mail
Prefix	Full Name		
Mr.	Jack Eberspacher	(202) 457-0825	jack@aradc.org
7. Client Name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self			5. Senate ID #
Agricultural Retailers Association			454-12
			6. House ID #
			33432001

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year  2004 Midyear (January 1-June 30)  OR Year End (July 1-December)

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 Acti

**INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13**

<p><b>12. Lobbying Firms</b></p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ⇨ \$ _____</p> <p>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).</p>	<p><b>13. Organizations</b></p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ⇨ \$ _____ 60,000</p> <p><b>14. REPORTING METHOD.</b> Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of opti</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Method A.</b> Reporting amounts using LDA definitions or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method B.</b> Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8); Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method C.</b> Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of t Revenue Code</p>
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Printed Name and Title Jack Eberspacher, President and CEO



Registrant Name Agricultural Retailers Association Client Name Agricultural Retailers Association

**LOBBYING ACTIVITY.** Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code CHM - Chemicals/Chemical Industry (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

- Opposed "Chemical Security Act of 2003" (S 157 / HR 1861); Participated in industry coalition voicing concerns about the legislation and its impact on the U.S. agriculture.
- Raised concerns with "Chemical Facilities Security Act of 2003" (S 994) and its impact on Ag retailers/distributors.
- Supported "Agricultural Business Security Tax Credit Act of 2004" (HR 4712 / S 2872).
- DOT hazardous materials transportation security regulations (HMR 232).
- Informed Congress and Federal Agencies about Security Vulnerability Assessment Program (SVA).

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

House	EPA
Senate	White House
DHS	DOT
USDA	

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area *Add a page to continue adding lobbyists for II*

First Name	Name Last Name	Suffix	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Richard	Gupton		
Jim	Thrift		
Jack	Eberspacher		

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



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**ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue Area CHM**

16. Specific lobbying issues (continued from previous page)

Participated in the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Food and Agriculture Sector Task Force.



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15. General issue area code HOM - Homeland Security (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

- Opposed "Chemical Security Act of 2003" (S 157 / HR 1861); Participated in industry coalition voicing concerns about the legislation and its impact on U.S. agriculture  
- Raised concerns with "Chemical Facilities Security Act of 2003" (S 994) and its impact on Ag retailers/distributors.  
- DOT hazardous materials transportation security regulations (HMR 232).  
- Informed Congress and Federal Agencies about Security Vulnerability Assessment Program (SVA).

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

House DOT  
Senate White House  
USDA  
DHS

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**ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue Area HOM**

16. Specific lobbying issues (continued from previous page)

- Supported "Agricultural Business Security Tax Credit Act of 2004" (HR 4718 / S 2872).
- Participated in the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Food and Ag Sector Task Force.



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15. General issue area code TAX - Taxation/Internal Revenue Code (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

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Supported "Agricultural Business Security Tax Credit Act of 2004" (HR 4718 / S 2872)  
Supported "American Jobs Creation Act" (HR 4520 / S 1637) - FSC/ETI tax bills.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

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Senate  
DHS  
USDA

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15. General issue area code TRA - Transportation (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Supported authorizing language in the Senate and House highway bills (HR 3550 / S 1072) to provide more permanent protection for hours of service exemption of drivers rules for agricultural commodities and farm supplies; Supported HR 871 and S 1325; and participated in industry coalition on hours of services regulations - voiced concerns with DOT regulations.  
- Opposed provision in highway bills (HR 3550 / S 1072) that would authorize new tolls on existing interstate highways.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

House USDA  
Senate  
White House  
DOT

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**ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue Area TRA**

16. Specific lobbying issues (continued from previous page)

- Discussed DOT hazardous materials transportation security regulations (HMR 232) and impact of Senate highway bill farmer exemption provision on retailers.
- Discussed anhydrous ammonia tank plate exemption with DOT officials.
- Supported Water Resources Development Act reauthorization to improve lock and dams along key waterways such as the Mississippi and Illinois rivers.





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15. General issue area code ENV - Environmental/Superfund (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

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- Supported reforming Endangered Species Act (HR 1662 / S 369)
- Supported revisions to EPA's SPCC rules
- Discussed EPA's pesticide containment proposed regulations with EPA officials and Congress
- Discussed off-road diesel rules with both EPA and USDA officials.
- EPA spray drift regulations

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EPA	

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**Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.**

20. Client new address

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Country

21. Client new principal place of business (if different than line 20)

City

State

Zip Code

Country

22. New general description of client's business or activities

**LOBBYIST UPDATE**

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

First Name

Last Name

Suffix

First Name

Last Name

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**ISSUE UPDATE**

Find the code to select below.

24. General lobbying issues that no longer pertain

**AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

Name	Address	Principal place of Business (city and state or country)
	Address	City
	C/S/Z	State Country
	Address	City
	C/S/Z	State

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

1

2

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**FOREIGN ENTITIES**

27. Add the following foreign entities

Name	Street Address	Address	Principal place of business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities	Own per client
	City	State/Province Country	City		
			State Country		

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity that no longer owns, or controls, or is affiliated with the registrant, affiliated organization

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Printed Name and Title Jack Eberspacher, President and CEO

