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LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name <u>American Cable Association</u>			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported <u>One Parkway Center, Suite 212</u>			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: <u>Pittsburgh</u> State/Zip (or Country) <u>PA 15220</u>			
4. Contact Name <u>Matthew Polka</u>		Telephone <u>412-922-8300 x16</u>	E-mail (optional) <u>mpolka@americancable.org</u>
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self			5. Senate ID # <u>5452</u>
			6. House ID # <u>34990</u>

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2003 Midyear (January 1-June 30) OR Year End (July 1-December 31)

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

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 ⇔ \$ 100,000
Expenses (nearest \$20,000)

14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of

Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definition

Method B. Reporting amounts under section 603: Internal Revenue Code

Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162 Internal Revenue Code

Signature _____

Printed Name and Title _____

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Registrant Name American Cable Assoc Client Name _____

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 TEC (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Please See Exhibit A attached her

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted

- U.S. House of Representatives
- U.S. Senate
- Federal Communications Commission
- Federal Trade Commission
- General Accounting Office

Check if None

- Department of Justice
- Rural Utility Serv.
- Small Business Adm.
- National Telecomm. Information Adm.

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
<i>Matthew M. Polka, American Cable Association</i>	

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above


Check if None

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name and Title _____

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*Exhibit A*ACA Lobbying Points
2003

- Department of Justice - Fox/DirecTV Merger
- Federal Communications Commission - Digital Television Transition, Retransmission Consent Abuse, Fox-DirecTV Merger, Emergency Alert System Relief for Smaller Companies, Program Access, Open Access
- Federal Trade Commission - General Electric-NBC/Vivendi Merger
- General Accounting Office - Report on Cable/Programming Rates
- House and Senate - Escalating Programming Rates and Greater Forced Tying and Bundling of Programming Services by Major Media Conglomerates, Causing Consumer Cable Rates to Rise; Need for Transparency in Programming Pricing
- House and Senate - Lack of Consumer Choice and Need for Cable Operators to Offer Consumers to Have Right to Tier High-Cost Services
- House and Senate - Retransmission Consent Abuse by Major Media Conglomerates; Need for Changes in or Elimination of Retransmission Consent Laws and Regulation
- House and Senate Judiciary Committees - Fox-DirecTV Merger; Need for Stricter Conditions Placed on Major Media Merger of Broadcast, Content and Distribution Markets
- House Commerce Committee - Digital Television Transition; Phased-in Transition to Smaller Markets and Rural Areas
- Rural Utility Service - Access to Broadband Loans and Programs
- Senate Commerce Committee - Media Ownership; Negative Consumer and Business Effects of Further Consolidation of Programming and Broadcast Entities

Registrant Name American College ASJA Client Name _____

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

20. Client new address

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

City

State/Zip (or 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

ISSUE UPDATE

24. General lobbying issues previously reported that no longer pertain

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

Name	Address	Principal Place of Bu (city and state or co

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

Name	Address	Principal place of business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities

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

[Handwritten signature]

Signature  Date 02/12/04

Printed Name and Title Matthew M. Poika, President of
American Cable Assn.

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