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# LOBBYING REPORT

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

X Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only

Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

1. Registrant Name: **AMERICAN EXPRESS CO** 801 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW, #650, WASHINGTON, DC 20004 3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2): City: New York State/Zip(or Country): NY 10285 4. Contact Name: ROBERT B. THOMSON, III Telephone: 2024340156 E-mail (optional): robert.b.thomson@aexp.com Senate ID #: 2274-12 House ID #: 7. Client Name: X Self TYPE OF REPORT \_\_ 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 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): 2,000,000.00 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:
- S. 1395, Stop Unfair Practices in Credit Cards Act, provisions relating to credit card practices H.R. 873, Credit Card Payment Fee Act of 2007, provisions relating to certain fees. H.R. 1461, Credit Card Act, provisions relating to credit card practices.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Executive Office of the President (EOP) 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: CHRISTENSON, ARNE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: KAMEN, LAUREL B.
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: PIANALTO, ANTONELLA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: QUINN, WILLIAM "FRITZI
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: THOMSON, ROBERT III
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: CPT (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:
- S. 1145, Patent Reform Act of 2007, improvement of patent quality H.R. 1908, Patent Reform Act of 2007, improvement of patent quality
- 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: PIANALTO, ANTONELLA 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: FIN (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:
- S 239, Notification of Risk to Personal Data Act, data security and breach notification S 495, Personal Data Privacy and Security Act, data security and breach notification S 1260, Data Security Act, data security and breach notification S 1260, Data Security Act, data security and breach notification
- 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: CHRISTENSON, ARNE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: PIANALTO, ANTONELLA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
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- 15. General issue area code: LAW (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

HR 837, Internet Stopping Adults Facilitating the Exploitation of Today's Youth Act (SAFETY), preventing the use of payment instruments to facilitate the purchase of child pomography

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: THOMSON, ROBERT III Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

Issues relating to the implementation of the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (P.L. 109-435)

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE U.S. Postal Service (USPS)

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

Name: KAMEN, LAUREL B. 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: SMB (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

HR 2803, Angels Nurture Growing Entrepreneurs into Long-term Successes Act, establishes and angel investment program for small businesses

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: PIANALTO, ANTONELLA 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: TAX (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:
- S 940, to permanently extend the subpart F exemption for active financing income HR 1509, to permanently extend the subpart F exemption for active financing income S 1726, Business Activity Tax Simplification Act, regulation of state taxation of interstate commerce Social Security Administration Consent Based Social Security Number Verification Process

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE Social Security Administration (SSA) Treasury, Dept of

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

Name: CHRISTENSON, ARNE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: MORGAN, DAVID
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: PIANALTO, ANTONELLA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
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- 15. General issue area code: TEC (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:
- S 1625, Counter Spy Act, regulate the unauthorized installation of computer software. HR 964, Securely Protect Yourself Against Cyber Trespass Act, protecting internet users from unfair and deceptive practices associated with spyware. HR 1525, Internet Spyware Prevention Act, discourage the use of spyware through penalties.
- 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: PIANALTO, ANTONELLA 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: ROBERT B THOMSON, III, VICE PR -

#### 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

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