

## LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

**AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND**

2. Address:

820 FIRST STREET, NE, #400, WASHINGTON, DC 20002

3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2):

City: New York State/Zip(or Country): NY 10001

4. Contact Name: MARK RICHERT

Telephone: 2024088175

E-mail (optional): blemoine@afb.net

Senate ID #: 2401-12

House ID #:

7. Client Name:  Self

### TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2007 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:  => Expenses (nearest \$20,000): 100,000.00

#### 14. Reporting Method.

Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

**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

Registrant Name: AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND Client Name: Self

### LOBBYING ACTIVITY

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

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Labor HHS appropriations for aging and vision loss

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

SENATE

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

Name: RICHERT, MARK

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: SCHRÖEDER, PAUL W.

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

Registrant Name: AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND Client Name: Self

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Blindness/low vision issues surrounding Americans with Disabilities Act

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:  
Justice, Dept of (DOJ)

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

Name: RICHERT, MARK  
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:

Transition issues surrounding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.\

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

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

Name: RICHERT, MARK  
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: LBR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Blindness/low vision issues in rehabilitation and employment

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:  
Labor, Dept of (DOL)

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

Name: RICHERT, MARK  
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: MMM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Proposed regulation regarding low vision device

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:  
Centers For Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)  
Health & Human Services, Dept of (HHS)

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

Name: RICHERT, MARK  
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: TEC (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Issues surrounding Section 255 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:  
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

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

Name: SCHROEDER, PAUL W.  
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: Aug 14, 2007

Printed Name and Title: MARK RICHERT DIRECTOR, PUBLIC POLICY -

**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: Aug 14, 2007

Printed Name and Title: -