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## LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name The Advocacy Group			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 1350 I Street, N.W. #680 Washington, D.C. 20005			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: N/A State/Zip (or Country)			
4. Contact Name George A. Ramonas		Telephone 202-393-4841	E-mail (optional)
		5. Senate ID # 261-342	
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self US Surgical Corporation		6. House ID # 30018022	

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 99 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

<b>12. Lobbying Firms</b> INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was: Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> → \$ 80,000 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).	<b>13. Organizations</b> EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were: Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> → \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000) <b>14. REPORTING METHOD.</b> Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options. <input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only <input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code <input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Title \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 TAX (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 2488 Archer Tax Relief Bill

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

US House of Representatives  
US Senate

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Robert J. Dotchin		<input type="checkbox"/>
George A. Ramonas		<input type="checkbox"/>
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above ☒ Check if None

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15. General issue area code MMM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 2030 Medicare Access to Technology Act of 1999  
HR 2356 Bill to amend Title XXII of the Social Security Act to improve review procedures under Medicare programs by making those procedures more equitable and efficient for beneficiaries and claimants

HCFA's Medicare coverage policy

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

US House of Representatives  
US Senate  
Health Care Finance Agency

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
George A. Ramonas		<input type="checkbox"/>
Robert J. Dotchin		<input type="checkbox"/>
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15. General issue area code HCR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

S. 1233/HR 1906 Agriculture Appropriations bill  
FDA's Implementation of the Food and Drug Cosmetics Act of 1997

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

US House of Representatives  
US Senate  
Food & Drug Administration

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

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Robert J. Dotchin		<input type="checkbox"/>
George A. Ramonas		<input type="checkbox"/>
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Signature

*Charles V. de Munnich*

Date

*8/16/99*

Printed Name and Title

*Ch. Munnich per George Ramonas Director*

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