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**LOBBYING REPORT**

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

1. Registrant Name <b>The OB-C Group, LLC</b>			
2. Registrant Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported Address <b>1350 Eye Street, NW</b> Suite <b>690</b> City <b>Washington</b> State/Zip (or Country) <b>DC 20005</b> <b>USA</b>			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____			
4. Contact Name <b>Celeste Dembowski</b>	Telephone <b>202-898-4746</b>	E-mail (optional) <b>cdembowski@ob-cgroup.com</b>	5. Senate ID # <b>29802-238</b>
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self <b>Sears, Roebuck and Co.</b>			6. House ID # <b>30108014</b>

**TYPE OF REPORT** 8. Year 2002 Midyear (January 1-June 30)  OR Year End (July 1-Dec

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 Lobby:

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

12. Lobbying Firms	13. Organizations
<p><b>INCOME</b> 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"/> &gt;&gt; \$ <u>\$140,000.00</u> Income (nearest \$20,000)</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>EXPENSES</b> relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> &gt;&gt; \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p><b>14. REPORTING METHOD.</b> Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method A.</b> Reporting amounts using LDA definiti</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method B.</b> Reporting amounts under section 6032 the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method C.</b> Reporting amounts under section 162( Internal Revenue Code</p>

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

16. Specific Lobbying issues

**H.R.333, Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2001, entire bill.****S.220, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 2001, entire bill.****S.420, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 2001, entire bill.**

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

 Check if None

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
<b>Johnson, Michael S.</b>	
<b>Keating, Thomas</b>	
<b>McKernan, Kim F.</b>	
<b>Mellody, Charles J.</b>	
<b>Nelson, Patricia A.</b>	
<b>O'Brien, III, Lawrence F.</b>	
<b>Ruhlen, Mary Ellen</b>	

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

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Client Name: Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Item	Description	Data
18a	Lobbyist Name	Tarplin, Linda E.
18b	Covered Official Position	
18c	New Lobbyist	No



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

16. Specific Lobbying issues

**S.1742, Restore Your Identity Act of 2001, to prevent identity theft, mitigate the harm to individuals victimized other purposes.**

**S.2541, Identity Theft Penalty Enhancement Act of 2002, to prevent identity theft, mitigate the harm to individuals victimized by it, and other purposes.**

**S.848, Social Security Number Misuse Prevention Act of 2001, to limit the misuse of social security numbers, purposes.**

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

 Check if None

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

16. Specific Lobbying issues  
 \*, No specific bill, Privacy issues.

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15. General issue area code HCR (one per page)
16. Specific Lobbying issues  
**H.R.2315, Patients' Bill of Rights Act of 2001, employer liability.**  
**H.R.2563, Bipartisan Patient Protection Act, employer liability.**  
**H.R.526, Bipartisan Patient Protection Act of 2001, employer liability.**  
**S.1052, Bipartisan Patient Protection Act, employer liability.**  
**S.283, Bipartisan Patient Protection Act of 2001, employer liability.**  
**S.872, Bipartisan Patient Protection Act, employer liability.**  
**S.889, Bipartisan Patients' Bill of Rights Act of 2001, employer liability.**

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

16. Specific Lobbying issues

**H.R.665, Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2001, extension of WWOC and WWTC.****S.277, Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2001, extension of WWOC and WWTC.****S.J.RES.6, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Department under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, relating to ergonomics, entire bill.**

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  
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15. General issue area code TAX (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

**H.R.1410, Internet Tax Moratorium and Equity Act, entire bill.****H.R.1552, Internet Tax Nondiscrimination Act, entire bill.****H.R.1675, Internet Tax Nondiscrimination Act, entire bill.****H.R.1836, Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, individual tax relief.****H.R.2526, Internet Tax Fairness Act of 2001, to make permanent the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Act, and other issues.****H.R.2550, Economic Revitalization Tax Act of 2001, entire bill.****H.R.3172, Sales Tax Holiday Act of 2001, entire bill.****H.R.3529, Economic Security and Worker Assistance Act of 2001, extension of Welfare to Work tax credit and of Work Opportunity Tax credit.****S.1475, Economic Revitalization Tax Act of 2001, entire bill.**

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

 Check if None**House of Representatives****Senate**

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16	Lobbying Issues	S.1481, Internet Tax Moratorium Extension Act, entire bill.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.1504, Internet Tax Moratorium Extension Act, entire bill.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.1643, Sales Tax Holiday Act of 2001, entire bill.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.512, Internet Tax Moratorium and Equity Act, entire bill.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.777, Internet Tax Nondiscrimination Act, entire bill.
18a	Lobbyist Name	Tarplin, Linda E.
18b	Covered Official Position	
18c	New Lobbyist	No



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15. General issue area code TOR (one per page)
16. Specific Lobbying issues  
**H.R.2341, Class Action Fairness Act of 2001, Class Action reform.**

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

16. Specific Lobbying issues  
**H.R.2590, Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2002 , funding the U.S. Customs compute**

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