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

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2001 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 Lobbyi

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms	13. Organizations
INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was: Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> >> \$ <u>\$140,000.00</u> Income (nearest \$20,000)	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)
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).	14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of: <input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definiti <input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033 the Internal Revenue Code <input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(c Internal Revenue Code

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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 Check if None
House of Representatives
Senate

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

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

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

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18a	Lobbyist Name	Tarplin, Linda E.
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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.

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

16. Specific Lobbying issues
*, No specific bill, Postal reform.

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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.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.1481, Internet Tax Moratorium Extension Act, entire bill.

S.1504, Internet Tax Moratorium Extension Act, entire bill.

S.1643, Sales Tax Holiday Act of 2001, entire bill.

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16	Lobbying Issues	S.512, Internet Tax Moratorium and Equity Act, entire bill.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.777, Internet Tax Nondiscrimination Act, entire bill.
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15. General issue area code TOR (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

**** , No specific bill, Asbestos litigation reform.**

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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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
Calio, Nicholas
Chadwick, Kirsten

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 Business (city and state or country)

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

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