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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>VERN F. HIGHLEY</b>			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported <b>PO Box 10255</b>			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: <b>Alexandria</b> State/Zip (or Country) <b>VA 22310</b>			
4. Contact Name <b>Same</b>	Telephone <b>703-683-6786</b>	E-mail (optional)	5. Senate ID #
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self <b>Asparagus USA</b>	6. House ID #		

**TYPE OF REPORT** 8. Year 1999 Midyear (January 1-June 30)  OR Year End (July 1-December 31)   
(Nov-Dec 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	
<p><b>12. Lobbying Firms</b></p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ _____ 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>13. Organizations</b></p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p><b>14. REPORTING METHOD.</b> Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code</p>

Signature Vern F. Highley  
Printed Name and Title Vern F. Highley, Govt. Rel.

Registrant Name Vern F. Highley Client Name Asparagus USA

**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 AGR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

- Info gathering on asparagus production & removal
- Sharing info with USDA
- Listing Asparagus-based value-added products in School Lunch procurement info.

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

USDA

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
<u>Vern F. Highley</u>		<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

Signature Vern F. Highley Date 2-1-00  
Printed Name and Title Vern F. Highley, Govt. Rel.