

## LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

**THE KROGER CO.**

2. Address:

1014 VINE STREET, CINCINNATI, OH 45202

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

Country: City: State/Zip(or Country):

4. Contact Name: LYNN MARMER

Telephone: (513) 762-4441

E-mail (optional): janet.ausdenmoore@kroger.com

Senate ID #: 88212-12

House ID #: 36654000

7. Client Name:  Self

## TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2006 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): 144,700.00

### 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: THE KROGER CO. 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: AGR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

HR 2068 / S 1333 - To amend the Agriculture Marketing Act of 1946 to establish a voluntary program for country of origin labeling of meat, and for other purposes.

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

US Department of Agriculture  
US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
US SENATE

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US SENATE

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

Name: DOYEL, KENDRA  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
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Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: HUDDLESTON, GARY  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: HUDDLESTON, GARY  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):

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

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16. Specific lobbying issues:

WIC - Electronic Benefits Transactions. Input to US Department of Agriculture concerning electronic delivery systems and standards being developed to deliver WIC benefits. Uniform format needed to interface with existing store systems used by retailers.

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

US Department of Agriculture  
US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
US SENATE

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

Name: DOYEL, KENDRA  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: DOYEL, KENDRA  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: HUDDLESTON, GARY  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: HUDDLESTON, GARY  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):

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

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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: BAN (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Unchecked rates of increase in Interchange Fees charged to retailers by credit card companies.

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

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
US SENATE

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

Name: HANNA, KATHY  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: HUDDLESTON, GARY  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):

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:

Multi-employer pension reform provisions contained in HR 2830, the Pension Protection Act of 2005, and S. 1783, Pension Security and Transparency Act of 2005.

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

Pension Benefit and Guaranty Corporation  
US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
US SENATE

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

Name: DOYEL, KENDRA  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: HOFFMAN, KEN  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: HUDDLESTON, GARY  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: OLCHYK, SAM  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):

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

Signature: ON FILE Date: Aug 09, 2006

Printed Name and Title: Lynn Marmer, Group VP, Corporate Affairs -

Registrant Name: THE KROGER CO. Client Name: Self

### Information Update Page:

Complete **ONLY** where registration information has changed.

**21. Client new principal place of business (if different from line 20):**

Country: USA

### LOBBYIST UPDATE

**23. Name of each previously reported individual who is NO LONGER expected to act as a lobbyist for the client**

Name: Rhodes, Gary

### 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 09, 2006

Printed Name and Title: LYNN MARMER, GROUP VP, CORPORATE AFFAIRS -