

## LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

**COMMON CAUSE**

2. Address:

1133 19TH STREET NW 9TH FL, WASHINGTON, DC 20036

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

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

4. Contact Name: ED DAVIS

Telephone: 202-736-5751

E-mail (optional): edavis@commoncause.org

Senate ID #: 10150-12

House ID #: 31882000

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): 80,000.00

### 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: COMMON CAUSE 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: CIV (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Common Cause urged Senators to support S. 2703, the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act and oppose all weakening amendments. Common Cause urged Members of the House of Representatives to vote for H.R. 9, the Reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act and oppose all weakening amendments.

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: BENTON, JAMES

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: CLAY, KIRK

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: DAVIS, ED

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: PINGREE, CHELLIE

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: COM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Common Cause urged Members to oppose S. 2686, the Consumer's Choice, and Broadband Deployment Act. The bill prevents the FCC from writing or enforcing rules to protect Internet freedom. Common Cause urged Senator to support S. 2917, the Internet Freedom Preservation Act. The bill prohibits telephone and cable companies from blocking or discriminating against any lawful Internet content. Common Cause opposed H.R. 5252, the Communications Opportunity Promotion and Enhancement Act. The bill would prevent the FCC from writing rules to protect Internet freedom. Common Cause urged Members of the House of Representatives to support H.R. 5273, the Network Neutrality Act. The bill prohibits telephone and cable companies from blocking or discriminating against any lawful Internet content. Common Cause urges Members of the House of Representatives to support H.R. 5417, the Internet Freedom and Non-Discrimination Act. The legislation will guarantee our right to "net neutrality" -- the principle that Internet users should be able to access any web content they choose and use any applications they choose, without restrictions or limitations imposed by their Internet service provider. Common Cause urged the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to adopt a series of recommendations to ensure better governance including broadcasting meeting for the public, increase disclosure, and allowing members of the public to speak at meetings, and requiring more oversight of board activity. Common Cause urged the Federal Communication Commission to move forward on its Notice of Inquiry into the Public Interest Obligations of television broadcasters and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the Disclosure Requirements for television broadcasters. Common Cause urged House Appropriations Committee Chair to reverse the proposed \$115 million in cuts to the budget of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting approved by the House Subcommittee on Labor, Health & Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies.

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

House, Senate, Federal Communications Commission, Corporation for Public Broadcasting  
US House of Representatives  
US Senate

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

Name: COLETTA, LAUREN

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: HOLIAN, DAWN

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: PINGREE, CHELLIE

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: WEXLER, CELIA

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

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

Registrant Name: COMMON CAUSE Client Name: Self

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15. General issue area code: DOC (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Common Cause supported the HR 2043, the Fairness in Representation Act. The bill would give an elected representative for the District full voting power in the House of Representatives. Common Cause urged Members of the House of Representatives to support H.R. 5388, DC Fair and Equal House Voting Rights Act, which would give an elected representative for the District full voting power in the House of Representatives.

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: DAVIS, ED

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: PINGREE, CHELLIE

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: GOV (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Campaign Finance Reform Common Cause urged Members of the House of Representatives to oppose H.R. 1606, the Online Freedom of Speech Act sponsored by Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-TX), which would provide a blanket exemption for Internet communications from federal campaign finance laws. Common Cause urged Members of the House of Representative to support H.R. 4194, the Internet Anti-Corruption and Free Speech Protection Act introduced by Reps. Chris Shays (R-CT) and Marty Meehan (D-MA). The bill would close the Internet loophole in campaign finance laws, but would not restrict Internet activists' constitutional right to free speech. Common Cause urged Members of the House of Representatives to support H.R. 4900, the 'Internet Free Speech Protection Act of 2006,' introduced by Representatives Tom Allen (D-ME) and Charles Bass (R-NH). The legislation would provide appropriate broad protections to the Internet community without opening gaping soft money loopholes in the campaign finance laws. Common Cause urged Members to support H.R. 513, the 527 Reform Act of 2005. The legislation would close the loophole that allowed Section 527 groups to raise and spend hundreds of millions of dollars outside campaign finance limits to influence the 2004 federal elections. Common Cause opposed H.R. 1316, the 527 Fairness Act of 2005. Sponsored by Mike Pence (R-IN) and Albert Wynn (D-MD), the bill does not address 527 organizations, but instead would repeal the aggregate contribution limits from individuals to political parties and federal candidates. Common Cause urged Members to support S. 271, the 527 Reform Act of 2005. The legislation would close the loophole that allowed Section 527 groups to raise and spend hundreds of millions of dollars outside campaign finance limits to influence the 2004 federal elections. Common Cause urged Members to support H.R. 3099, the Clean Money, Clean Elections Act. The bill would provide full public financing for the campaigns of House candidates if they choose to forgo raising private contributions. Common Cause lobbied in support of legislation to establish public financing for Congressional campaigns and to reform the presidential public finance system. Ethics Common Cause urged Congress to add an Office of Public Integrity to the provision in H.R. 4682 Honest Leadership and Open Government Act. The Office of Public Integrity would allow ethics rules to be enforced in a non-partisan manner. Common Cause urged Members of the House of Representatives to oppose the HR 4975, The Lobby Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 because the bill was too weak and did not effectively address ethical issues in Congress. Common Cause urged the Public Integrity Division of the Justice Department to investigate the potential of Representative Katherine Harris (R-FL) violating U.S. Code 18§201: Bribery of public officials and witnesses, based on accounts of her relationship with former Chief Executive of MZM, Inc., Mitchell Wade. Common Cause urged the Senate to support S. 2259, the Congressional Ethics Enforcement Commission Act. Sponsored by Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) the bill would establish an Office of Public Integrity in the Congress and a Congressional Ethics Enforcement Commission. Election Reform Common Cause urged Members of the House of Representatives to cosponsor and support H.R. 550, the Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2005 sponsored by Representative Rush Holt (D-NJ). The bill would require all voting machines used in federal elections to have a voter verified paper trail and would require mandatory audits. Other Common Cause urged Members of the House of Representatives to not use a computer program that blocks emails from constituents by using a logic puzzle in order to minimize the amount of incoming email.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:  
House, Senate, U.S. Department of JusticeUS House of Representatives  
US Senate

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

Name: BENTON, JAMES  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: BURT, BARBARA  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: DAVIS, ED  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: DUFENDACH, SARAH  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: GOODMAN, SUSANNAH  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: PINGREE, CHELLIE  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: SHAFFER, MATT  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: SURRUSCO, MIKE  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: WEXLER, CELIA  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Registrant Name: COMMON CAUSE Client Name: Self

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

Signature: ON FILE Date: Aug 02, 2006

Printed Name and Title: Edwin Davis, Vice President of Policy and Research -

**Information Update Page:**

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

**LOBBYIST UPDATE**

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

Name: Surrusco, Mike

**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 02, 2006

Printed Name and Title: EDWIN DAVIS, VICE PRESIDENT OF POLICY AND RESEARCH -