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LOBBYING REGISTRATION

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 4)

Check if this is an Amended Registration 1. Effective Date of Registration 8/01/200
2. House Identification Number _____ Senate Identification Number _____

REGISTRANT

3. Registrant name Mercury Public Affairs
Address 1775 Eye Street NW Suite 700
City Washington State DC Zip 20006 US
4. Principal place of business (if different than line 3)
City New York State NY Zip 10010 US
5. Telephone number and contact name
202 551 1450 Contact Mr. John Hishta E-mail jhishta@mercuryllc.com
6. General description of registrant's business or activities
Public Affairs

CLIENT *A Lobbying firm is required to file a separate registration for each client. Organizations employing in-house lobbyists should check the labeled "Self" and proceed to line 10.* Self

7. Client name Partnership to Protect Affordable Student Loans
Address 1209 Orange Street
City Wilmington State DE Zip 19801 U
8. Principal place of business (if different than line 7)
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
9. General description of client's business or activities
coalition of student loan businesses

LOBBYISTS

10. Name of each individual who has acted or is expected to act as a lobbyist for the client identified on line 7. If any person section has served as a "covered executive branch official" or "covered legislative branch official" within two years of fi a lobbyist for the client, *state the executive and/or legislative position(s) in which the person served.*

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
John Hishta	
Mike McSherry	
John Lonergan	

Registrant Name Mercury Public Affairs Client Name Partnership to Protect Affordable Stuc

LOBBYING ISSUES

11. General lobbying issue areas. Select all applicable codes listed in instructions and on the reverse side of Form LD-1, pa

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12. Specific lobbying issues (current and anticipated)

Higher Education re authorization

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

13. Is there an entity other than the client that contributes more than \$10,000 to the lobbying activities of the registrant in a semiannual period **and** in whole or in major part plans supervises or controls the registrant's lobbying activities?

No ⇒ Go to line 14. Yes ⇒ Complete the rest of this section for each entity matching criteria above, then proceed to line 14.

Name	Address	Principal place of Busine. (city and state or count

FOREIGN ENTITIES

14. Is there any foreign entity that:

- a) holds at least 20% equitable ownership in the client or any organization identified on line 13; **OR**
- b) directly or indirectly, in whole or in major part, plans, supervises, controls, directs, finances or subsidizes ac the client or any organization identified on line 13; **OR**
- c) is an affiliate of the client or any organization identified on line 13 and has a direct interest in the outcome c lobbying activity?

No ⇒ Sign and date the registration. Yes ⇒ Complete the rest of this section for each enti matching the criteria above, then sign and dat registration.

Name	Address	Principal place of business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities	(

Signature *JH* Date 8/12/05
 Printed Name and Title John Hishta, Managing Director

