

## LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

2. Address:

801 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW SUITE 650, WASHINGTON, DC 20004

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

Country: City: NEW YORK CITY State/Zip(or Country): NY 10285

4. Contact Name: ROBERT THOMSON

Telephone: (202) 434-0156

E-mail (optional): robert.b.thomson@aexp.com

Senate ID #: 2274-12

House ID #: 31021000

7. Client Name:  Self

**AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY**

### 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): \_\_\_\_\_

#### 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

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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: CPT (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: **None**

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

Name: CHRISTENSON, ARNE  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: PIANALTO, ANTONELLA  
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: FIN (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: **None**

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

Name: CHRISTENSON, ARNE  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: PIANALTO, ANTONELLA  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: THOMSON, III, ROBERT  
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: GAM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: **None**

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

Name: CHRISTENSON, ARNE  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: PIANALTO, ANTONELLA  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: THOMSON, III, ROBERT  
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: HCR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: **None**

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

Name: CHRISTENSON, ARNE  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: PIANALTO, ANTONELLA  
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: LAW (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

S 3499, Internet Safety Act of 2006, preventing the use of payment instruments to facilitate the purchase of child pornography

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: **None**

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

Name: CHRISTENSON, ARNE

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: PIANALTO, ANTONELLA

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: THOMSON, III, ROBERT

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: PHA (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: **None**

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

Name: CHRISTENSON, ARNE  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: PIANALTO, ANTONELLA  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: THOMSON, III, ROBERT  
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: POS (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: **None**

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

Name: CHRISTENSON, ARNE

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: KAMEN, LAUREL

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: RET (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: **None**

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

Name: CHRISTENSON, ARNE  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: PIANALTO, ANTONELLA  
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: TAX (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: **None**

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

Name: CHRISTENSON, ARNE

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: MCCLEAN, LILYANNE

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: PIANALTO, ANTONELLA

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: TEC (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: **None**

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

Name: PIANALTO, ANTONELLA  
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: TOU (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: **None**

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

Name: CHRISTENSON, ARNE  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):  
Name: PIANALTO, ANTONELLA  
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: TRD (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Free Trade Agreements for Panama, Oman, Thailand, Korea, inclusion of financial services provisions

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: **None**

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

Name: MCCLEAN, LILYANNE

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 10, 2006

Printed Name and Title: Robert B. Thomson, III, Vice President -

Registrant Name: Client Name: AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY

### 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: Flores, Anna

### 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 10, 2006

Printed Name and Title: ROBERT B. THOMSON, III, VICE PRESIDENT -