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LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name Thune Group LLC			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 2612 S. Princeton Avenue Sioux Falls, SD 57106			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____			
4. Contact Name John Thune		Telephone 605-376-8135	E-mail (optional) _____
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self DM&E Railroad			5. Senate ID # 85856-12
			6. House ID # 36534000

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2004 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 11/30/04

11. No Lobbying Activity

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13	
<p align="center">12. Lobbying Firms</p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ⇨ \$ <u>80,000</u> 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 align="center">13. Organizations</p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇨ \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.</p> <p><input 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 

Printed Name and Title **John Thune, President**

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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 RRR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Funding from the Federal Railroad Administration

Department of the Interior permitting for easements and rights-of-way

Increasing Railroad Rehabilitation and Investment Financing (RRIF) Program loan authority

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

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	N
John Thune	U.S. Representative (R-SD)	<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 *John Thune* Date 1/13/05
Printed Name and Title John Thune, President

