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LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 1125 15th Street, N.W.			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: Washington, DC State/Zip (or Country) 20005			
4. Contact Name Rick Diegel	Telephone 202/728-6041	E-mail (optional) Rick.Diegel@ibew.org	5. Senate ID # 19882-12
7. Client Name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self	6. House ID # 31118000		

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 1999 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 Page 3 of 11 (only)

10. Check if this is a Termination Report → Termination Date _____ 11. No Lobbying Activity

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13	
<p>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 type="checkbox"/> → \$ _____ 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>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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> → \$ <u>200,000</u> 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 checked="" 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 Rick Diegel 9/28/99

Printed Name and Title RICK DIEGEL, DIR. - POLITICAL/LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

Registrant Name International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Client Name Self

LOBBYING ACTIVITIES. 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 RET (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code limits the retirement benefits that a multi-employer pension plan can pay to a covered worker in two ways.

1.) The "dollar limit," which, although indexed for inflation, sharply reduces "early" retirement benefits. Since many IBEW members begin construction work at a young age, and the work is extremely physical, they may need to retire after 30 years in the trade and could only be 50 years old. Their retirement may be earlier than most, but they should not be penalized by capping their benefits at \$41,000 annually. 2.) The "compensation-based limit," drives down the worker's income average. The calculation for average annual compensation is based on the worker's three highest paid consecutive years. In the construction trade, workers' pay may fluctuate with the work availability, and seldom do they have three high-paid years in a row.

IBEW supports legislation to amend Section 415(b)(2)(F) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to take care of the problematic restrictions.

Bill references: IBEW supports H.R. 1102, H.R. 1287 and S. 741

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

U.S. House and U.S. Senate

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Rick Diegel		<input type="checkbox"/>
Liz Shuler		<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