

LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

NICKLES GROUP

2. Address:

601 13th St. NW Suite 250 North, Washington, DC 20005

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

4. Contact Name: PAMELA FLEMING

Telephone: 2026370214

E-mail (optional): mail@nicklesgroup.com

Senate ID #: 293335-253

House ID #:

7. Client Name: Self

MEDTRONIC

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2007 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): 120,000.00

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

Registrant Name: NICKLES GROUP Client Name: MEDTRONIC

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: BUD (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

S. Con Res. 21, Budget Resolution; issues concerning Medicare.

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

Executive Office of the President (EOP)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SENATE

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

Name: BADGER, DOUG

Covered Official Position (if applicable): EOP, DEPUTY ASSISTANT FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Name: HUGHES, STACEY

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, DPTY STAFF DIR.

Name: JONES HENSLER, RACHEL

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, TAX POLICY DIR.

Name: MARSHALL, HAZEN

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, STAFF DIRECTOR

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

Registrant Name: NICKLES GROUP Client Name: MEDTRONIC

LOBBYING ACTIVITY.

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Issues pertaining to patent term extension.

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Patent & Trademark Office (PTO)
SENATE

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

Name: MERIFIELD TRIPOLI, CYNTHIA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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:

Prescription Drug Importation; H.R. 2900, Food and Drug Administration Amendment Act of 2007 / S. 1082, Prescription Drug User Fee Amendments of 2007; S. 1695, Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2007; Drug safety issues and pain related issues.

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SENATE

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

Name: BADGER, DOUG

Covered Official Position (if applicable): EOP, DEPUTY ASSISTANT FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Name: HUGHES, STACEY

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, DPTY STAFF DIR

Name: JONES HENSLER, RACHEL

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, TAX POLICY DIR.

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: MMM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Medicare reimbursement issues including outpatient payment issues and inpatient reimbursement issues, remote monitoring, comparative effectiveness and quality outcome measure, clinical trial regulation; H.R. 3162, The Champ Act; S. 2499, The Medicare, Medicaid & SCHIP Extension Act of 2007, pertaining to Medicare reimbursement.

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SENATE

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

Name: BADGER, DOUG

Covered Official Position (if applicable): EOP, DEPUTY ASSISTANT FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Name: HUGHES, STACEY

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, DPTY. STAFF DIR.

Name: JONES HENSLER, RACHEL

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, TAX POLICY DIR

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:

H.R. 3996, The Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2007; H.R. 3970, The Tax Reduction & Reform Act of 2007; R&D tax; issues related to taxation of exec. comp.

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SENATE

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

Name: HUGHES, STACEY

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, DPTY. STAFF DIR.

Name: JONES HENSLER, RACHEL

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, TAX POLICY DIR.

Name: MARSHALL, HAZEN

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, STAFF DIRECTOR

Name: NICKLES, DON

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATOR

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

Signature: ON FILE Date: Feb 11, 2008

Printed Name and Title: PAMELA FLEMING, ADMINISTRATIVE -

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

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: Feb 11, 2008

Printed Name and Title: -