

## LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

**AMERICAN BENEFITS COUNCIL**

2. Address:

1212 NEW YORK AVENUE, NW, #1250, WASHINGTON, DC 20005-3987

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

4. Contact Name: RALPH P. KASS

Telephone: 2022896700

E-mail (optional): rkass@abcstaff.org

Senate ID #: 4675-12

House ID #:

7. Client Name: ☒ Self

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

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): 240,000.00

### 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: AMERICAN BENEFITS COUNCIL Client Name: Self

## 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: HCR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

S. 358 Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2007 S. 558 Mental Health Parity Act of 2007 S. 1019 Universal Health Care Choice and Access Act S. 1544 Medicare Quality Enhancement Act of 2007 S. 1556 Tax Equity for Domestic Partners and Health Plan Beneficiaries Act S. 1693 Wired for Health Care Quality Act S. 1695 Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2007 S. 1814 Health Information Privacy and Security Act of 2007 S. 1875 Healthy Tax Reform Act S. 1893 Children's Health Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2007 S. 1899 Universal Health Coverage Act HR 4 Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2007 HR 15 National Health Insurance Act HR 493 Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2007 HR 506 Health Partnership Through Creative Federalism Act HR 1038 Access to Life-Saving Medicine Act HR 1368 Personalized Health Information Records Act of 2007 HR 1424 Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007 HR 1820 Tax Equity for Health Plan Beneficiaries Act of 2007 HR 2639 Promoting Health for Future Generations Act of 2007 HR 3162 Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act HR 3163 Healthy Americans Act HR 3234 HSA Improvement and Expansion Act of 2007 HR 3306 Flexible Health Savings Act of 2007 HR 3370 Medicare Quality Enhancement Act of 2007 Regulatory: I Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on Clarification of the Applicability of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) to Employer-Sponsored Health Care Benefits for Retirees Internal Revenue Service Proposed Rule on Employee Benefits Cafeteria Plans [REG-142695-05] issued August 3, 2007 Health and Human Services Department Proposed Rule on Chartered Value Exchanges, issued May 8, 2007 S. 334 Health Americans Act S. 1753 Health Workforce Act

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Health & Human Services, Dept of (HHS)

Labor, Dept of (DOL)

SENATE

White House Office

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

Name: DENNETT, PAUL W.

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: KLEIN, JAMES A.

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: WILBER, KATHRYN

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: RET (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Small Business and Work Opportunity Act (H.R. 2) Shareholder Votes on Executive Pay Act (H.R. 1257) Technical Corrections on Pension Protection Act (not yet introduced) Women's Retirement Security Act (S. 1288) U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act (H.R. 2206) The Pension Security Act (H.R. 2683) Defenders of Freedom Tax Relief Act (S. 1593) Ledbetter Fair Pay Act (H.R. 2831) Fair Pay Restoration Act (S. 1843) Restoring Pension Promises to Workers Act (S. 1725) Social Security Privacy and Identity Theft Prevention Act (H.R. 3046) Tax Collection Responsibility Act (H.R. 3056) Social Security Numbers Protection Act (H.R. 948) Regulatory DOL guidance on Form 5500 IRS/Treasury guidance on funding under Pension Protection Act IRS/Treasury guidance on distributions under Pension Protection Act DOL guidance on cross-trading statutory exemption IRS/Treasury/DOL guidance on non-spouse beneficiary rollovers IRS/Treasury guidance on deductibility of plan contributions IRS/Treasury guidance on employer stock diversification IRS/Treasury guidance on 415 IRS/Treasury guidance on Roth 401(k)s DOL guidance on qualified domestic relations orders IRS/Treasury guidance on permissible benefits in defined benefit plans IRS/Treasury guidance on phased retirement and age 62 distributions PBGC variable rate premium guidance IRS/Treasury guidance on mortality tables IRS/Treasury guidance on safe harbor 401(k) plans DOE contractor benefits policy IRS/Treasury Guidance on 409A and deferred compensation IRS Guidance on cash balance and other hybrid defined benefit plans DOL guidance on participant fee disclosure Small Business Tax Relief Act (H.R. 976)

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Labor, Dept of (DOL)

SENATE

Treasury, Dept of

White House Office

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

Name: DUDLEY, LYNN D.

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: HOWLAND, DIANN

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: JACOBSON, JANET M.

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: KLEIN, JAMES A.

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

Signature: ON FILE Date: Aug 08, 2007

Printed Name and Title: RALPH P. KASS, CPA, CONTROLLER -

**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: Aug 08, 2007

Printed Name and Title: -