

## LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

**UNITED SPINAL ASSN**

2. Address:

75-20 Astoria Blvd, Jackson Heights, NY 11426

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

4. Contact Name: JAMES WEISMAN

Telephone: 7188033782

E-mail (optional): jweisman@unitedspinal.org

Senate ID #: 12994-12

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): 60,000.00

### 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

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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:

FY 2008 Labor HHS Education Appropriations bills (HR 3043 and S 1710) and FY 2008 Labor HHS Education Budget (SCR 21 and HCR 99): overall funding levels, Social Security Limit on Administrative Expenses, Medicaid rehabilitation services option.

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SENATE

Social Security Administration (SSA)

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

Name: HATHAWAY, MARGARET (PEGGY)

Covered Official Position (if applicable): LEGISLATIVE FELLOW, SENATE FINANCE COMM 06

Name: PERRY, ALAINE

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: CIV (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Restoration of Americans w Disabilities Act (introduced on July 26, 2007 -- after the period covered by this report -- as HR 3195 and S 1881). Voter Confidence & Increased Accessibility Act of 2007 (H.R. 811) and Vote Integrity & Verification Act of 2007 (S 559). Local Law Enforcement Hate Crime Prevention Act of 2007 (HR 1592).

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: "

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: HATHAWAY, MARGARET (PEGGY)

Covered Official Position (if applicable): LEGISLATIVE FELLOW, SENATE FINANCE COMM 06

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:

Mental Health Parity Act of 2007 (S. 558). Reauthorization of Traumatic Brain Injury Act (S 793 & HR 1418).

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: HATHAWAY, MARGARET (PEGGY)

Covered Official Position (if applicable): LEGISLATIVE FELLOW, SENATE FINANCE COMM 06

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: HOU (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007 (HR 2895), Section 8 Voucher Reform Act of 2007 (HR 1851 and HR 534), Inclusive Home Design Act (not yet introduced in 110th Congress). Request to HUD to submit code proposal for 2009 International Building Code to recognize effective date of Fair Housing Amendment Act Accessibility Guidelines in existing residential dwelling units and to establish federal advisory committee to update Fair Housing Act Accessibility Guidelines.

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Housing & Urban Development, Dept of (HUD)

SENATE

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

Name: "

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: HATHAWAY, MARGARET (PEGGY)

Covered Official Position (if applicable): LEGISLATIVE FELLOW, SENATE FINANCE COMM 06

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: INS (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Labor-HHS-Education appropriations (HR 3043 and S 1710) & budget (SCR 21 & HCR99) -- especially Social Security Limit on Administrative Expenses. Community Living Assistance Services and Supports (CLASS) Act of 2007 (S 1758 & HR 3001). Social Security disability determination process and efforts to reduce backlog, including Disability Service Improvement. Ticket to Work issues and work incentives proposals.

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SENATE

Social Security Administration (SSA)

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

Name: HATHAWAY, MARGARET (PEGGY)

Covered Official Position (if applicable): LEGISLATIVE FELLOW, SENATE FINANCE COMM 06

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007, HR 810 and S 5.

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: HATHAWAY, MARGARET (PEGGY)

Covered Official Position (if applicable): LEGISLATIVE FELLOW, SENATE FINANCE COMM 06

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:

Preseving Patient Access to Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospitals Act of 2007 (S. 543 & HR 1459). Community Choice Act of 2007 (S 799 & HR 1621). Eliminate 2-year waiting period for Medicare benefits for SSDI recipients. Improve the process of developing Section 1115 Medicaid waivers. Support Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) recommendation re: financial neutrality between payment rates for the Medicare fee-for-service program and the Medicare Advantage program. CMS implementation of competitive bidding program for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics and supplies (DMEPOS). Medicare "in the home" restriction for power mobility devices (HR 1809). Medicare coverage of iBOT Mobility System (HR 2520 and S 1465). Coding of Hydrophilic Catheter Kits w Extension Sleeve. Lifespan Respite Care Act (was HR 3248 in 109th). SCHIP reauthorization (HR 976, HR 3162, S 1893) including but not limited to provision to halt CMS from taking adverse administrative action or issue new Medicaid rule regarding rehabilitative services option. Community Choice Act of 2007(S. 799).

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:  
Centers For Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SENATE

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

Name: HATHAWAY, MARGARET (PEGGY)  
Covered Official Position (if applicable): LEGISLATIVE FELLOW SENATE FINANCE COMM 06  
Name: PERRY, ALAINE  
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Submitted comments to the Access Board (Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board) in response to call for comments (72 FR 18179) to draft revisions to Americans w Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines, Subparts A and B of 36 CFR Part 1192. Planning and execution of April 2007 National Taxi Dialogue in New York, sponsored by Federal Transit Administration.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:  
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)  
U.S. Architectural & Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (ACCESS)

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

Name: "  
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 14, 2007

Printed Name and Title: JAMES WEISMAN, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT & GENERAL COUNSEL

**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 14, 2007

Printed Name and Title: -