

Registrant Name: Washington Council Ernst & Young

Client Name: Merrill Lynch

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
General budget issues

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None
Executive Office of the President
House of Representatives
Senate

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Badger, Doug	Chief of Staff, Office of Senator Nickles	No
Conklin, Brian		No
Darling, Lauren		No
Doney, John		No
Fitzgerald, Jayne		No
Garrett-Nelson, LaBrenda		No
Gasper, Gary		No

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

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Item	Description	Data
18a	Lobbyist Name	Gates, Bruce
18b	Covered Official Position	
18c	New Lobbyist	No
18a	Lobbyist Name	Giordano, Nick
18b	Covered Official Position	Minority Counsel, Senate Finance Committee
18c	New Lobbyist	No
18a	Lobbyist Name	Koch, Cathy
18b	Covered Official Position	
18c	New Lobbyist	No
18a	Lobbyist Name	Leonard, Robert J.
18b	Covered Official Position	
18c	New Lobbyist	No
18a	Lobbyist Name	Meltzer, Richard
18b	Covered Official Position	
18c	New Lobbyist	No
18a	Lobbyist Name	Moseley, Phil
18b	Covered Official Position	
18c	New Lobbyist	No
18a	Lobbyist Name	Parter, John
18b	Covered Official Position	
18c	New Lobbyist	No
18a	Lobbyist Name	Rozen, Bob
18b	Covered Official Position	
18c	New Lobbyist	No
18a	Lobbyist Name	Steele-Flynn, Donna
18b	Covered Official Position	
18c	New Lobbyist	No
18a	Lobbyist Name	Urban, Tim
18b	Covered Official Position	
18c	New Lobbyist	No
18a	Lobbyist Name	Weinberger, Mark
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15. General issue area code TAX (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues
Retirement security and general tax issues

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None
Executive Office of the President
House of Representatives
Senate

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

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<u>Gasper, Gary</u>		<u>No</u>

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