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**LOBBYING REPORT**

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

1. Registrant name			
Organization	ML Strategies, LLC		
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported			
701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW		Suite #900	
City	Washington	State	DC
Zip Code	20004	Coun	
3. Principal place of business (if different than line 2)			
City	State	Zip Code	Coun
City	State/Zip or Country		
4a. Contact Name		b. Telephone number	c. E-mail
Prefix	Full Name		
Mrs.	Karen Y. Knutson	202.434.7387	kknutson@mlstrategies.com
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self			5. Senate ID #
Food Marketing Institute			251
			6. House ID #
			33

**TYPE OF REPORT** 8. Year 2004 Midyear (January 1-June 30)  OR Year End (July 1-De

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

10. Check if this is a Termination Report  ⇒ Termination Date 11/01/04 11. No Lobby

**INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13**

<p><b>12. Lobbying Firms</b></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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ <u>40,000</u></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><b>13. Organizations</b></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 type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ <u>          </u></p> <p><b>14. REPORTING METHOD.</b> Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method A.</b> Reporting amounts using LDA definition</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method B.</b> Reporting amounts under section 6115 Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method C.</b> Reporting amounts under section 162(e) Internal Revenue Code</p>
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Registrant Name ML Strategies, LLC Client Name Food Marketing Institute

**LOBBYING ACTIVITY.** Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. **Using a separate page for each information as requested.** Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code FOO - Food Industry (Safety, Labeling, etc.) (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Issues related to the retail and wholesale food industry.

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

U.S. Senate  
U.S. House of Representatives

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

First Name	Name Last Name	Suffix	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
David	Leiter		
Karen	Knutson		
Mark	Buse		
Neal	Martin		
Patrick	Mara		

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

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