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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 **American Express Company**

2. Address  Check if different than previously reported  
 Address 1 **801 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW** Suite **650**  
 City **Washington** State **DC** Zip Code **20004** Country **US**

3. Principal place of business (if different than line 2)  
 City **New York City** State **NY** Zip Code **10285** Country **US**

4a. Contact Name Prefix <b>Mr.</b> Full Name <b>Robert Thomson</b>	b. Telephone number <b>(202) 434-0156</b>	c. E-mail <b>robert.b.thomson@aexp.com</b>	5. Senate ID # <b>227412</b>
7. Client Name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self <b>American Express Company</b>			6. House ID # <b>3102100</b>

**TYPE OF REPORT** 8. Your 2006 Midyear (January 1-June 30)  OR Year End (July 1-December)

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 Act

**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"/> ⇒ \$ _____</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 were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ <u>1,460,000</u></p> <p><b>14. REPORTING METHOD.</b> Check box to indicate exp accounting method. See instructions for description of opt</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Method A.</b> Reporting amounts using LDA definitions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method B.</b> Reporting amounts under section 6033(h)( Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method C.</b> Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of Revenue Code</p>
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Printed Name and Title Robert B. Thomson, III, Vice President



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

15. General issue area code BAN - Banking (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 3492, Consumer Credit Card Protection Act of 2005, provisions relating to credit card terms and conditions  
HR 3505, Financial Regulatory Relief Act of 2005, interstate branching provisions, issues relating to federal savings banks, and Bank Secrecy Act provisions  
HR 3852, Credit Card Minimum Payment Warning Act of 2005, minimum monthly payment disclosures

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

House of Representatives  
Senate

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)
Ame	Christenson		
Robert	Thomson, III		

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

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**ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue Area** \_\_\_\_\_

16. Specific lobbying issues (continued from previous page)

HR 3882, Financial Safety and Equity Act of 2005, industrial loan company provisions  
 S 499, the Credit CARD Act of 2005, credit card practices, terms and conditions  
 S 1586, Interest on Business Checking Act of 2005, payment of interest on NOW accounts held by business  
 S 2654, Protection of Young Consumers Act of 2006, student marketing and financial literacy provisions  
 S 2655, Credit Card Reform Act of 2006, provisions regarding credit card terms and conditions  
 S 2856, Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2006, depository institutions regulatory relief provisions  
 Issues relating to credit card merchant discount rates  
 HR 5122, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, Talent amendment regarding rate regulation  
 consumer credit offered to members of the armed services and their dependents  
 HR 5746, Industrial Bank Holding Company Act of 2006, regulation and supervision of industrial loan companies

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15. General issue area code CPT - Copyright/Patent/Trademark (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 2791, US Patent and Trademark Fee Modernization Act of 2005, charging of fees for patent and trademark filings HR 2795, Patent Reform Act of 2005, Improvement of patent quality HR 683, Trademark Dilution Revision Act of 2006, safeguarding trademarks S 3818, Patent Reform Act of 2006, improvement of patent quality
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17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

House of Representatives Senate
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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)
Ame	Christenson		
Antonella	Pianalto		

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

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15. General issue area code FIN - Financial Institutions/Investments/Securities (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

S 3568, Data Security Act of 2006, consumer notification provisions  
HR 1653, SAFE ID Act, data safeguards for servicing customer accounts outside the United States  
HR 3140, Consumer Data Security and Notification Act of 2005, data security and breach notification  
HR 3374, Consumer Notification and Financial data Protection Act of 2005, data security response  
HR 3997, Financial Data Protection Act of 2005, data security and breach notification  
HR 4127, Data Accountability and Trust Act of 2005, data security and breach notification

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

House of Representatives  
Senate

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)
Arne	Christenson		
Antonella	Pianalto		
Robert	Thomson, III		

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

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**ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue Area FIN**

16. Specific lobbying issues (continued from previous page)

- S 1326, Notification of Risk to Personal Data Act of 2005, data security and breach notification
- S 1332, Personal Data Privacy and Security Act of 2005, data security and breach notification
- S 810, SAFE-ID Act, privacy requirements for servicing customer accounts outside the United States
- S 1408, Identity Theft Protection Act, identity theft prevention and data security
- S 1461, Consumer Identity Protection Act, data security and breach notification
- S 1789, Personal Data Privacy and Security Act of 2005, data security and breach notification
- S 2169, Financial Data Protection Act of 2005, data security and breach notification

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15. General issue area code GAM - Gaming/Gambling/Casino (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 4411, Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2005, prohibition on acceptance of payment instruments for unlawful internet gambling transactions  
HR 4777, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act, prohibition on acceptance of payment instruments for unlawful internet gambling transactions  
HR 4954, SAFE Ports Act of 2006, internet gambling provision

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

House of Representatives  
Senate

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)
Arne	Christenson		
Antonella	Pianalto		
Robert	Thomson, III		

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15. General issue area code PHA - Pharmacy (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 1808, Safe Online Drug Act of 2005, use of credit cards to purchase prescription drugs on the internet  
HR 840, Ryan Haight Internet Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2005, use of credit cards to purchase prescription drugs on the internet  
S 399, Internet Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2005, use of credit cards to purchase prescription drugs on the internet  
S 184, Safe IMPORT Act of 2005, use of credit cards to purchase prescription drugs on the internet

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

House of Representatives  
Senate

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)
Arne	Christenson		
Antonella	Pianalto		
Robert	Thomson, III		

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

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15. General issue area code POS - Postal (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 22 / S 662, The Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act, updates the Postal Reorganization Act of 1972 by implementing a cap tied to the CPI, encourages worksharing, improves financial transparency and eliminates the escrow account on overpayment of pension obligations

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

Department of Treasury  
Executive Office of the President  
House of Representatives  
Senate  
US Postal Service

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)
Ame	Christenson		
Laurel	Kamen		

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

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15. General issue area code RET - Retirement (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 4, Pension Protection Act of 2006, provisions relating to hybrid pension plans  
HR 2830, Pension Protection Act, funding rules for single employer plans, and hybrid plans  
S, 1783 Pension Security and Transparency Act of 2005, hybrid plan provisions

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

House of Representatives  
Senate

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)
Ame	Christenson		
Antonella	Pianalto		

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

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Printed Name and Title ROBERT D. THOMSON, III, VICE PRESIDENT

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15. General issue area code TOU - Travel/Tourism (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 89, Airline Consumer Protection Act, honor all airline tickets provision  
S 2572, Aviation Consumer Protection Extension Act, honor all airline tickets provision  
HR 5308, Passport Deduction for Border States Act of 2006, Western Hemisphere travel initiative  
HR 5536, Protecting American Commerce and Travel Act of 2006, Western Hemisphere travel initiative  
S 2632, Common Sense Cross-Border Travel and Security Act, Western Hemisphere travel initiative  
HR 4954, Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006, honor all tickets provision

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

House of Representatives  
Senate

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)
Antonella	Pianalto		

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

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15. General issue area code TAX - Taxation/Internal Revenue Code (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

<p>HR 6111, Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006          HR 1417, to permanently extend the subpart F exemption for active financing income, entire bill          HR 1956, Business Activity Tax Simplification Act, regulation of state taxation of interstate commerce          S 2721, Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2006, regulation of state taxation of interstate commerce          S 1159, to permanently extend the subpart F exemption for active financing income, entire bill</p>
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17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

<p>Department of Treasury          House of Representatives          Senate          Social Security Administration</p>
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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)
Arne	Christenson		
Antonella	Pianalto		
Lilyanne	McClellan		

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

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**ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue Area TAX**

16. Specific lobbying issues (continued from previous page)

- HR 1186, Alternative Minimum Tax Repeal of 2005, AMT provisions
- HR 1234, Corporate Accountability Tax Gap Act of 2005, corporate tax reforms
- HR 1268, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, provisions relating to state driver's license identification
- HR 1599, to extend for two years the higher exemption amounts under the alternative minimum tax for individual
- AMT provisions
- HR 2987, to allow the deduction for State and local income and property taxes under the alternative minimum
- AMT provisions
- HR 4707, Simplified USA Tax Act of 2006, tax reform
- HR 5176, Fair Flat Tax Act of 2006, reform of the tax code
- HR 6406, To modify temporarily certain rates of duty and make other technical amendments to the trade laws to
- extend certain trade preference programs, and for other purposes
- HR 6408, Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006, R&D Tax credit
- S 1099, Tax Simplification Act of 2005, reform of the tax code
- S 1103, Individual Alternative Minimum Tax Repeal of 2005, AMT provisions
- S 1916, Strengthening America's Security Act of 2005, SSN verification provisions
- S 2454, Securing America's Borders Act, SSN verification provisions
- S 2550, Free Internet Filing Act, individual tax filing provisions
- S 2611, Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, SSN verification provisions
- FY 2007 Budget Proposal, tax provisions, third-party reporting
- Joint Committee on Taxation proposal on corporate holding of tax-exempt bonds
- Social Security Administration Consent Based Social Security Number Verification Process

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15. General issue area code HCR - Health Issues (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 5262, Tax Free Health Savings Act of 2006, tax incentives for Health Savings Accounts  
HR 5743 / S3585, HSA Improvement and Expansion Act of 2006, expanding availability of HSA accounts  
S 2424, A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the contribution limits for health savings accounts, HSA contribution limits  
S 3488, Tax-Free Healthcare Savings, Access, and Portability Act, HSA provisions

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

House of Representatives  
Senate

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

First Name	Name		Covered Official Position (if applicable)
	Last Name	Suffix	
Arne	Christenson		
Antonella	Pianalto		

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

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15. General issue area code LAW - Law Enforcement/Crime/Criminal Justice (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

S 3499, Internet Safety Act of 2006, preventing the use of payment instruments to facilitate the purchase of child pornography  
HR 6299, Protecting Our Children from Age-Restricted Internet Products and Services Act of 2006, using payment instruments to prevent the purchase of age-restricted products

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

House of Representatives  
Senate

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)
Arne	Christenson		
Antonella	Pianalto		
Robert	Thomson, III		

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

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**Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.**

20. Client new address

Address

City State Zip Code Country

21. Client new principal place of business (if different than line 20)

City State Zip Code Country

22. New general description of client's business or activities

**LOBBYIST UPDATE**

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is no longer expected to act as a lobbyist for the client

First Name	Last Name	Suffix	First Name	Last Name
<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	

**ISSUE UPDATE**

Find the code to select below.

24. General lobbying issues that no longer pertain

**AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

Name	Address	Principal place of Business (city and state or country)
	Address C/S/Z	City State Country
	Address C/S/Z	City State

26. Name of each previously reported organization that is no longer affiliated with the registrant or client

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**FOREIGN ENTITIES**

27. Add the following foreign entities

Name	Street Address	Address	Principal place of business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities	Ch pe eli
	City	State/Province Country	City State Country		

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity that no longer owns, or controls, or is affiliated with the registrant affiliated organization

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Printed Name and Title Robert B. Thomson, III, Vice President

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<input type="checkbox"/> Laurel Kamen	<input type="checkbox"/> Sean Peterson	<input type="checkbox"/> Shanna Thompson
<input type="checkbox"/> Lilyanne McClean	<input type="checkbox"/> Ellie Shaw	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bobby Thomson
<input type="checkbox"/> Donita Mitchell	<input type="checkbox"/> Althea Stuckey	<input type="checkbox"/> Diane Wesley
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MESSAGE:

Attached is a copy of American Express' Year-End  
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