



Iranian Trade Association

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July 18, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the President of the Iranian Trade Association, a California non-profit corporation involved in U.S.-Iran trade relations lobbying activities. In an effort to comply with the lobbying registration requirements, I recently retained the law firm of Fisher Thurber LLP to assist me in reviewing the filing requirements and preparing the mid-year and year-end reports for the years 1999 through present. I had not previously filed the reports in question because I did not understand the registration process and was under the impression that the Iranian Trade Association did not meet the threshold for filing the reports.

Working with our attorneys, we have prepared the reports requested in your May 23, 2001 letter and I have enclosed those letters herein. Please direct any further correspondence or inquiries to Alidad Vakili at Fisher Thurber LLP.

I apologize for not getting these reports to you sooner. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Shahriar Afshar
President

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Secretary of the Senate
Office of Public Records
232 Hart Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Iranian Trade Association
Lobbyist Registration- Senate Nos.: 47702-12, 49668-12
Our Client File No. 1020.00

To Whom It May Concern:

We are in receipt of your letter dated May 23, 2001 requesting mid-year and year-end lobbyist reports for the above referenced entity. Per your request, enclosed please find mid-year and year-end reports for 1999 and 2000 as well as the mid-year report for 2001.

Mr. Shahriar Afshar, the President of the Iranian Trade Association, recently contacted our firm to assist him in preparing the reports. Prior to our representation of the Iranian Trade Association, Mr. Afshar had reviewed the lobbying registration requirements and was unable to determine whether the Iranian Trade Association was required to file the above referenced reports because the corporation did not meet the threshold lobbying expenses of \$10,000 for any of the prior years. Although it appears that the Iranian Trade Association may not actually meet the requisite threshold to file the reports, we have nevertheless prepared the enclosed reports and respectfully request that they be accepted at this time. We apologize for any inconvenience this delay may have caused your office.

During our review of the corporation's records, it has come to our attention that Mr. Afshar previously registered himself individually as a lobbyist with both the House of Representatives and the Senate. However, he incorrectly listed himself as the registrant when he should have only registered the Iranian Trade Association. As a result of these incorrect filings, Mr. Afshar's registration with the Senate created two identification numbers, no. 47702-12 and no. 49668-12. Please delete #49668-12 as this is the incorrect registration number. The proper registration number is 47702-12. Mr. Afshar is an employee of the Iranian Trade Association and lobbies on its behalf. He does not engage in any lobbying activity on his own behalf. As such, the Iranian Trade Association is the correct registrant (registration no. 47702-12). Would you be so kind as to correct this error and remove Mr. Afshar's individual registration (registration no.

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49668-12) so that your records properly reflect the Iranian Trade Association as the proper (and only) registrant.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Alidad Vakili, Esq.

cc: Shahriar Afshar (w/out encls.)

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LOBBYING REPORT

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

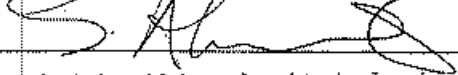
1. Registrant Name Iranian Trade Association			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 1250 Sixth Avenue, Suite 211			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: San Diego State/Zip (or Country) CA 92101			
4. Contact Name Shahriar Afshar		Telephone (858) 554-1220	E-mail (optional) Info@IranianTrade.org
			5. Senate ID # 47702-12
7. Client Name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self Iranian Trade Association			6. House ID # 34444000

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 1999 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

<p>12. Lobbying Firms</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"/> ⇨ \$ _____ <small>Income (nearest \$20,000)</small></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>13. Organizations</p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇨ \$ _____ <small>Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</small></p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code</p>	
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Signature 
 Printed Name and Title Shahriar Afshar, President, Iranian Trade Association

Registrant Name Iranian Trade Association 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 TRD (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 212, bill to require the General Accounting Office to prepare a report assessing the impact and effectiveness of economic sanctions imposed by the United States, to prohibit the imposition of unilateral sanctions on exports of food, other agricultural products, medicines, or medical supplies or equipment, all provisions relating to the above.

H.R. 1244, Enhancement of Trade, Security, and Human Rights through Sanctions Reform Act, all provisions relating to providing a framework for consideration by the legislative and executive branches of unilateral economic sanctions.

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

United States House of Representatives, United States Senate, Department of Treasury, Department of Agriculture.

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above Check if None

Signature  Date 7/10/2001

Printed Name and Title Shahrar Afshar, President, Iranian Trade Association