

LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

HUMAN RIGHTS FIRST

2. Address:

333 SEVENTH AVENUE 13th FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10001

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

City: New York State/Zip(or Country): NY 10001

4. Contact Name: CYNTHIA M. BURNS

Telephone: 2128455237

E-mail (optional): burnsc@humanrightsfirst.org

Senate ID #: 293494-12

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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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: CIV (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

H.R.1416: To restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States and to repeal the prohibition on treaty obligations establishing grounds for certain claims S.185: A bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States S.1249: A bill to require the President to close the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes S.1463: A bill to require the closure of the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes H.R.2212: To require the President to close the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes H.R.1352: To prohibit the return or other transfer of persons by the United States, for the purpose of detention, interrogation, trial, or otherwise, to countries where torture or other inhuman treatment of persons occurs, and for other purposes S.1876: A bill to prohibit extraterritorial detention and rendition, except under limited circumstances, to modify the definition of "unlawful enemy combatant" for purposes of military commissions, to extend statutory habeas corpus to detainees, and for other purposes H.R.1585: A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes S.567: A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes S.1547 (Sec. 1023): An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes S.1548 (Sec. 1023): An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes S.576: A bill to provide for the effective prosecution of terrorists and guarantee due process rights H.R.1415: To provide for the effective prosecution of terrorists and guarantee due process rights ED 13440: Interpretation of the Geneva Conventions Common Article 3 as Applied to a Program of Detention and Interrogation Operated by the Central Intelligence Agency Nomination of John Rizzo to General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency H.R.2826: To amend titles 28 and 10, United States Code, to restore habeas corpus for individuals detained by the United States at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes H.R.2710: To repeal and modify certain provisions of law relating to the review of the detention of enemy combatants

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

Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SENATE
State, Dept of (DOS)

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

Name: CHAFFEE, DEVON
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: COVER, AVIDAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: MASSIMINO, ELISA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: SHAMSI, HINA
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: FDR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

S. Res. 155: A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on efforts to control violence and strengthen the rule of law in Guatemala
S. Rept. 110-128: Department Of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, 2008. Senate Confirmation of William R. Brownfield as Ambassador to Colombia. Senate Confirmation of Cameron Hume as Ambassador to Indonesia. H.R. 2764: Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, 2008 (House and Senate versions). Section 682 (Foreign Military Financing for Indonesia): urged that conditions be placed on assistance and for reporting on progress on human rights issues. Section 687 (International Military Education and Training): urged that conditions be placed on assistance and for reporting on progress on human rights issues. Report: lobbied for language on human rights defenders and accountability. H.Res.100: Expressing the sympathy of House of Representatives to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala and encouraging the Government of Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes. Proposed resolution calling on the government of Syria to release certain political prisoners and encouraging the United States to make democracy, human rights, and freedom of expression a top concern of its foreign policy toward Syria (the resolution has never been introduced). Urged that Members of Congress not pass the U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement unless there are verifiable improvements in human rights. Participated in State Department certification meetings of U.S. Aid to Colombia; presented concerns about treatment of human rights defenders in Colombia and urged that the State Department should not certify aid as compliant with legislative conditions contained in foreign operations law. S. Res. 178: Expressing the sympathy of the Senate to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala, and encouraging the United States to work with Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes.

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SENATE

State, Dept of (DOS)

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

Name: AGUILAR, JORGE

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: EASTON, MATTHEW

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: FROMHOLZ, JULIA

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: HUDSON, ANDREW

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: NASSAR, HABIB

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: IMM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

H.R. 2764: Foreign Operations Appropriations Act, Section 699 A, a provision to remedy the "Material Support" provisions of the Immigration and Naturalization Act H.R. 1591: The Iraq War Supplemental Funding Act, section 592, a provision to remedy the "Material Support" provision of the Immigration and Naturalization Act S.A. 1486: Levin-Brownback Amendment to S. 1639 to give access to Iraqis to apply for refugee status under existing U.S. law. H.R. 2265: Responsibility to Iraqi Refugees Act, Section 1-8 S. 1651: Refugee Crisis in Iraq Act: a bill to provide support for Iraqi refugees, Section 1-8

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Homeland Security, Dept of (DHS)
Natl Security Council (NSC)
SENATE
State, Dept of (DOS)

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

Name: HUGHES, ANWEN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: STAUNTON, JAY
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: TEMPLETON, AMELIA
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 13, 2007

Printed Name and Title: CYNTHIA M. BURNS, DIRECTOR OF OFFICE AND PROGRAM S -

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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 13, 2007

Printed Name and Title: -