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LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name Washington Council Ernst & Young			
2. Registrant Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported Address 1150 17th Street, NW Suite 601 City Washington State/Zip (or Country) DC 20036 USA			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____			
4. Contact Name Bruce Gates	Telephone 202-293-7474	E-mail (optional) bruce.gates@wc.ey.com	5. Senate ID # 57475-152
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self Merrill Lynch			6. House ID # 35185062

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2003 Midyear (January 1-June 30) **OR** Year End (July 1-Dec)

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 Lobby

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms	13. Organizations
<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>\$300,000.00</u> Income (nearest \$20,000)</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>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"/> >> \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definition</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033 of the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code</p>

Signature *Bruce Gates* Date 2/4/2004

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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
Department of Treasury
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)
Bazel, Lauren	
Del Monte, Brent	
Doney, John	
Garrett-Nelson, LaBrenda	
Gasper, Gary	
Gates, Bruce	
Giordano, Nick	

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

Signature _____ Date 2/4/2004

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18b	Covered Official Position	Special Asst. to the President for Domestic Policy
18c	New Lobbyist	Yes
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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
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15. General issue area code FIN (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues
privacy
deposit insurance reform
interest on business checking
industrial loan companies
corporate governance
IPO allocation
analyst objectivity
savings incentives

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None
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15. General issue area code RET (one per page)

- 16. Specific Lobbying issues
 - general retirement issues**
 - retirement security**
 - pension reform**

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15. General issue area code TAX (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues
HR 3763, ,
S 2673, ,
Retirement security and general tax issues

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