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## LOBBYING REPORT

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1. Registrant Name: COUNCIL ON STATE TAXATION (COST) 122 C ST NW # 300, WASHINGTON, DC 20001 3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2): 4. Contact Name: KEVIN THOMPSON Telephone: 202-484-5219 E-mail (optional): kthompson@statetax.org Senate ID #: 293676-12 House ID #: 37367000 7. Client Name: X Self TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2005 Midyear (January 1 - June 30): OR Year End (July 1 - December 31): X 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: X => Expenses (nearest \$20,000): 75,000.00 14. Reporting Method.

Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

Method B. Reporting amounts under section 5033[b](8) of the Internal Revenue Code
Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only

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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: TAX (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:
- S. 1066 and H.R. 2471, the Economic Development Act, affirms the authority of states to offer tax incentives for economic development purposes. H.R. 1956, the Business Activity Simplification Act, regulates state taxation in interstate commerce. S. 2152, A bill to promote simplification and fairness in the administration and collection of sales and use taxes. S. 2153, A bill to promote simplification and fairness in the administration and collection of sales and use taxes.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE

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

Name: CROSBY, JOE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: KRANZ, STEVE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: LINDHOLM, DOUGLAS
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: SMITH, DIANN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: THOMPSON, KEVIN

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: Jan 12, 2006

Printed Name and Title: KEVIN P. THOMPSON - LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL