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LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name DARDEN RESTAURNTS, INC.				
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 5900 Lake Ellenor Drive Orlando, FL 32809				
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: _____ State/Zip (or Country): _____				
4. Contact Name Betty Salvas		Telephone 407/245-6734	E-mail (optional) bsalvas@arden.com	5. Senate ID # 11606-12
7. Client Name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self				6. House ID # 33370000

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2000 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 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 type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ <u>20,000.00</u> <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 type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) 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 *R. J. Walsh*
 Printed Name and Title Richard J. Walsh, Sr. VP, Corporate Affairs

Registrant Name Darden Restaurants, Inc. 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 LBR (one per page)

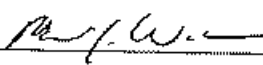
16. Specific lobbying issues
Minimum Wage

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

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
<u>Joseph Kefauver</u>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Shannon McAleavey</u>		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above Check if None

Signature  Date 3/12/01
Printed Name and Title Richard J. Walsh, Sr. VP Corporate Affairs

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

Building Depreciation
Work Opportunity Tax Credit

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

Check if None

U.S. House
U.S. Senate

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

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Joseph Kefauver		<input type="checkbox"/>
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Signature *R. J. Walsh* Date 2/12/01

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