

LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

PRESTON GATES ELLIS & ROUYELAS MEEDS LLP

2. Address:

1735 NEW YORK AVE NW #500, WASHINGTON, DC 20006

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

4. Contact Name: TERRI PAULK

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Senate ID #: 32098-3538

House ID #: 31355-224

7. Client Name: Self

NATL ASSN OF CONVENIENCE STORES

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2004 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): _____

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

Registrant Name: PRESTON GATES ELLIS & ROUVELAS MEEDS LLP Client Name: NATL ASSN OF
CONVENIENCE STORES
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:

H.R. 2824, Internet Tobacco Sales Enforcement Act, taxation of internet sales of tobacco. H.R. 4520, American Jobs Creation Act of 2004, tobacco sales provisions only. S. 1177, PACT (Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking) Act, taxation of internet sales of tobacco.

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: GORTON, SLADE

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: GORTON, SLADE

Covered Official Position (if applicable): FORMER SENATOR

Name: GORTON, SLADE

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATOR

Name: VALENTINE, STEVEN

Covered Official Position (if applicable): LEGIS DIR & GENERAL COUNSEL TO SEN BOB SMITH

Name: VALENTINE, STEVEN

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: VALENTINE, STEVEN

Covered Official Position (if applicable): LD/GEN COUNSEL, REP SMITH

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

Signature: ON FILE Date: Feb 09, 2005

Printed Name and Title: STEVEN VALENTINE - PARTNER