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LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name
Common Cause

2. Address ☐ Check if different than previously reported
1250 Connecticut Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20036

3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2)

City: State/Zip (or Country)

4. Contact Name: Sonja Thomas
Telephone: (202) 833-1200
E-mail (optional):

5. Senate ID #: 10150

6. House ID #: 31882

7. Client Name ☑ Self

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2002 Midyear (January 1-June 30) ☑ **OR** Year End (July 1-Dece

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

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 repo period were:

Less than $10,000 ☐

$10,000 or more ☑ ⇨ $ $940,000.00
Expenses (nearest $20,00

14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of

☑ **Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definiti

☐ **Method B.** Reporting amounts under section 6033 Internal Revenue Code

☐ **Method C.** Reporting amounts under section 162(Internal Revenue Code

Signature_____

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

See Attached Pages Following Page 2.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted ☐ Check if None

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above ☑ Check if None

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15. General lobbying issues area code: GOV

16. Specific lobbying issues

Campaign Finance Reform

On January 4, 2002 Common Cause President Scott Harshbarger sent a letter to the 214 signers of the discharge petition to thank them.

On February 7, 2002 Common Cause sent a letter to every member of the House urging them to support the Shays-Meehan bill over the Ney-Wynn bill.

On February 22, 2002 Common Cause sent a letter to 190 Representatives thanking them for voting in favor of the Shays-Meehan bill.

On February 22, 2002 Common Cause sent hand-written letters to 53 Representatives thanking them for voting in favor of the Shays-Meehan bill.

On April 11, 2002 Common Cause sent letters to Federal Election Commission Chairman David Mason and Commissioner Bradley Smith urging them to recuse themselves from participation in the rule-making process for the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002.

On May 2, 2002 Common Cause sent a letter to Representative John Lewis (D-GA) urging him to assemble a team of civil rights leaders and submit an amicus brief in the legal battle of the campaign finance law.

On June 17, 2002, Common Cause sent a thank-you letter to the Senators that voted in favor of the 2002 Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act.

17. Houses of Congress and Federal agencies contacted

U.S. House, U.S. Senate, Federal Election Commission, White House

18. Name and title of each employee who acted as a lobbyist

1. Scott Harshbarger - President and CEO
2. Meredith McGehee - Senior Vice President
3. Don Simon - General Counsel
4. Edwin Davis - National Director of State Organizations and Field Operations
5. Matt Keller – Legislative Director
6. Tom Hicks – Lobbyist/Policy Analyst
7. Celia Viggo Wexler - Lobbyist/Senior Policy Analyst
8. Lauren Coletta – Director of Field Operations and Grassroots
9. Mike Madison – Lobbyist/Political Organizer
10. Geoff Ward – Lobbyist **NEW**
11. Laura Williams - Political Organizer/Youth Outreach Coordinator

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Internet Governance

On April 29, 2002 Common Cause sent letters to Chairman Ernest Hollings (D-SC), Senator John McCain (R-AZ), Chairman Billy Tauzin (R-LA) and Representative John Dingell (D-MI) expressing grave concern over the .us Internet domain. Copies were sent to Senator Daniel Inouye (D-HI), Senator Conrad Burns (R-MT), Representative Fred Upton (R-MI), and Edward Markey (D-MA) and the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee and the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

17. Houses of Congress and Federal agencies contacted

U.S. House, U.S. Senate

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Ethics

On January 4, 2002 Common Cause President Scott Harshbarger wrote a letter to Marc Racicot, chairman of the Republican National Committee asking him not to participate in lobbying activities while serving as RNC chairperson.

On January 8, 2002 Common Cause President Scott Harshbarger wrote a letter to Senator Harry Reid (D NV) and Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS) urging the ethics committee to determine if Senator Robert Torricelli (D-NJ) violated Senate ethics rules by accepting gifts.

On January 11, 2002 Common Cause President Scott Harshbarger wrote a letter to Charles Barclay concerning the release of attending lawmakers and names of sponsors of the aviation conference at the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel.

On May 14, 2002 Common Cause sent a letter to the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct urging it to issue a ruling that makes clear that Members are not permitted to establish, maintain or control their own nonprofit organizations.

17. Houses of Congress and Federal agencies contacted

U.S. House, U.S. Senate, Government Accounting Office, Office of Government Ethics

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Legislative Process

On June 11, 2002 Common Cause sent a letter to Representatives urging them to vote against H.J. Res. 41, which would add a constitutional amendment to require Congress to obtain a 2/3 majority vote to pass tax revenue increases.

17. Houses of Congress and Federal agencies contacted

U.S. House

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Election Reform

On February 13, 2002 Common Cause sent letters to Senators Christopher Dodd (D-CT) and Mitch McConnell (R-KY) urging them to consider changes to the Dodd-McConnell Bill on election reform

On May 3, 2002 Common Cause sent a letter to the election reform conference committee expressing hope that it will act on the pending legislation promptly and will incorporate elements from both the House and Senate bills in the compromise bill.

17. Houses of Congress and Federal agencies contacted

U.S. House, U.S. Senate

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Signature Date

Printed Name and Title

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15. General lobbying issues area code: ACC

16. Specific lobbying issues

Accounting Reform

On April 9, 2002 Common Cause sent letters to the entire House urging them to vote against the Taxpayer Protection and IRS Accountability Act (H. R. 3991)

On May 20, 2002 Common Cause sent a letter to the Senate Banking Committee urging committee members to adopt the Sarbanes draft bill without weakening amendments.

17. Houses of Congress and Federal agencies contacted

U.S. House, U.S. Senate

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Signature Date 8/8/02

Printed Name and Title Scott Harshbarger, President and CEO

Common Cause

15. General lobbying issues area code: GOV

16. Specific lobbying issues

Freedom of Information

On May 7, 2002 Common Cause signed on to a letter to the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee urging Senators to oppose legislation introduced by Senators Robert Bennett (R-UT) and Jon Kyl (R-AZ) (S. 1456) that would block freedom of information.

17. Houses of Congress and Federal agencies contacted

U.S. Senate

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19. NA

While not required by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, Common Cause will continue its practice of disclosing the names of donors who have made cumulative gifts of $500 or more annually to our organization. This list is available, on request, from the Common Cause national office located at 1250 Connecticut Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20036