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LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

SOCIETY OF THORACIC SURGEONS

2. Address:
1025 CONNECTICUT AVE., NW #1104, WASHINGTON, DC 20036

3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2):
City: Chicago State/Zip(or Country): IL 60611

4. Contact Name: J. MICHAEL HOGAN
Telephone: 2024811026
E-mail (optional): kcronk@sts.org

Senate ID #: 288373-12
House ID #: 37093000

7. Client Name: ☒ Self

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2006 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): 370,775.00

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

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: BUD (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:**None**

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

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

LOBBYING ACTIVITY.

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15. General issue area code: EDU (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

H.R. 609- College Access and Opportunity Act of 2006 H.R. 2519- Healthcare Student Financial Assistance Act S. 1246 Medical Education Affordability Act Removal of educational barriers to training in cardiothoracic surgery.

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: HEDSTROM, JOHN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
Name: HOGAN, J. MICHAEL
Covered Official Position (if applicable): DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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

LOBBYING ACTIVITY.

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15. General issue area code: HCR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

S. 544/ H.R. 3205- Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act STS members presented at the FDA Circulatory System Devices Panel.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:
Food & Drug Administration (FDA)
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Health & Human Services, Dept of (HHS)
SENATE

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

Name: HEDSTROM, JOHN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
Name: HOGAN, J. MICHAEL
Covered Official Position (if applicable): DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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

LOBBYING ACTIVITY.

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15. General issue area code: MMM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

5 Year Review of Relative Values STS member, Dr. Jeffrey Rich, testified before the House Energy and Commerce Committee on Pay for Performance initiatives. H.R. 6111- Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006: Physician Medicare Payment, Physician Voluntary Reporting Program Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) Medicare Practice Expense Formula Quality improvement and value-based data

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:
Centers For Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Health & Human Services, Dept of (HHS)
Office of Management & Budget (OMB)
SENATE

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

Name: HEDSTROM, JOHN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
Name: HOGAN, J. MICHAEL
Covered Official Position (if applicable): DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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

LOBBYING ACTIVITY.

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15. General issue area code: TOR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:**None**

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

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

Signature: ON FILE Date: Feb 14, 2007

Printed Name and Title: J. MICHAEL HOGAN, DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS -

Information Update Page:

Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.

LOBBYIST UPDATE

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is NO LONGER expected to act as a lobbyist for the client

ISSUE UPDATE

24. General lobbying issues previously reported that NO LONGER pertain

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AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

25. Add the following organization(s)

26. Name of each previously reported organization that is NO LONGER affiliated with the registrant or client

FOREIGN ENTITIES

27. Add the following foreign entities

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity the NO LONGER owns, OR controls, OR is affiliated with the registrant, client or affiliated organization

Signature: ON FILE Date: Feb 14, 2007

Printed Name and Title: -