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# LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

**CONSUMERS UNION OF THE U S**

2. Address:
1101 17th Street, NW Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036

3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2):
City: Yonkers State/Zip(or Country): NY 10703

4. Contact Name: THERESA THOMAS
Telephone: 2024626262
E-mail (optional): thomth@consumer.org

Senate ID #: 10651-12
House ID #: 31807000

7. Client Name: ☒ Self

## TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2007 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: Dec 30, 1899 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): 264,079.00

**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

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Banking bills, banking & financial privacy, check hold study design

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

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

Name: BLOOM, ELLEN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: HILLEBRAND, GAIL
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

## 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: CSP (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Electronic Health Medical Records, drug safety, ID Theft, security freeze; data privacy, consumer agenda; phone records privacy, kids and cars safety backover safety; pool & spa safety, auto safety; power windows

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Natl Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC)
SENATE

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

Name: BLOOM, ELLEN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: CHAVEZ, ELENA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: DUNCAN, JANELL
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: FINDLAY, STEVEN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: FOLEY, ELIZABETH
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: GARCIA, NORMA PAZ
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: GREENBERG, SALLY J.
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: HALLORAN, JEAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: HILLEBRAND, GAIL
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: JAMES, REGINALD
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: JINDRICH, MORGAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: JUN, MICHELLE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: KENNEY, JEANNINE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: KIMMELMAN, GENE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: MCGIFFERT, ELIZABETH
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: MITCHELL, KATHLEEN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: SCHNEIDER, ROBERT
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: VAUGHAN, WILLIAM
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

## 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: EDU (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Trade School regulations, school based Medicaid Admin claiming

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

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

Name: CHAVEZ, ELENA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: IMHOLZ, ELIZABETH
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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: FIN (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

ID Theft; security freeze; banking & financial privacy, credit cards, data privacy, gift card fees, debit cards responsibility, check hold study design, federal government data, predatory lending, payday loans

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:
Federal Reserve System
Federal Trade Commission (FTC)
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Justice, Dept of (DOJ)
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC)
SENATE

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

Name: BLOOM, ELLEN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: CHAVEZ, ELENA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: FUSON, JENNIFER
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: GARCIA, NORMA PAZ
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: HALLORAN, JEAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: HENRY, SUZANNE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: HILLEBRAND, GAIL
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: JAMES, REGINALD
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: JINDRICH, MORGAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: JUN, MICHELLE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: JUN, MICHELLE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: MCCAULEY, MICHAEL
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: MITCHELL, KATHLEEN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: NOVOA, MINERVA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: SCHNEIDER, ROBERT
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Food safety, BSE surveillanc; FDA BSE feed rule, regulation of food from animal clones; GE labeling for CCFL

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

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

Name: BLOOM, ELLEN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: GREENBERG, SALLY J.
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: HALLORAN, JEAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: HANSEN, MICHAEL
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: JINDRICH, MORGAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: ODABASHIAN, ELISA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

## 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: FUE (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Miles per gallon standars, Energy oil, CAFE & EPA fuel economy; High gas prices; CFTC oversight of over counter energy; CFTC regulation of energy futures; flex fuel vehicle credit or dueal fuel loophole; Energy policy

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: BLOOM, ELLEN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: FUSON, JENNIFER
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: JINDRICH, MORGAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: KIMMELMAN, GENE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: MITCHELL, KATHLEEN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

## 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: HCR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Hospital infections; dietary supplement adverse event reporting; electronic health records; healthy kids

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: DUNCAN, JANELL
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: FINDLAY, STEVEN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: HEROLD, SUSAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: MITCHELL, KATHLEEN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: NOVOA, MINERVA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: VAUGHAN, WILLIAM
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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: HOM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Id theft - data broker Homeland Security

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

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

Name: HILLEBRAND, GAIL
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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: INS (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

S-chip improvement, Medicare

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: VAUGHAN, WILLIAM
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

## 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: MED (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Hospital Acquired infections

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: DUNCAN, JANELL
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: MCGUIFFERT, LISA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: VAUGHAN, WILLIAM
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

## 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: MMM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Nursing home quality; Medicare Part D reform; drug prices, prescription drugs affordability; cuts to MAA pogram; School based medicaid claims

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: CHAVEZ, ELENA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: FOLEY, ELIZABETH
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: HEROLD, SUSAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: JINDRICH, MORGAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: MITCHELL, KATHLEEN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: VAUGHAN, WILLIAM
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

## 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: PHA (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

prescription drug safety, generic drugs, best buy drugs, prescription drugs affordability; Medicare Part D; FDA drug safety

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:
Food & Drug Administration (FDA)
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SENATE

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

Name: DUNCAN, JANELL
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: FOLEY, ELIZABETH
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: GREENBERG, SALLY J.
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: HEROLD, SUSAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: JINDRICH, MORGAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: MCGIFFERT, LISA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: MITCHELL, KATHLEEN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: SCHNEIDER, ROBERT
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: VAUGHAN, WILLIAM
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

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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: TEC (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Cable and Satellite Channel Choice; net neutrality; cable a la carte; media ownership rules; cable prices; transition to digital TV, phone records privacy; public airwaves open; video competition; video franchising;early cell phone termination fees

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:
Commerce, Dept of (DOC)
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Natl Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA)
SENATE

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

Name: BLOOM, ELLEN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: JINDRICH, MORGAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: KENNEY, JEANNINE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: KIMMELMAN, GENE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: MITCHELL, KATHLEEN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

## 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: TRA (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Car backover legislation; CPSC/kids & car safety; backover warning devices; right to repair; auto title fraud; car rollover

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Justice, Dept of (DOJ)
Natl Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
SENATE

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

Name: BLOOM, ELLEN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: GREENBERG, SALLY J.
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: JINDRICH, MORGAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: MITCHELL, KATHLEEN
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: Jul 17, 2008

Printed Name and Title: THERESA THOMAS, OFFICE ADMINIS -

## 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**

## 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: Jul 17, 2008

Printed Name and Title: -