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LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name
CoBank, ACB

2. Address ☐ Check if different than previously reported
P.O. Box 9061

3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2)
City: Springfield State/Zip (or Country) MA 01102-9061

4. Contact Name: Robert A. Smith
Telephone: (413) 821-0212
E-mail (optional): bsmith@cobank.com

5. Senate ID #: 9738-12

7. Client Name ☒ Self

6. House ID #: 31761000

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 1999 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 ☒ ⇒ $ 349,368
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

Signature Robert A. Smith

Printed Name and Title Robert A. Smith, Vice President for Governmental Relations

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

16. Specific lobbying issues
H.R. 10, S. 900, H.R. 665, Comprehensive Banking Legislation
Bankruptcy Reform
Farm Credit System and Farmer Mac issues
GSM Trade Program
International Monetary Fund
WTO Trade issue
Privatization of the Alternative Agricultural Research and Development Corporation (AARCC)
Equity Investment Authority for CoBank
H.R. 665, H.R. 10 Privacy Provisions in Banking legislation
S. 900, H.R. 10, Federal Home Loan Banks Provision of Banking legislation

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

House of Representatives
Senate
Farm Credit Administration
Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation
Department of Treasury
Office of Management and Budget
Department of Agriculture

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Jack Cassidy, Senior Vice President		☐
Robert A. Smith, Vice President for Governmental Relations		☐
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above ☒ Check if None

Signature Robert A. Smith Date 2/10/00

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 2559, Crop Insurance
S. 1233, Agricultural Appropriations
Federal Crop Insurance Regulations
Agricultural Research
Fast Track Trade
Milk Market Order Reforms
H.R. 957, S. 642, FARRM accounts
H.R. 1906, Disaster Relief issues
H.R. 1592, Food Quality Protection Act
Farm Credit System -- Customer choice regulations and regulatory reform initiatives
S. 1814, AgJOBS Bill - farm labor
H.R. 1402, Option IA Dairy proposal
H.R. 17, Agricultural embargo bill
H.R. 1906, Agricultural appropriations bill
Labor and Health and Human Services Appropriations bill - AARCC Amendment
S. 566, Trade Sanctions bill
Privatization of the Alternative Agriculture Research and Commercialization Corporation
H.R. 744, H.R. 3428, Northeast Dairy Compact Extension

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

House of Representatives
Senate
Farm Credit Administration
US Department of Agriculture
Department of Treasury
Office of Management and Budget

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

S. 1233, Agricultural Appropriations
Disaster relief assistance issues
H.R. 642, S. 957, H.R. 2488, FARRM accounts
H.R. 2559, Crop Insurance Support
H.R. 3428, Omnibus budget bill
H.R. 1141, Supplemental Appropriations bill
Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Privatization Proposal
Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation - premium level

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

House of Representatives
Senate
US Department of Agriculture
Farm Credit Administration
Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 17, Agricultural embargo limitations
Fast Track Trade
International Monetary Fund
GSM Trade Program
WTO China issue
S. 566, Trade Sanctions bill
S. 1983, Agricultural exports

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

House of Representatives
Senate
US Department of Agriculture

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

S. 1814, AgJOBS bill dealing with farm labor issues and availability

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

Senate
House of Representatives
US Department of Agriculture

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 3428, budget bill - equity investments authority
Issues impacting rural utilities

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

House of Representatives
Senate
US Department of Agriculture
Farm Credit Administration

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