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30 Client Lobbyists Selected for Audit by Office of State Ethics

Hartford – Today, Thursday, November 16, 2023, the Citizen’s Ethics Advisory Board (“CEAB”) selected at random 30 client lobbyists to be audited in 2024 by the Office of State Ethics (“Ethics”). Ethics is required to annually audit lobbyists’ official filings (registration and disclosure reports) to promote and enforce accountability for lobbyists’ activities.

The lobbyists to be audited were selected from a pool of all *client lobbyists** who were registered at any time from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

*A *client lobbyist* is the party paying for lobbying services on its behalf. A client lobbyist expends, or agrees to expend, \$3,000 or more for lobbying in a calendar year. A *communicator lobbyist* is the person being paid to lobby on behalf of the client lobbyist. In the course of auditing the selected client lobbyists, the OSE will also audit all their associated communicator lobbyists.

The audits will be conducted in the order that the lobbyists were selected. The selections are as follows:

1. National Alliance on Mental Illness of CT
2. National Tax Lien Association
3. ADH Connecticut
4. Women's Health CT, Inc.
5. Brain Injury Alliance of Connecticut
6. Dapkus Fireworks Inc.
7. TikTok Inc. US
8. Hartford HealthCare
9. Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants
10. CT Vineyard & Winery Association
11. Partnership for America's Health Care Future Action
12. Merritt Healthcare Holdings, LLC
13. CLYNK, Inc.
14. Carvana, Inc.
15. CT Funeral Directors Assoc.
16. CTAAP
17. VITAS Innovative Hospice Care®
18. CT Coalition for Retirement Security
19. NRG Energy, Inc.
20. CT Conference of Independent Colleges
21. Malta House of Care, Inc.
22. Novamont, NA

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23. CONNECTICUT AFL-CIO
24. Credit Union League of Connecticut
25. Charter Communications, Inc.
26. Rivian Automotive
27. MTM, Inc.
28. The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum
29. Local 32BJ, Service Employees International Union
30. Oak Ridge Waste & Recycling

Connecticut's lobbying laws are in place to prevent corruption and provide transparency by providing data to Connecticut citizens on who is spending money on lobbying, what issues are being targeted, and what activities or actions that money is supporting.

The list of lobbyists selected to be audited will be posted on the Ethics web site, ct.gov/ethics.

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BACKGROUND:

The Office of State Ethics holds its annual Audit Lottery at the November regular meeting of the CEAB. Like all CEAB meetings, this lottery is open to members of the public including the lobbying community and media. Interested persons can attend in person or can join remotely.

The lottery and the audit processes are important functions of the Office of State Ethics in providing transparency and oversight to the lobbying community as part of the office's enforcement of the Code of Ethics.

Since 2022's lottery, the overall number of lobbyists registered has decreased (-61), but the amount of money spent has increased (+\$6M).