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ADVISORY: Office of State Ethics to Select Lobbyists for 2026 Audit

Hartford – On Thursday, November 20, 2025, the Citizen’s Ethics Advisory Board (“CEAB”) will select 30 client lobbyists to be audited in 2026 by the Office of State Ethics (“OSE”) using a randomized lottery process. The selection will be conducted during the CEAB’s November monthly regular meeting to be held at 1:00 p.m., in Conference Room B on the Ground Floor of 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT. The meeting will also be accessible by videoconference or teleconference.

What: Lottery Selection for 2026 Lobbyist Audits
When: Thursday, November 20, 2025 during the 1:00 PM CEAB Meeting
Where: State Office Building (165 Capitol Ave, Ground floor, Conference Room B)

Teleconference: [+1 860-840-2075](tel:+18608402075) Phone conference ID: 699 749 56#

Videoconference: [Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 227 511 664 186

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The lobbyists to be audited will be selected from a pool of all **client lobbyists*** who were registered at any time during the audit period: January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025.

***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. Separately, 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 of the selected client’s associated communicator lobbyists.**

Of interest, and based on our current lobbyist registrations, there are: 1,092 registered client lobbyists, 539 in-house communicators and 176 individual communicators. Further, based on our disclosure statements from January 2025 through mid-November 2025 a total of \$38.5M was spent on lobbying, and of that total, \$35.2M went to compensation for lobbyists. The remaining lobbying disclosure reports for the third and fourth quarter of 2025 are due January 10, 2026.

To date, the top five issue areas lobbied are (1) Government - financing, taxation, revenue, budget, appropriations, bids, fees, funds, contracts; (2) Health and hospitals, health care systems, medical organizations; (3) Human Services - adult, families, and children; (4) Economic and community development; and (5) Education - institutions, services, programs.

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.

A list of lobbyists selected to be audited will be available on the OSE web site, ct.gov/ethics, after the drawing. It is anticipated that most audits will be completed during the 2026 calendar year.

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. Those interested 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.

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