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Client Lobbyists Selected for 2026 Audit by Office of State Ethics

Hartford – Today, Thursday, November 20, 2025, the Citizen’s Ethics Advisory Board (“CEAB”) conducted its annual audit lottery and selected the client lobbyists who will be audited in 2026 by the Office of State Ethics (“Ethics”). Each year, Ethics is required to audit lobbyists’ official filings—including registration and financial disclosure reports—to promote transparency and ensure compliance with Connecticut’s lobbying laws.

For the 2026 audit cycle, 40 client lobbyists were chosen at random from all client lobbyists* registered at any time between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2025. **A total of 30 client lobbyists will be audited in 2026. If any of the first 30 lobbyists selected in this year’s lottery were subject to audit within the past three years, Ethics will bypass that entity and audit the next eligible selectee.**

**A client lobbyist is the entity that pays for lobbying services on its behalf and expends, or agrees to expend, \$3,000 or more on lobbying in a calendar year. A communicator lobbyist is the individual who is paid to lobby for the client. As part of each client lobbyist audit, Ethics will also audit all associated communicator lobbyists.*

Audits will be initiated in the order in which the names were drawn. The 2026 audit selections are:

1. CT Chapter American College of Physicians
2. Bestech Clean Energy LLC
3. Fairfield County Medical Association
4. Dattco Inc.
5. New Haven Center for Performing Arts
6. SAM Advocacy dba CTVotersFirst.org
7. Center for Human Development

8. TOMRA North America
9. Google LLC and its Affiliates
10. Newport Academy
11. Professional Insurance Agents of CT
12. Abbott Laboratories
13. Southwest Airlines
14. CT Association of Health Plans
15. Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services
16. Christian Healthcare Ministries, Inc.
17. Election Systems & Software
18. 7-Eleven, Inc.
19. Iroquois Gas Transmission System
20. Wilhusky, LLC
21. Connecticut Independent Physician Practice Association, Inc.
22. UA Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 777
23. CT Coalition of Taft Hartley Health Funds
24. Strategic
25. Workers' Compensation Trust
26. Sunrun, Inc.
27. Common Cause in CT
28. American Investment Council
29. Northeast Pharmacy Service Corporation
30. Connecticut Foodshare

31. LKQ Corporation
32. Restoration Industry Association
33. New England Convenience Store and Energy Marketers Association
34. Datavant
35. Connecticut Public Interest Research Group
36. Consumer Data Industry Association
37. Astellas Pharma US, Inc.
38. CT High School Coaches Association
39. FoodCorps
40. Girls for Technology

The Office of State Ethics will contact each selected lobbyist with information about the audit process.

Connecticut's lobbying laws help prevent corruption and promote public trust by ensuring that citizens have transparent access to information about who is spending money to influence state government, the issues being targeted, and the activities supported by those expenditures.

The list of selected lobbyists will be posted on the Ethics website at ct.gov/ethics.

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BACKGROUND

The Office of State Ethics conducts its annual Audit Lottery during the CEAB's November regular meeting. As with all CEAB meetings, the lottery is open to the public, including members of the lobbying community and the media. Interested individuals may attend in person or join remotely.

The lottery and subsequent audits are core components of the Office of State Ethics' oversight responsibilities and reinforce transparency and accountability within Connecticut's lobbying community.

