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To amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require registered lobbyists to file quarterly reports on contributions bundled for certain recipients, and for other purposes.

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Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. BISHOP of New York, and Mr. WAXMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Lobbying Trans-
5 parency Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. QUARTERLY REPORTS BY REGISTERED LOBBYISTS**
2 **ON CONTRIBUTIONS BUNDLED FOR CERTAIN**
3 **RECIPIENTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5 of the Lobbying Dislo-
5 sure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1604) is amended by adding
6 at the end the following new subsection:

7 “(d) QUARTERLY REPORTS ON CONTRIBUTIONS
8 BUNDLED FOR CERTAIN RECIPIENTS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days
10 after the end of the quarterly period beginning on
11 the first day of January, April, July, and October of
12 each year, each registered lobbyist who bundles 2 or
13 more contributions made to a covered recipient in an
14 aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 for such covered
15 recipient during such quarterly period shall file a re-
16 port with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk
17 of the House of Representatives containing—

18 “(A) the name of the registered lobbyist;

19 “(B) in the case of an employee, his or her
20 employer; and

21 “(C) the name of the covered recipient to
22 whom the contribution is made, and to the ex-
23 tent known the aggregate amount of such con-
24 tributions (or a good faith estimate thereof)
25 within the quarter for the covered recipient.

1 “(2) EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.—
2 In filing a report under paragraph (1), a registered
3 lobbyist shall exclude from the report any informa-
4 tion described in paragraph (1)(C) which is included
5 in any other report filed by the registered lobbyist
6 with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of
7 the House of Representatives under this Act.

8 “(3) REQUIRING SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION
9 PRIOR TO FILING REPORTS.—Not later than 25 days
10 after the end of a period for which a registered lob-
11 byist is required to file a report under paragraph (1)
12 which includes any information described in such
13 section with respect to a covered recipient, the reg-
14 istered lobbyist shall transmit by certified mail to
15 the covered recipient involved a statement con-
16 taining—

17 “(A) the information that will be included
18 in the report with respect to the covered recipi-
19 ent; and

20 “(B) the source of each contribution in-
21 cluded in the aggregate amount referred to in
22 paragraph (1)(C) which the registered lobbyist
23 bundled for the covered recipient during the pe-
24 riod covered by the report and the amount of

1 the contribution attributable to each such
2 source.

3 “(4) DEFINITION OF REGISTERED LOBBYIST.—

4 For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘registered
5 lobbyist’ means a person who is registered or is re-
6 quired to register under paragraph (1) or (2) of sec-
7 tion 4(a), or an individual who is required to be list-
8 ed under section 4(b)(6) or subsection (b).

9 “(5) DEFINITION OF BUNDLED CONTRIBU-
10 TION.—For purposes of this subsection, a registered
11 lobbyist ‘bundles’ a contribution if—

12 “(A) the contribution is received by a reg-
13 istered lobbyist for, and forwarded by a reg-
14 istered lobbyist to, the covered recipient to
15 whom the contribution is made; or

16 “(B) the contribution will be or has been
17 credited or attributed to the registered lobbyist
18 through records, designations, recognitions or
19 other means of tracking by the covered recipi-
20 ent to whom the contribution is made.

21 “(6) OTHER DEFINITIONS.—In this sub-
22 section—

23 “(A) the term ‘contribution’ has the mean-
24 ing given such term in the Federal Election
25 Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.),

1 except that such term does not include a con-
2 tribution in an amount which is less than \$200;

3 “(B) the terms ‘candidate’, ‘political com-
4 mittee’, and ‘political party committee’ have the
5 meaning given such terms in the Federal Elec-
6 tion Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et
7 seq.);

8 “(C) the term ‘covered recipient’ means a
9 Federal candidate, an individual holding Fed-
10 eral office, a leadership PAC, or a political
11 party committee; and

12 “(D) the term ‘leadership PAC’, means
13 with respect to an individual holding Federal
14 office, an unauthorized political committee
15 which is associated with an individual holding
16 Federal office, except that such term shall not
17 apply in the case of a political committee of a
18 political party.”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
20 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to the second quar-
21 terly period described in section 5(d)(1) of the Lobbying
22 Disclosure Act of 1995 (as added by subsection (a)) which
23 begins after the date of the enactment of this Act and
24 each succeeding quarterly period.

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