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Subject: FW: Reminder concerning deadline for comments regarding lobbyist regulation

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To: Public Licensing
Subject: Re: Reminder concerning deadline for comments regarding lobbyist regulation

Good morning - thank you for including me on the distribution of the draft rules. They look like common-sense changes and I don't believe that I have any suggested changes to them.

One thing that has concerned me for many years is the actual reporting by individuals that are employed by a lobbying firm. As a sole proprietor, "what you see is what you get". It seems that employee lobbyists are a little less transparent in their filings. In other words, what they report on a monthly basis may be their "salary" from the firm. When you attempt to backtrack to the firm to determine what an individual client actually paid to the firm, in terms of lobbying amounts, it becomes slightly more difficult to accurately determine.

This isn't a big issue for me and doesn't keep me awake at nights. In fact, my general opinion of lobbying fees/amounts is that if the client and the lobbyist are each happy with the amount paid, then it's basically none of my concern. In the interest of fairness, however, it seems that it might be very difficult to pull the corporate veil over actual lobbying expenses/payments. Just a thought -

Thanks again.

On Aug 15, 2013, at 6:13 PM, Colorado Department of State <licensing@sos.state.co.us> wrote:

Good afternoon,

This is a friendly reminder that the Secretary of State is considering possible amendments to the rules concerning lobbyist regulation (8 CCR 1505-8). We invite you to share your thoughts and recommendations as we develop a preliminary draft of proposed rules.

A copy of the working draft rules is available online at www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/rule_making/files/2013/201308013LobbyistDraft.pdf.

The Secretary values your feedback and we would like to hear your thoughts. We need your help to identify necessary revisions or additional guidance in order to propose a constructive and comprehensive draft rule for consideration during the formal rulemaking proceedings. Overall, your opinions and recommendations will help shape Colorado's Lobbyist Rules.

You may email your written comments to SOS.Rulemaking@sos.state.co.us. To ensure consideration of your comments before the proposed draft is issued, we must receive your comments by 5:00 p.m. on August 19, 2013.

Thank you.

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