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30 Client Lobbyists Selected for Audit by Office of State Ethics

Hartford – Today, Thursday, November 21, 2024, the Citizen’s Ethics Advisory Board (“CEAB”) selected at random 30 client lobbyists to be audited in 2025 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, 2022 through December 31, 2024.

*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. DaVita Health Care Partners Inc.
2. American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA)
3. National Insurance Crime Bureau
4. Constellation Energy Generation, LLC
5. United Therapeutics
6. SAM Advocacy dba CTVotersFirst.org
7. Unite USA, Inc.
8. Michaud Law Group, LLC
9. CTEC
10. CT State Police Union
11. Highland Medical Products, Inc.
12. Fortinet, Inc.
13. Community Association Institute - Connecticut
14. Wall Street Theatre Company
15. Caregiver Homes of Connecticut, Inc.; d/b/a Careforth
16. VM Consolidated, Inc.
17. State Privacy and Security Coalition, Inc.
18. Solofunds
19. American Legal Finance Association
20. CAFCA
21. Progressive Group of Insurance Companies
22. Indeed

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23. Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance
24. Oak Hill
25. Compassion & Choices Action Network
26. Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston
27. Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund
28. Mastercard
29. Generations Family Health Center
30. BeFoundation

The Office of State Ethics will contact the selected lobbyists in regards to the audit process.

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.