

# LOBBYIST FILING AGREEMENTUN - 1 2017

## STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

This Agreement, made this <u>Jo</u> day of <u>My</u>, 2017, by and between Steven Silverman, lobbyist for the Auto Consumer Alliance and the Washington Property Company, LLC, and William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel to the Maryland State Ethics Commission (hereinafter "Staff Counsel").

#### RECITALS

The State Ethics Commission ("the Commission") is the executive agency of the State of Maryland established by Chapter 513, Acts of 1979 for the purpose of enforcing the Maryland Public Ethics Law (General Provisions Article, Title 5, Annotated Code of Maryland, hereinafter the "Ethics Law") including the provisions of Subtitle 7, the lobbying disclosure program.

Steven Silverman ("the filer"), is an individual whose lobbying activities on behalf of the Auto Consumer Alliance and the Washington Property Company, LLC ("the employers") for the period of December 1, 2016 to October 31, 2017, required him to register as a lobbyist with the Commission.

The filer did not timely register as required by the Md. Code. Ann., Gen'l. Prov. Art., § 5-704(d)(1)(Supp. 2016).

The filer subsequently registered on May 17, 2017, for the period of December 1, 2016 to October 31, 2017.

The filer is entering voluntarily into this Agreement to admit his failure to timely file lobbyist registrations with the Commission and to pay a sum of money in lieu of potential late filing fees and other fines pursuant to § 5-405 of the Ethics Law.

**NOW THEREFORE,** in consideration of the submission of the required lobbyist registration forms by the filer on May 17, 2017, and the admissions and agreements herein contained, the filer and Staff Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

- 1. The filer did not timely file his lobbyist registration forms on behalf of the employers for the period of December 1, 2016 to October 31, 2017, as required by § 5-704(d)(1) of the Ethics Law.
- 2. The filer reported his delinquency to the Commission on May 16, 2017, and filed his registration forms (copies of which have been attached hereto and made a part thereof) on May 17, 2017.
- 3. The filer understands that failure to comply with the lobbying disclosure provisions of the Ethics Law may subject him to a formal complaint by the Commission and, upon finding of a violation, late fees and the possibility of civil fines.

- 4. Based on the facts stated in this Agreement, the filer agrees to pay as settlement of the late filing matters, the amount of FIVE HUNDRED and no/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) at the time of the execution of this Agreement in lieu of potential late fees and in lieu of civil fines for the above admitted late registration statement (Paragraph 1).
- 5. The Staff Counsel will, upon execution of this Agreement by the filer, recommend that the Commission not institute any proceedings on his failure to timely register. The filer understands that the Commission is under no obligation to accept this Agreement and may decide to take other action, including issuing a complaint.
- 6. The filer waives a formal hearing on this matter (if the Agreement is accepted by the Commission) to which he would be entitled if a complaint were issued, and he understands that this Agreement and materials relating to this matter are not subject to the confidentiality provisions of the Ethics law, and will be public information unless otherwise protected.
- 7. The filer understands that a copy of this Agreement will be mailed to the employers.
- 8. The filer and the Staff Counsel have entered into this Agreement for the sole purpose of resolving the late submission of lobbyist registration statements and for the payment of late fees and other fines and for no other purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Steven Silverman and William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel

to the State Ethics Commission, have hereunto set their hands.

William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel

State Ethics Commission 45 Calvert Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Annapolis, MD 21401 (410) 260-7770 Steven Silverman

Lobbyist for Auto Consumer Alliance and

Washington Property Company, LLC

State of Maryland County of: MONTONICT, to wit:						
Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Steven Silverman, who made oath on this day of, 2017 in due form of law that the matters and facts hereinabove set forth are to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief, and are his voluntary act, and that he executed this document for the purpose set forth herein.						
MANISH THANKI NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAND COMMISSION EXPIRES APRIL 30, 2018  Notary Public						
My Commission Expires: 04 30 2018						
State of Maryland, County of: Anne Onundel, to wit:						
Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel to the State Ethics Commission, who made oath on this late day of the state Ethics Commission, who executed this Agreement for the purposes set forth herein.						
My Commission Expires:    S   ZO   ZO ZO   My Commission Expires May 20, 2020						
Accepted by the Commission						
Janet E. McHugh, Chair for the Commission						
Date: 6//3 , 2017						

PΑ	RT /	A. GENERAL INFORMATION					
Wha	at Ty	pe of registration are you seeking?					
l	Legis	slative Action Lobbyist					
E	Exec	utive Action Lobbyistx Non-exempt employer					
Prin	nary	purpose of Organization					
(	of at	e employer or registrant (if there is no employer) organized and operated for the primary purpose tempting to influence any legislation or executive action?  Nox					
Cre	dit C	Card Authorization #: 16304048					
РΑ	RT I	B. IDENTIFICATION OF REGISTRANT/REGULATED LOBBYIST					
1.		entifying Information					
		Name of Registrant/Regulated Lobbyist: <u>Steven Silverman</u>					
	-	Firm Name: SSGOVRELATIONS,LLC					
		Permanent Address: 3012 Marlow Rd Silver Spring, MD 20904					
	c)	Business telephone: 301-529-7996					
		Cell phone:					
		Do you want your telephone number on the published lobbyist list? Yesx No					
2.	Ide	entification Of Others Required To Register					
	a)	Will any other person be required to register as a lobbyist on behalf of the person or the organization identified in Part B1 (a)? Yes Nox					
	b)	If the answer to a) is "Yes", identify each such person below and provide his/her name and address?					
3.	Ide	entification Of Employer					
	a)	Name of persons or organizations that compensates the registrant for activities requiring this registration. <u>Auto Consumer Alliance</u>					
		Permanent Address: 13900 Laurel Lakes Suite 101 Laurel, MD 20707					
		Business Telephone: <u>443-977-9541</u>					
		Nature of business: Consumer advocacy group					
	b)	If, in the course of representing the employer identified in Part B.3(a), will you also be representing other entities for which the registrant is not required to file separate registrations? Yes $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ No $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ X					
4.	Re	gistration Information					
	a)	State the period (include both beginning and ending month, day, and year) for which this registration is effective: <u>December 01, 2016</u> to <u>October 31, 2017</u>					
	b)	Identify the matters on which the registrant expects to act or employ someone to act during the registration period:  AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY					

## PART C. REGISTRANT'S CERTIFICATION

1. Certification of Training Compliance:

I hereby certify by checking one of the two options below that I am in compliance with the mandatory training requirements of §5-704.1 of the Public Ethics Law:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am current in my training status. Date of most recent training: \_\_\_\_\_\_ January 15, 2017

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I have not yet been a regulated lobbyist for 6 months but will complete training prior to that time, or if my initial registration is for a period less than 6 months, I will complete training before any subsequent registration.

#### 2. Certification of Authorization to Lobby:

I am authorized to act on behalf of the employer/entity identified in Part B.3(a) (and Part B.3(b), if any) for the period set forth in Part B.4(a) and as to the matters set forth in Part B.4(b) herein unless this authority is terminated sooner. This authorization has been granted to me by (identity of official granting authorization):

Name and Title:	Franz Schneiderman			
Address:	13900 Laurel Lakes Suite 101, Laurel, MD 20707			
Telephone:	443-977-9541	E-mail:	franz@consumerauto.org	

#### PART D. EXEMPTION STATUS OF EMPLOYER

An employer who compensates one or more regulated lobbyists is required to separately register as a lobbyist, UNLESS <u>all</u> expenditures requiring registration will be filed by one or more of the regulated lobbyists compensated by the employer. Please indicate status below (ONLY CHECK ONE)

- a) <u>x</u> The employer claims the exemption from filing its own registration and activity reports because all expenditures requiring registration and reporting will be reported by this registrant.
- The employer does not claim an exemption from filing its own registration and activity report because the registrant will report only expenditures and compensation regard the filer's activity. If this option is selected, the employer must submit a separate registration for lobbying and the required reports.

I hereby make oath or affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this registration are complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and that I am authorized to engage in lobbying for the employer set forth above in Part B.3.

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Che	ck N	lumber: <u>cc16303982</u>				
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	c)	Business telephone: <u>301-529-7996</u>				
		Cell phone:				
		Do you want your telephone number on the published lobbyist list? YesxNo				
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	b)	) If the answer to a) is "Yes", identify each such person below and provide his/her name and address?				
3.	Ide	entification Of Employer				
	a)	Name of persons or organizations that compensates the registrant for activities requiring this registration.  Washington Property Company, LLC				
		Permanent Address: 4719 Hampden Lane Bethesda, MD 20814				
		Business Telephone: 240-482-8110				
		Nature of business: Real estate				
	b)	If, in the course of representing the employer identified in Part B.3(a), will you also be representing other entities for which the registrant is not required to file separate registrations? Yes $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ No $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ No $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$				
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Name and Title:	Charles Nulsen, Pres	ident		
Address:	4719 Hampden Lane Bethesda Md. 20814			
Telephone:	240-482-8110	E-mail:	cnulsen@washproperty.com	

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