

LOBBYIST FILING AGREEMENT

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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

This Agreement, made this 19th day of June, 2012, by and between Americans for Prosperity, Inc., 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 (State Government Article, Title 15, Annotated Code of Maryland, hereinafter the Public Ethics Law) including the provisions of Subtitle 7, the lobbying disclosure program.

Americans for Prosperity, Inc ("the filer") is a company whose lobbying activities during the period of November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2012 required it to register as a lobbyist with the State Ethics Commission.

The filer did not timely register on required by the Md. Code Ann., State Gov't. Art., § 15-703(d)(1)(Supp. 2011).

The filer subsequently registered on June 4, 2012 for the period of March 1, 2012 to October 31, 2012.

The filer is voluntarily entering into this Agreement to admit its failure to timely file a lobbyist registration with the Commission and to pay a sum of money in lieu of potential late filing fees and other fines pursuant to § 15-405 of the Public Ethics Law.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the submission of the required lobbyist registration form by the filer on June 4, 2012 and the admissions and agreements herein contained, the filer and the Staff Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The filer did not timely file its lobbyist registration form for the period of November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2012, as required by § 15-703(d)(1) of the Public Ethics Law.
2. The filer represents that it had attempted to file its registration form for the period of November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2012 in a timely manner, but the Commission's records do not reflect a timely registration.
3. The filer reported its delinquency to the Commission on May 31, 2012, deposited its paperwork and payment in the mail postmarked on May 31, 2012, and filed its registration form (a copy of which has been attached hereto and made a part thereof) on June 4, 2012.
4. The filer understands that failure to comply with the lobbying disclosure provisions of the Public Ethics Law may subject it to a formal complaint by the Commission and, upon finding of a violation, late fees and the possibility of civil fines.
5. The Commission has taken no past enforcement actions against filer.
6. Based on the facts stated in this Agreement the filer agrees to pay as settlement of the late filing matter, the amount of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) at the time

of the execution of this Agreement in lieu of a potential late fees and in lieu of civil fines for the above admitted late registration statement (paragraph 1).

7. The Staff Counsel will, upon execution of this Agreement by the filer, recommend that the Commission not institute any proceedings on its 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.
8. The filer waives a formal hearing on this matter (if the Agreement is accepted by the Commission) to which it would be entitled if a complaint were issued, and understands that this Agreement and materials relating to this matter are not subject to the confidentiality provisions of the Public Ethics Law, and will be public information unless otherwise protected.
9. The filer and Staff Counsel have entered into this Agreement for the sole purpose of resolving the late submission of a lobbyist registration and for the payment of late fees and other fines and for no other purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Americans for Prosperity, Inc. and William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel, State Ethics Commission, have hereunto set their hands.

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON
ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

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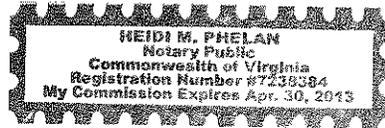
Americans for Prosperity, Inc.
Lobbyist

State of Virginia
County of: Arlington, to wit:

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Tracy Henke and acknowledged that he/she was an individual authorized to execute this document on behalf of Americans for Prosperity, Inc., and that he/she executed this document for the purpose set forth herein on behalf of Americans for Prosperity, Inc.

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

My Commission Expires: April 30, 2013

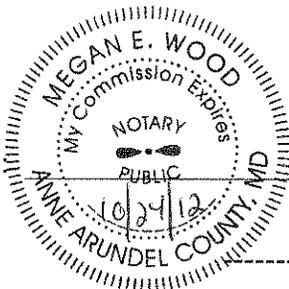


State of Maryland,
County of: Anne Arundel, to wit:

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 22 day of June, 2012 in due form of law that he executed this Agreement for the purposes set forth herein.

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

My Commission Expires:



Accepted by the Commission

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Robert F. Scholz, Chairman
for the Commission

Date: June 28, 2012

PART A. GENERAL INFORMATION

What Type of registration are you seeking?

Legislative Action Lobbyist _____
Executive Action Lobbyist _____

Grass Roots Lobbyist x
Non-exempt employer _____

Primary purpose of Organization

Is the employer or the registered organization (if there is no employer) organized and operated for the primary purpose of attempting to influence any legislation or executive action?
Yes _____ No x

Check Number: 201564

PART B. IDENTIFICATION OF REGISTRANT/REGULATED LOBBYIST

1. Identifying Information

a) Name of Registrant/Regulated Lobbyist: Americans for Prosperity, Inc.

b) Firm Name: Americans for Prosperity, Inc.

Address:
 2111 Wilson Blvd., Suite 350
 Arlington, VA 22201

c) Business telephone: 703-224-3200

Cell phone:

Do you want your telephone number on the published lobbyist list?
Yes _____ No x

d) What is your occupation or type of business? Other

If other: Non-profit 501(c)(4) social welfare organization

2. Identification of others required to register

a) Will any other person be required to register as a lobbyist on behalf of you or the organization identified in section 1?
Yes _____ No x

b) If the answer to a) is "yes", identify each such person below and give their name and address?

3. Identification of employer

a) Name of persons or organizations who compensate you for activities that require registration.
 Americans for Prosperity, Inc.

Permanent Address:
 2111 Wilson Blvd, Suite 350
 Arlington, VA 22201

Business Telephone: 703-224-3200

Nature of business: Non-Profit

Website of employer:

b) Will you be representing any other person or entity regarding the matters identified in this registration?
Yes _____ No x

4. Registration Information

a) For what period will this registration be effective?
 March 01, 2012 to October 31, 2012

b) On what matters will you be acting or employing someone to act during the registration period?
 Other - General Fiscal Matters, Transparency, Good Governance and Regulatory Matters

c) If known include the bill number(s) of the matter(s) on which you lobby

PART C. REGISTRANT'S REGULATED LOBBYIST'S SIGNATURE

(Name)

(Date)

PART D. AUTHORIZATION TO ACT

1 Authorization

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is correct and that Americans for Prosperity, Inc. (name of lobbyist) is authorized to act on behalf of Americans for Prosperity, Inc. (name of employer) for the period from March 01, 2012 to October 31, 2012 unless this authority is terminated sooner.

2 Exemption Status of Employer

- a) 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/regulator lobbyist.
- b) The employer does not claim an exemption from filing its own registration and activity report because the registrants/regulator lobbyist 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.
- c) The employer does not claim an exemption from filing its own registration and reports based on the activities of the filer will report only expenditures and compensation regarding the filer's activities. However, the employer does claim an exemption from filing its own registration and reporting because another regulated lobbyist will report any other expenditures of the employer, and the employer will engage in no other activity that would require it to register or report.

Employer's signature

Date

Signature of Person Identified in Part B, Section 3

Date

Employer's Typed Signature