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**JOINT COMMISSION ON PUBLIC ETHICS RELEASES MID-YEAR
LOBBYING DATA**

Top spenders for first half of 2013 include big tobacco and tobacco retailers as well as teachers' unions

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ALBANY (October 15, 2013) – The Joint Commission on Public Ethics released lobbying data for the first half of 2013 showing that approximately \$105 million was reported spent to influence government decision making during the period. The figure was the least amount recorded in the last five years. While total compensation paid to professional lobbyists remained consistent with prior years, the amount spent on advertising was significantly lower.

Top spenders on lobbying activity for the period included Altria and retailer coalitions, as well as teachers' unions, Major League Soccer and health care associations. The new Friends of Democracy (New York) and gaming company Genting New York were also among the top 10.

The figures come from data submitted to the Joint Commission by lobbyists, their clients and public corporations covering lobbying activities from January 1 through June 30. Registered lobbyists and public corporations are required to file bi-monthly reports of their lobbying activities for each client, including compensation and reimbursed expenses received during each period. Clients are required to file twice each year detailing their lobbying expenditures, including the amount spent on advertising.

The data in these filings shows that during the period, a total of about \$3 million was reported as spent on lobbying-related advertising while the figure neared \$8.2 million for the first half of 2012. Total compensation paid to professional lobbyists remained fairly consistent from 2012 to 2013 at \$93.2 million and \$92.8 million, respectively.

As of June 30, 2013, there were 5,846 individual lobbyists reported on lobbyist registrations representing 3,288 clients.

The Joint Commission updated its publicly available sets of the complete data filed by lobbyists and their clients to include reported information from the first half of 2013. The data is available in

spreadsheet and CSV file formats, providing the public unprecedented ease of access and the ability to perform custom analyses. These data sets are available by clicking here <http://jcope.ny.gov/datasets/datasets.html>

Several tables highlighting data for the period are available below.

TOTAL LOBBYING SPENDING FOR THE JANUARY THROUGH JUNE PERIOD FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS (From Client Semi-Annual Reports and Public Corporations as of September 26, 2013)			
Year	Client Compensation and Expenses	Public Corporation Compensation and Expenses	Total Compensation and Expenses for both
2013	104,416,991	1,183,660	105,600,651
2012	107,780,941	1,283,873	109,064,814
2011	130,842,866	591,177	131,434,043
2010	122,618,525	1,414,025	124,032,550
2009	108,342,489	892,871	109,235,360

TOP 10 CLIENTS (TOTAL EXPENDITURES) FOR JANUARY THROUGH JUNE 2013
(Based on figures reported in Client Semi-Annual Reports as of September 26, 2013)

Client Name	Total Compensation Paid to Lobbyists and Expenses
ALTRIA CLIENT SERVICES, INC. AND IT'S AFFILIATES	\$1,578,704
UNITED TEACHERS (NYS)	\$1,565,948
UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS	\$1,084,068
GREATER NY HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION	\$1,083,501
MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER, L.L.C.	\$842,233
FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY (NEW YORK)	\$824,056
SAVE OUR STORES, INC.	\$819,615
HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION OF NYS	\$806,062
GODDARD GLOBAL LLC (SAVE OUR STORES, INC.)	\$731,563
GENTING NEW YORK LLC	\$709,500

TOP 10 LOBBYISTS (TOTAL COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES) JANUARY THROUGH JUNE 2013
(Based on figures reported in 2013 Lobbyist Bi-Monthly Reports as of September 26, 2013)

Lobbyist Name	Total Compensation and Expense Reimbursements Received
WILSON ELSEER MOSKOWITZ EDELMAN & DICKER, LLP	\$5,265,682
GREENBERG TRAURIG, LLP	\$3,138,464
KASIRER CONSULTING	\$3,129,234
BOLTON ST. JOHNS, LLC	\$2,974,292
LYNCH, PATRICIA ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$2,925,080
PARK STRATEGIES, LLC	\$2,770,500
HINMAN STRAUB ADVISORS LLC	\$2,576,440
MANATT, PHELPS & PHILLIPS, LLP	\$2,512,479
BROWN & WEINRAUB, PLLC	\$2,205,353
OSTROFF, HIFFA & ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$1,848,933