

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Joint Commission on Public Ethics is developing guidelines and regulations relating to new disclosure requirements for lobbyists and clients of lobbyists pursuant to The Public Integrity Reform Act of 2011. The Commission is presently inviting public comment to inform this process.

Under the new law, lobbyists and clients are required to disclose reportable business relationships with elected officials and state employees. Also under the new law, certain lobbyists and clients will soon be required to disclose specific sources of funding for their lobbying activity. Public comment will be an important component in developing the guidelines and regulations for the new reporting requirements. After receiving written comments, the Commission will conduct a public hearing on these issues.

Written comments are due on or before May 18, 2012

Comments may be submitted by email to jcope@jcope.ny.gov and should include the term new disclosures in the subject line. Comments submitted by email should not be copy protected. Written comments also may be submitted by mail to:

The Joint Commission on Public Ethics
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Albany, New York 12207

All written comments must include the author's name, affiliated entity (if any), contact address and telephone number. All submitted comments may be subject to public disclosure.

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