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Lobby Registration Renewal for 2021

This notice is to remind you that your 2020 lobby registration will automatically expire on December 31, 2020.

LOBBY REGISTRATION RENEWAL FOR 2021: The lobby registration fee is \$750 for most registrants plus the non-refundable electronic payment service fee of \$17.13 for credit card transactions. For registrants representing only organizations exempt from federal income tax under Sec. 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(6), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the fee is \$150 plus the non-refundable electronic payment service fee of \$3.63 for credit card transactions. There is no service fee for payments made by electronic check (ACH) or by personal/business check. Every registration must include a completed Form SSN that is part of the filing application and is required by Chapter 232 of the Family Code for possible use by the Attorney General to locate individuals who might be delinquent in the payment of child support.

ELECTRONIC FILING: Lobby registrations and lobby activity reports must be filed electronically. For information about electronic filing, go to <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/lobby> on our website. When you file electronically, note that a report HAS NOT been filed unless you receive a confirmation number. The lobby registration form instructions are available at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/lobby> on our website.

FILING SCHEDULES AND MORE: Lobby registrations for 2021 may be filed beginning December 1, 2020. Future deadlines are listed on the filing schedules located at https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/schedules/filing_schedules.php on our website. Also on our website are forms, instructions, filing guides, and other information that you may find useful.

CHANGES TO THE 2021 REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: Lobby registrations for 2021 have three changes that may affect you:

- 1) The compensation/reimbursement threshold is increasing from \$1,560 to \$1,620. The expenditure threshold is increasing from \$780 to \$810. This means, for 2021, a person must register as a lobbyist if that person either:
 - Receives, or is entitled to receive under an agreement under which the person is retained or employed, compensation or reimbursement of more than \$1,620 in a calendar quarter to lobby. This does not include reimbursement for the person's own travel, food, lodging, or membership dues.
- OR**
- Makes expenditures of more than \$810 in a calendar quarter to lobby. This does not include expenditures for the person's own travel, food, lodging, or membership dues.

- 2) Lobbyists must declare both their status under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 (22 U.S.C. Section 611 et seq.) (“FARA”) and their FARA registration number, if issued, on the lobby registration form. The filing application requires you to enter your status on the Form REG Cover Sheet
- 3) The annual compensation and reimbursement thresholds have been adjusted for inflation and are effective for lobby activities occurring in 2021.

compAmountCd Import Code*	2021 Compensation Range
LOBBCOMPEQZERO	\$0.00
LOBBCOMP01	Less than \$18,630
LOBBCOMP02	\$18,630 - \$46,579.99
LOBBCOMP03	\$46,580 - \$93,149.99
LOBBCOMP04	\$93,150 - \$186,299.99
LOBBCOMP05	\$186,300 - \$279,449.99
LOBBCOMP06	\$279,450 - \$372,599.99
LOBBCOMP07	\$372,600 - \$465,749.99
LOBBCOMP08	\$465,750 - \$558,899.99
LOBBCOMP09	\$558,900 - \$652,049.99
LOBBCOMP10	\$652,050 - \$745,199.99
LOBBCOMP11	\$745,200 - \$838,349.99
LOBBCOMP12	\$838,350 - \$931,499.99
LOBBCOMP13	\$931,500 or more
LOBBCOMPEXACTAMT	Exact Amount

* If you import your clients into your Lobby registration, you must enter the new compAmountCd codes listed in column 1 of the above table into your csv file.