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Dear
Honorable Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III Chairman, Independent Regulatory Review Commission and other IRRC members:

Please see the attached letter I sent to the Department of State concerning lobbying fees. I feel such costs- fees should be shared 50-50 by government and the effected industry... after they have been scrutinized to make sure they cover only the efficient cost of necessary operations. If an increase to \$400 (from \$200) is indeed the correct needed amount to cover 50% of such total costs... and ample notice/time is given to all affected parties (and their limited budgets) then I feel a correct compromise is being presented.

Thanks Jeff



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Caroline A. Bailey, Assistant Counsel
Department of State
210 North Office Building
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February 26, 2014

Dear Ms. Bailey:

I am writing to you on behalf of ARIPPA and myself as a registered lobbyist. ARIPPA is a small non-profit trade association established in 1989 (2014 is our 25th year) with a current staff of 2 persons.

On June 27, 2013, I sent a letter expressing our strong opposition to the Department of State's proposed increase of the biennial registration fee from \$200 to \$700 for individuals and entities required to be registered under the Lobbying Disclosure Act.

I understand the Department has spent the last several months researching alternative fee scenarios and conducting outreach to various groups and is proposing to reduce the fee to \$400. (An amount that shares the expense of the program between government and directly affected entities) The new fee would not become effective until the 2015 fee cycle, which should provide adequate notice to the fee payer so they can plan accordingly. We believe the Department is going down the right path by reducing the increase to a more reasonable level and we would no longer oppose such if my understanding is correct.

I would be happy to provide any further feedback should you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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