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June 6, 2013

Ms. Caroline A. Bailey
Assistant Counsel
Department of State
210 North Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Ms. Bailey:

The current proposal by the Department of State to amend § 53.1 (relating to biennial filing fee) to increase the biennial registration fee for individuals and entities required to be registered under the Lobbying Disclosure Act from \$200 to \$700 will provide a hardship to small businesses. This hardship will affect their constitutional right to petition the government under the First Amendment.

I urge you to consider this matter carefully.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steven H. Cohen
President

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