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Monday, January 30, 2012

The Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman
Chairman
Senate Committee on Homeland
Security & Governmental Affairs
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan M. Collins
Ranking Member
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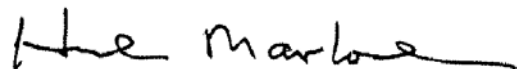
Dear Chairman Lieberman and Ranking Member Snowe:

The American League of Lobbyists (ALL) has spent the last year developing recommendations to make significant improvements in the Lobbying Disclosure Act (LDA) that will improve its coverage and thereby provide more transparency and accountability. We will be meeting with your staffs early next month to discuss our ideas. We look forward to working with you and your staffs so that a hearing on the current effectiveness of the LDA can be held.

Knowing that the STOCK Act will be coming to the Senate floor this week, we wanted to express our hope that no amendments be passed that would have the effect of either taking backward steps in the coverage of the current LDA or requiring those who engage in what has been termed “political intelligence” to register as lobbyists. We take no position on the STOCK Act, but those who engage in “political intelligence” are not lobbyists under the definitions of the LDA. Including them in the LDA is inappropriate and will make it more difficult to modify the LDA at a later date with changes such as those being recommended by ALL.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely



Howard Marlowe
President