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United we stand, divided we pay and obey

Why register as a lobbyist?

I have been a political activist for many years regarding many different issues. Recently a friend advised me that have any real affect I should be a registered lobbyist. A lobbyist normally represents a legal entity (DDL is an association) of some sort therefore a group of people (voters), by membership in an “legal entity” it's members also have influence on friends, family and acquaintances with whom they may talk about common issues of interest (more votes). Most actions such as letters, calls, emails are from individuals (one vote), however, the same actions on behalf of an entity carry much greater weight (more voters). It is then obvious that a lobbyist represents a block of voters.

Individuals can be in effect ignored without consequence by lawmakers yet blocks of voters must be considered regarding legislative decisions to vote yea or nay on any given issue. In many instances such as smoking bans and tobacco taxes those in favor are most strongly influenced by special interest groups with very deep pockets. It makes sense for individuals opposed to these issues to organize into a group represented by a lobbyist.

I decided the cost involved and paperwork required to be worth the effort because according to *internal policies and procedures of lawmaking bodies they must consider the positions of lobbyists.*

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