

2008 Random Audit Report for Lobbyist Jane Fabian

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 3-6-308(a)(7), on June 24, 2008, the name of registered lobbyist Ms. Jane Fabian was randomly drawn for audit. The audit of Ms. Fabian was conducted in the offices of the Tennessee Ethics Commission, 201 4th Avenue North, 18th Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37219. The audit was conducted by Assistant General Counsel, Willow E. Fort. Ms. Fabian was accompanied to the audit by Mr. Patrick Williard, Advocacy Director for the American Association of Retired Persons ("AARP").

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

All requested documentation was provided by Ms. Fabian and no violations of Ethics Reform Act of 2006 were found.

CLIENTS:

Mr. Fabian is a citizen who is very involved in the AARP and spends much of her time lobbying on behalf of the AARP. Ms. Fabian is not, however, compensated by the AARP in any way whatsoever. She stated that the AARP does offer reimbursement, but she has made the personal choice not to accept that reimbursement.

REGISTRATIONS:

Ms. Fabian is not required to register as a lobbyist. In fact, she does not meet the definition of "lobbyist" as set forth in Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-301(17) as she receives absolutely no compensation. Ms. Fabian stated she left the decision about whether or not she should be registered up to the AARP. Ms. Fabian also stated there were some benefits to being provided a lobbyist card, such as easier access to Legislative Plaza.

Ms. Fabian timely completed her registration. AARP also timely completed their registration.

CONTRACT:

There is no written contract between Ms. Fabian and the AARP. Ms. Fabian stated she simply went to the Legislature when the AARP asked for volunteers and she was available to lobby.

FAMILY OR BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Ms. Fabian reports she has no business or familial relationships with persons who are officials in the legislative branch or officials in the executive branch.

TRAINING:

Mr. Fabian was not a registered lobbyist last year and was not required to attend a lobbyist training. Ms. Fabian attended a 2008 lobbyist training by video as she was in California for the summer. She completed her training on August 12, 2008 and has paid for that training.

AMOUNTS REPORTED BY LOBBYIST AND EMPLOYER:

As Ms. Fabian receives absolutely no compensation from the AARP, she had no expenses to report.

The AARP has ten (10) registered lobbyists other than Ms. Fabian. AARP reports spending between twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) and fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) on lobbyist compensation and between twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) and fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) on lobbying related expenses during the last reporting period.

IN-STATE EVENTS:

The AARP held no in-state events during the last reporting period.

Report Completed by:

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