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I support this proposed rule. I think, in the future, we will need to go further in limiting the influence of lobbyists, and this bill makes perfect sense. If an employee of the Executive Branch feels it is necessary to attend a function sponsored by a lobbying group, as a part of his/her job as said employee, then they can pay their own way and deduct the expense as a business expense. They will then have to justify the expense to the IRS and prove it is legitimate, just like the rest of us.