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Position: Act should be passed

This position addresses the topic Honest Leadership and Open Government Act.

For this position

"it would represent a significant step toward a cleaner and more transparent system. Lawmakers would be prohibited from accepting meals, travel and entertainment from lobbyists and those who employ them. They would have to report the contributions that lobbyists "bundle" for their campaigns. And there would be far more disclosure of the earmarked pet projects that lawmakers tuck into bills."

From 'Expected to Sign', by The Washington Post editorial board (*The Washington Post*, August 17, 2007) (view)

"The White House's stated concerns border on the ludicrous — for example, that the president might be forced to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars when he uses Air Force One for campaign flights, because the measure bans members of Congress from flying the friendly skies of corporate jets at token fares. Election regulations have long recognized a president's unique travel situation as a campaigner and would not change."

From Mr. Bush's Chance to Help Congress, by The New York Times editorial board (*The New York Times*, August 15, 2007) (view)

"The White House has argued that the bill doesn't go far enough [...] But a veto would postpone or imperil the rest of the progress on ethics and lobbying reform in the bill. The cause of cleaning up Congress would be far better served if the president, after signing the measure, championed a successor that would bolster its gains."

From Restrict lobbying, by Orlando Sentinel editorial board (*Orlando Sentinel*, August 15, 2007) (view)

"For the first time, the lavish torrent of campaign money from eager lobbyists to grateful politicians would have to be reported quarterly to the public via the Internet, with tighter scrutiny and penalties for violators. The reports would highlight lobbyists' so-called bundling, the massing of individual donations into eye-popping packages for politicians and their party committees."

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From Coming Clean in the Capitol, by The New York Times editorial board (*The New York Times*, August 1, 2007) (view)

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