

# Research Tender

# US political lobbying by the healthcare industry

**Purpose**: Stewart Investors would like to understand better how political lobbying by the healthcare industry operates in the US, who is involved and what risks they run.

## **Requirements:**

- (a) Explain the role played by industry groups such as PhRMA and BIO and others, including their access and different points of contact and influence with the political and executive machine.
- (b) Identify which companies are directly and indirectly involved in such lobbying, both in terms of resources and funding.
- (c) Provide examples of how and when industry groups and a group of companies (provided by Stewart Investors), have influenced legislation, rebates or similar programme funding.
- (d) Provide recommendations of where the list of companies provided are most at risk.

#### Detours to be avoided:

- (a) An explanation of why such lobbying practices create value for shareholders.
- **(b)** Analysis of donation or disclosure policies.

### Scope:

Maximum 20 page report.

#### **Tender specifics:**

Please submit a proposal by email (maximum of two pages) to <u>siresearchtenders@stewartinvestors.com</u> on how you would conduct this research, over what timeframe and for what price. In principle we support making your research report more widely available, however we reserve the right to prohibit, or place restrictions, on such circulation if we believe that is appropriate. Closing date for application: 31st July 2017.