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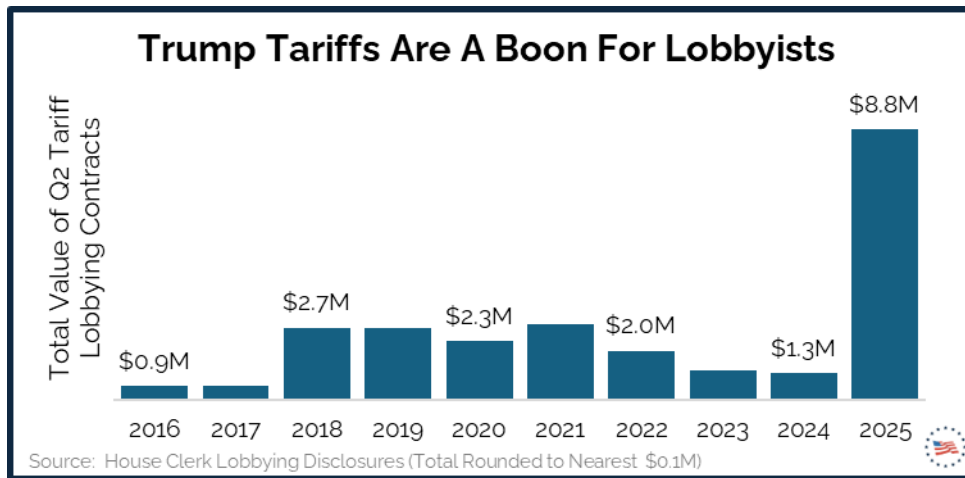
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Trump's Tariffs Are Causing A Swamp Feeding Frenzy

TOPLINE: The D.C. Swamp loves tariffs. President Trump's tariff policy is boosting K Street lobbying revenue to all-time highs while Main Street businesses continue to pay the price.

K STREET COFFERS TO THE MOON:

- **834% increase** in tariff lobbyist revenue compared to pre-Trump levels.
- **599% increase** in tariff lobbyist revenue this year compared to last.
- **233% increase** in registered tariff lobbying disclosures in Q2 2025 compared to Q2 2024.
- **110% increase** in the average tariff lobbying contract in Q2 2025 compared to Q2 2024.



- Apple recently received a [tariff exemption](#) after Apple CEO Tim Cook presented President Trump with an award and promised to invest \$600 billion in the US over the next 4 years.
 - **Meanwhile, millions of American small businesses continue to pay tariffs.**

WATCH: [AAF Chairman Marc Short](#) on the true cost of tariffs.

Tariffs Still Tank Main Street:

- Economic growth is sputtering this year at a [1.35% annual growth](#) rate and markets are still below pre-Liberation Day highs.
- More than [1 million full-time jobs](#) and [28,000 manufacturing jobs](#) have disappeared since January.
- Inflation hit 3.4 % in June and is even [higher in import and tariff-sensitive sectors](#).
 - **READ MORE: AAF OPED** - [Lobbyists love our swampy tariff exclusion process](#)

BOTTOM LINE: Despite what TV talking heads may say, economics is still real. The truth is that Americans, not foreign countries, pay tariffs. American families know the truth: tariffs hurt hardworking American families while funding the very swamp that President Trump ran on draining. "Drain the Swamp" means stopping the tariff funding for K Street, not growing it.



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