

January 20, 2026

The Honorable Scott Bessent
Secretary of the Treasury
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Secretary Bessent:

The undersigned organizations, representing millions of Main Street businesses operating in every industry and community in America, urge the Department of the Treasury to immediately purge the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) database of all beneficial ownership information submitted by domestic entities that are no longer required to file. We also ask that you move quickly to promulgate the final rule exempting US businesses from the reporting requirement.

Last year, the Administration took the important step of narrowing the CTA's scope to apply to foreign entities only. That action provided much-needed relief to over 32 million domestic businesses swept into a regime intended to target international money laundering and terrorism financing, not law-abiding American business owners.

Before Treasury corrected course, some 16 million domestic entities had complied with the CTA's reporting requirements. These beneficial owners' sensitive personal information – including their names, addresses, and passport or driver's license numbers – remains in a database managed by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, exposing them to ongoing cybersecurity and unauthorized disclosure risks.

The legal landscape surrounding the CTA reinforces the urgency of this request. There are now twelve federal cases challenging the validity of the CTA, including two that have ruled at the District Court level that the CTA is unconstitutional – *National Small Business United v. Yellen* and *Small Business Association of Michigan v. Yellen* in the Western District of Michigan. While the Eleventh Circuit recently reversed the *NSBA* ruling, that case is headed to the Supreme Court and the constitutional questions surrounding the CTA are far from settled.

Given this legal uncertainty and the fact that domestic businesses are no longer subject to the CTA's reporting requirements, the continued retention of their data serves no legitimate government purpose.

We were encouraged when FinCEN Director Andrea Gacki testified that the agency "intend[s] to resolve questions around the data that we have collected, and dispose of data that is no longer legally required." Director Gacki further committed to finalizing the interim rule "in the upcoming year." While we appreciate these intentions, Main Street businesses need certainty and a concrete timeline for when their information will be purged.

More than 90 members of Congress echoed these concerns in a September letter, stating unequivocally: "This data must be immediately destroyed to protect the privacy of small business

owners." We agree. The longer the Treasury Department delays, the greater the risk there will be misuse of this sensitive information.

Main Street businesses deserve certainty and to know their personal information will not be "warehoused" indefinitely awaiting a new Administration and a change in policy. The undersigned organizations urge you to act swiftly to protect American businesses by purging the CTA database and finalizing the BOI rule now.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Retailers Association
AICC, The Independent Packaging Association
Air Conditioning Contractors of America
Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota
Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of New Jersey (AASP/NJ)
American Building Materials Alliance
American Council of Engineering Companies
American Council of Independent Laboratories
American Foundry Society
American Lighting Association
American Mold Builders Association
American Pipeline Contractors Association
American Resort Development Association
American Subcontractors Association
American Supply Association
AmericanHort
Associated Builders and Contractors
Associated Equipment Distributors
Associated General Contractors of America
California Cattlemen's Association
Center for a Free Economy
Coalition of Franchisee Associations
Construction Industry Round Table
Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance
Energy Marketers of America
Fabricators and Manufacturers Association
Family Business Association of CA
Family Business Coalition
FCA International
Foodservice Equipment Distributors Association
Forest Resources Association
Hardwood Federation
Health & Fitness Association
Heating, Air-conditioning, & Refrigeration Distributors International
ICSC
Independent Bakers Association

Independent Electrical Contractors
Industrial Fasteners Institute
International Foodservice Distributors Association
International Franchise Association
International Housewares Association
International Sign Association
Job Creators Network
Main Street Employers Coalition
Metals Service Center Institute
National Association of Convenience Stores
National Association of Electrical Distributors (NAED)
National Association of Home Builders
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA)
National Cattlemen's Beef Association
National Cotton Council
National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA)
National Electrical Manufacturers Representatives Association (NEMRA)
National Energy & Fuels Institute (NEFI)
National Federation of Independent Business
National Funeral Directors Association
National Lumber & Building Material Dealers Association
National Onion Association
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
National Roofing Contractors Association
National RV Dealers Assoc (RVDA)
National Small Business Association
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
National Tooling and Machining Association
National Utility Contractors Association
National Wooden Pallet & Container Association
NATSO, Representing America's Travel Centers and Truck Stops
Non-Ferrous Founders' Society
North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM)
North American Die Casting Association
North American Equipment Dealers Association
Oregon Cattlemen's Association
Performance Racing Industry (PRI)
Petroleum Equipment Institute (PEI)
Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors - National Association
Power & Communication Contractors Association
Precision Machined Products Association
Precision Metalforming Association
PRINTING United Alliance
Private Investor Coalition
Professional Beauty Association

S Corporation Association
Service Station Dealers of America and Allied Trades
SIGMA: America's Leading Fuel Marketers
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council
Small Business Legislative Council (SBLC)
Society of Collision Repair Specialists (SCRS)
Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association
Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA)
Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance
Textile Care Allied Trades Association
The Association for Hose and Accessories Distribution
The Massachusetts Auto Body Assoc (MABA)
Tile Roofing Industry Alliance
Tire Industry Association
USA Rice
Water and Sewer Distributors of America (WASDA)
Wisconsin Grocers Association
Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation
Wyoming Stock Growers Association