

March 27, 2025

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, applaud the Department of the Treasury (Department) and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) for issuing the interim final rule on March 21, 2025, which revises the beneficial ownership information (BOI) reporting requirements under the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA).

This rule appropriately narrows the scope of entities required to report BOI by exempting domestic reporting companies and U.S. persons who are beneficial owners of foreign reporting companies. By doing so, the Department has alleviated substantial compliance burdens that would have disproportionately affected law-abiding Main Street businesses, while also shifting to a risk-based enforcement protocol that will ultimately strengthen the effectiveness of the CTA.

The original CTA reporting requirements encompassed an estimated 32 million legal entities with 20 or fewer employees or \$5 million or less in revenues, effectively targeting nearly every small business in the United States. The interim final rule's exemption for domestic reporting companies ensures that these businesses can continue to operate without the added complexity and potential penalties associated with BOI reporting. Furthermore, additional narrow exemptions for certain U.S. persons demonstrate a balanced consideration of privacy concerns and the practicalities of compliance.

We believe these revisions will allow the Department to focus its resources on entities that pose genuine risks of money laundering and other illicit activities, thereby enhancing the effectiveness of our nation's financial crime prevention efforts without imposing undue burdens on legitimate businesses.

The undersigned organizations are grateful for your efforts and strongly support the actions outlined in the interim final rule.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Retailers Association AICC, The Independent Packaging Association Air Conditioning Contractors of America American Building Material Alliance American Council of Engineering Companies American Council of Independent Laboratories American Farm Bureau Federation American Foundry Society American Hotel and Lodging Association American Mold Builders Association American Pipeline Contractors Association American Rental Association American Staffing Association American Supply Association AmericanHort Associated Equipment Distributors Associated General Contractors of America **Construction Industry Round Table** Design-Build Institute of America Energy Marketers of America Family Business Association of California FCA International Forest Resources Association Forging Industry Association **Glass Packaging Institute** Global Cold Chain Alliance Health & Fitness Association Heating, Air-conditioning, & Refrigeration Distributors International Independent Baker Association Independent Electrical Contractors Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America (Big "I") Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association Industrial Fasteners Institute International Foodservice Distributors Association International Franchise Association International Housewares Association Leading Builders of America Main Street Employers Coalition Manufactured Housing Institute Marine Retailers Associations of the Americas Material Handling Equipment Distributors Association Metals Service Center Institute NAREIT National Apartment Association National Association of Convenience Stores National Association of Electrical Distributors (NAED) National Association of Home Builders National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors National Association of Professional Insurance Agents

National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA) National Beer Wholesalers Association National Cattlemen's Beef Association National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) National Cotton Council National Council of Agricultural Employers National Council of Farmer Cooperatives National Electrical Contractors Association NATIONAL ELECTRICAL MANUFACTURERS REPRESENTATIVES ASSOCIATION (NEMRA) National Energy & Fuels Institute (NEFI) National Federation of Independent Business National Funeral Directors Association National Grange National Grocers Association National Lumber & Building Material Dealers Association National Multifamily Housing Council National Onion Association National Peach Council National Ready Mixed Concrete Association National Roofing Contractors Association National Small Business Association National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association National Tooling and Machining Association National Utility Contractors Association National Wooden Pallet & Container Association North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM) North American Die Casting Association Ohio AgriBusiness Association Ohio Farm Bureau 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** Real Estate Technology & Transformation Center S Corporation Association Service Station Dealers of America and Allied Trades Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council Small Business Legislative Council (SBLC) Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA)

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