

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)

Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance

The Fertilizer Institute

Tile Roofing Industry Alliance

Tire Industry Association

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

US Rice Producers Association

US Sweet Potato Council

**USA Rice** 

Virginia Association of Roofing Professionals

Virginia Cattlemen's Associaiton

Virginia Farm Bureau

Water and Sewer Distributors of America

Wine Institute

WineAmerica

Wisconsin Grocers Association

Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation

Wyoming Stock Growers Association