

February 21, 2025

The Honorable John Thune Majority Leader U.S. Senate 511 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Chuck Schumer Minority Leader U.S. Senate 322 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

RE: Pass H.R. 736, Protect Small Businesses from Excessive Paperwork Act

Dear Majority Leader Thune and Minority Leader Schumer:

The National Demolition Association (NDA) represents nearly 500 U.S. and Canadian companies that offer standard demolition services as well as a full range of demolition-related services and products. NDA educates members on the latest advances in equipment and services, provides educational programs and tools to stay abreast of regulatory and safety matters and keeps regulators informed about issues in our industry. NDA also increases public awareness of the economic and societal benefits of demolition.

NDA writes today to express concern regarding implementation of the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) and uncertainty about the law's reporting requirements. Signed into law in 2021, the Corporate Transparency Act requires certain limited liability companies (LLCs) and other business owners to file corporate transparency reports with beneficial ownership information (BOI) to the U.S. Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN).

While these requirements were originally scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2025, the CTA has been subject to ongoing federal litigation and legal challenges which have delayed implementation of the law. However, a recent court order has lifted a nationwide injunction on the law and will require small businesses to file BOI financial reports with FinCEN by March 21, 2025.

Conflicting federal court rulings and ambiguity regarding the CTA's requirements have caused confusion and uncertainty for American small businesses over the last several months. Further, FinCEN has failed to adequately notify and prepare small business owners for the new reporting and filing requirements during the implementation period. These factors have placed added stress on small businesses as they attempt to accurately comply with the law by the March 21 deadline.

To provide relief for demolition contractors and other small businesses, NDA urges the Senate to join the House of Representatives in passing H.R. 736, the Protect Small Businesses from Excessive Paperwork Act. This legislation would extend the BOI filing deadline until January 1, 2026, to allow the Treasury Department sufficient time to educate business owners on the new reporting requirements and ensure small businesses are not held liable for unclear and inordinately complex regulations. In addition, the legislation would provide the court system with more time to resolve the pending legal challenges regarding the law's constitutionality.

Thank you for your attention to this issue and if you have any questions, please contact NDA's Director of Government Affairs Alex McIntyre at amcintyre@demolitionassociation.com.

Sincerely,

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