

# ILLICIT CASH ACT FAQ NPMA MEMBER DOCUMENT

These are common questions you and/or Hill staffers may have. Get a question you can't answer? Tell the staffer you will pass it along to Ashley Amidon, VP of Public Policy at aamidon@pestworld.org

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**My business has more than 20 employees. Why should I care?** Some of the supporting groups behind this have been advocating for a public business registry of this information and view the bill as a first step. Once this regulation is in place, it will be easy to start expanding the number of employees, making it a slippery slope to include additional aspects of your business.

**Does NPMA oppose all of The ILLICIT CASH?** No, just Title 4 which contains the onerous reporting requirement on small businesses. Were this removed, NPMA would not oppose the passage of the rest of S. 2563.

Is there a compromise that would make NPMA neutral on ILLICIT CASH? Only removing Title 4 so that small businesses no longer have this onerous reporting requirement.

#### What groups support ILLICIT CASH?

- · Banking institutions who would prefer this requirement falls on businesses rather than them.
- Transparency groups pushing for a public business registry of all businesses.
- Former federal law enforcement who say this will make it easier to prosecute, as they will not need a warrant for the information.

What groups oppose ILLICIT CASH? A coalition of almost 50 groups led by the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB) including NPMA.

But won't this help protect against money laundering? Criminals don't follow laws; they'll file false information or evade compliance, while law-abiding small business owners will bear this regulatory burden.

**Couldn't this information help law enforcement?** Yes, and they can access it from the IRS with a warrant now. This would remove that barrier and adds a duplicative reporting requirement on small businesses simply so law enforcement doesn't have to get a warrant to view confidential information.

What about the House? The House passed similar (but not identical) legislation called the Corporate Transparency Act)

Passed House 10/22/19 with 249 to 173 (Bipartisan support).

• Vote count on back. Anyone who voted NAY please thank them for their vote!

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