



MORTGAGE BANKERS ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Tim Scott
United State Senate
104 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Scott:

On behalf of the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA), I am writing to indicate our support for your introduction of S. 3056, the “Prohibiting IRS Financial Surveillance Act.” Your legislation is designed to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from requiring banks and other financial institutions to report certain bank account information, including private bank account deposits or withdrawal activity, for tax enforcement purposes.

MBA is concerned that the Treasury Department’s new tax information reporting plan, if enacted into law as part of the proposed reconciliation package under discussion, would capture many routine mortgage-related transactions, result in significantly increased tax compliance costs for individuals, families and small businesses, and present privacy concerns regarding potential data breaches.

While we share the Treasury Department’s concern that those subject to U.S. taxation should pay the full amount legally due, we believe the proposal under discussion, which your legislation seeks to blunt, is not the appropriately calibrated answer.

MBA thanks you for the leadership you have demonstrated through the introduction of this bill. We stand ready to work with you and others in Congress on this important issue.

Best regards,

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