



**National District Attorneys Association**

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The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Senate Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C., 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C., 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer & Minority Leader McConnell,

I am reaching out on behalf of the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), the oldest and largest national organization representing state and local prosecutors in the country. With more than 5,500 members nationwide, NDAA is recognized as the leading source of national expertise on the prosecution function and is a valuable resource for the media, academia, government, and community leaders. Today, I write in support of the bipartisan *Establishing New Authorities for Businesses Laundering and Enabling Risks to Security (ENABLERS) Act*, which was filed as an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act (H.R.7900) by Senators Whitehouse (D-RI) and Wicker (R-MS) and has passed as an amendment to the House version of the defense bill (House Amendment 416).

Prosecutors uniquely understand the urgent need for Congress to strengthen our nation's anti-money laundering ("AML") laws by requiring and making available new information to law enforcement that can help them combat financial crime and protect American communities. By authorizing the Treasury Department to require U.S.-based "enablers" of crime and corruption to adopt basic AML safeguards, the *ENABLERS Act* would address a regulatory blind spot that has been abused for decades by domestic and transnational criminals in order to launder their ill-gotten gains through our country's financial systems.

Most importantly, the *ENABLERS Act* provides the Treasury Department with the authority to require certain enablers to file Suspicious Activity Reports, or SARs, which are available to state and local prosecutors via the federal SARs database. These new streams of financial information will help investigators identify and track down individuals and enterprises that are engaged in a wide range of criminal activity, from human trafficking to drug smuggling and beyond.

For these reasons, NDAA urges Congress to pass the *ENABLERS Act* in the defense bill this year. We appreciate your continued support of law enforcement as we work to keep communities safe around the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John J. Flynn".

John J. Flynn  
NDAA President