

December 30, 2024

**St. Johns GOP's Message to the Chairs of the
Republican Party of Florida's County Executive Committees**

Subject: Ensuring Leadership and Action on the Corporate Transparency Act

Dear REC Chairs,

As Republicans, it is our responsibility—not that of the Republican Party of Florida's (RPOF) salaried or appointed staff—to lead and ensure that the core principles of liberty, accountability, and constitutional governance remain at the forefront of the GOP's agenda. Among the 150 members of the Republican National Executive Committee (RNEC), Florida is represented by only three individuals. However, the grassroots conservative voice of Florida Republicans is often overshadowed by political operatives with competing priorities. These individuals with competing priorities often influence federal judicial policy and control the agenda and meetings of the RPOF and RNEC, sometimes to the detriment of grassroots initiatives. The staff often prioritizes its own focus instead of advancing our collective mission to preserve **Freedom and Liberty in America**.

We, the county chairs of Florida, must take control of this situation. We must ensure our voices are heard, elevate the critical issues facing our nation, and act decisively to bring them directly to President Donald J. Trump's attention. Right now, we have a great opportunity to take the lead!

The litigation surrounding the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) presents a defining moment in the battle for constitutional governance and individual liberty.

What President Trump Must Do

The CTA litigation exemplifies the dangers of administrative and judicial overreach, threatening the very foundations of liberty in America. As the chairs of Florida's 67 counties, we must take the lead in ensuring President Trump fully understands the stakes. This legal battle must be recognized as the **singular most important constitutional issue** of the moment. It is essential that President Trump is fully briefed on its implications and positioned to take decisive action to uphold constitutional liberties.

The newly appointed U.S. Attorney General, **Pam Bondi**, will play a critical role in this litigation. We must insist that she commits to a clear policy, ensuring that the Department of Justice's actions align with constitutional principles and the values we, as Republicans,

are sworn to protect. Without Florida's leadership, we risk enabling further erosion of the Constitution under the guise of federal authority.

It is also important for Trump to learn directly from us detail of the pivotal and control role that Merrick Garland played in the lawfare against him in the Flynn matter and the lawfare against Trump in New York and Georgia.

Florida REC Chairs' Leadership Role

As leaders of the nation's largest most conservative Republican state, Florida's REC chairs have a unique responsibility. We must stand united in our commitment to constitutional governance and federal judicial reform. As we wrote to you in the St. Johns GOP Christmas Message to the Chairs of the RPOF, this means:

1. **Elevating the CTA Litigation to a National Priority:** As Florida REC Chairs, we must lead the charge in ensuring this case becomes a central item on the RNEC agenda, highlighting its significance as a constitutional issue that directly impacts Republican values and the liberties of all Americans.
2. **Demanding Accountability:** The RNEC must take responsibility for the actions (or inactions) of its staff, ensuring they act in service of our party's mission and not as free agents.
3. **Engaging in Advocacy:** Florida's leadership must actively communicate with the RNEC and President Trump to secure clarity and action on the CTA litigation.

Together, we can ensure that the Republican Party remains the defender of constitutional principles, the guardian of individual liberties, and the voice of America First values.

Appendix: Legal History of the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) Litigation

(See attached for comprehensive legal timeline and document links.)

Sincerely,

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Appendix: Legal History of the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) Litigation

1. Preliminary Injunction Issued by the District Court

- **Date:** December 3, 2024
 - **Court:** United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
 - **Order:** The court granted the plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction, thereby enjoining the enforcement of the CTA.
 - **Document:** Memorandum Opinion and Order
 - **Web Address:** <https://law.justia.com/cases/federal/district-courts/texas/txedce/4:2024cv00478/230466/30/>
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2. Government's Motion to Stay the Preliminary Injunction

- **Date:** December 11, 2024
 - **Court:** United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
 - **Motion:** Defendants filed a motion to stay the preliminary injunction pending appeal.
 - **Document:** Defendants' Motion to Stay Preliminary Injunction Pending Appeal
 - **Web Address:** https://securecompliance.us/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Texas_Top_Cop_Shop_Inc_et_al_v_Garland_et_al__txedce-24-00478__0035.0.pdf
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3. District Court's Denial of the Stay Motion

- **Date:** December 17, 2024
 - **Court:** United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
 - **Order:** The court denied the defendants' motion to stay the preliminary injunction.
 - **Document:** Memorandum Opinion and Order
 - **Web Address:** <https://law.justia.com/cases/federal/district-courts/texas/txedce/4:2024cv00478/230466/40/>
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4. Government's Emergency Motion for Stay Pending Appeal

- **Date:** December 13, 2024
 - **Court:** United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
 - **Motion:** Defendants filed an emergency motion for a stay of the preliminary injunction pending appeal.
 - **Document:** Emergency Motion for Stay Pending Appeal
 - **Web Address:** <https://www.courtlistener.com/docket/69450356/texas-top-cop-shop-v-garland/>
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5. Fifth Circuit's Grant of Stay Pending Appeal

- **Date:** December 23, 2024
 - **Court:** United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
 - **Order:** The Fifth Circuit granted the government's emergency motion, staying the preliminary injunction and allowing enforcement of the CTA to proceed pending appeal.
 - **Document:** Fifth Circuit Order
 - **Web Address:** <https://law.justia.com/cases/federal/appellate-courts/ca5/24-40792/24-40792-2024-12-24.html>
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6. Fifth Circuit's Vacatur of the Stay

- **Date:** December 27, 2024
 - **Court:** United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
 - **Order:** The Fifth Circuit vacated its previous order granting the stay, effectively reinstating the preliminary injunction against the enforcement of the CTA.
 - **Document:** Fifth Circuit Order
 - **Web Address:** <https://www.forbes.com/sites/matthewerskine/2024/12/27/and-we-are-off-again-5th-circuit-vacates-stay-of-injunction-in-cta-case/>
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7. Case Docket Information

- **District Court Docket:** Texas Top Cop Shop, Inc., et al. v. Garland et al
 - **Web Address:** <https://dockets.justia.com/docket/texas/txedce/4:2024cv00478>
- **Fifth Circuit Docket:** Texas Top Cop Shop v. Garland
 - **Web Address:** <https://dockets.justia.com/docket/circuit-courts/ca5/24-40792>