

December 9, 2025

Hon. Jenniffer González-Colón
Governor of Puerto Rico
La Fortaleza
San Juan, Puerto Rico

RE: FACT Coalition Urges Veto of Senate Bill 63

Dear Governor González-Colón,

On behalf of the [Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency \(FACT\) Coalition](https://thefactcoalition.org/about-us/coalition-members-and-supporters/), we respectfully urge you to **veto Senate Bill 63 (SB 63)**. Founded in 2011, the FACT Coalition is a non-partisan alliance of more than 100 state, national, and international organizations working to combat the harmful impacts of illicit finance on communities, global security, and the environment, and to advance a fair international tax system.¹ Our membership includes anti-corruption advocates, human rights watchdogs, labor unions, environmental groups, and partners in law enforcement and the private sector who are united in strengthening financial transparency and accountability.

SB 63 poses a serious setback to those shared goals. The bill would significantly weaken Puerto Rico's access-to-information framework, undermining the transparency needed to detect financial misconduct, monitor public spending, and ensure responsible stewardship of taxpayer and federal recovery funds. These risks have been raised by [Puerto Rican civil society, communities, journalists, and international transparency experts](#).

Of particular concern are provisions that would amend the 2019 Transparency and Expedited Procedure for Public Records Access Act (Act No. 141-2019) to:

- Substantially extend agency response times, delaying access to information required for due diligence, procurement oversight, and public-interest investigations.
- Expand the ability of agencies to declare information confidential without adequate safeguards.
- Eliminate the right to receive data in open, analyzable formats, hindering the work of researchers, journalists, and compliance professionals.
- Allow agencies to deny requests when information is dispersed across multiple documents.
- Compromise requester privacy and create disincentives for whistleblowers or individuals seeking sensitive information.

¹ The views presented in this comment are not necessarily endorsed by every member of the Coalition. A full list of FACT Coalition members may be found at <https://thefactcoalition.org/about-us/coalition-members-and-supporters/>

- Restrict judicial avenues for ordinary citizens trying to enforce their constitutional right to know.

These measures would not bring [Puerto Rico in line with international best practices; they would move the island further away from the transparency standards](#) that underpin sound governance, investor confidence, and effective safeguards against illicit finance.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to **reject SB 63** and reaffirm Puerto Rico's longstanding commitment to open government and public accountability.

Sincerely,

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Ian Gary
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