



## NATIONAL NARCOTIC OFFICERS' ASSOCIATIONS' COALITION

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The Honorable Mark Warner  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Doug Jones  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Robert Menendez  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cotton  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Rounds  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Kennedy  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jerry Moran  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20515

RE: S. 2563, ILLICIT CASH Act

Dear Senators Warner, Cotton, Jones, Rounds, Menendez, Kennedy, Masto, and Moran,

I am writing on behalf of the 40 state associations and more than 60,000 law enforcement officers represented by the National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition in support of the Improving Laundering Laws and Increasing Comprehensive Information Tracking of Criminal Activity in Shell Holdings (ILLICIT CASH) Act. We believe this legislation would help law enforcement by reducing the ability of criminals to hide their tracks via "shell corporations."

"Following the money" is a proven strategy in investigations that involve organized criminal activity including drug trafficking. Sometimes in narcotics investigations the money trail goes cold because shell corporations, which have no personally identifying information listed in filings, anonymously shield the wrongdoer.

Your legislation would address this problem by requiring the names of beneficial owners of corporations to be listed in filings. This would remove anonymity and enable investigations into organized criminal activity including drug trafficking to proceed. In a time of greatly diminished law enforcement resources, requirements under the ILLICIT CASH Act would enable us to be more effective in protecting the public and enforcing the law.

Please consider us as a resource at your disposal as you move forward with this legislation and other policy initiatives. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bob Bushman  
President  
National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition

Cc: Members of the United States Senate