

June 10, 2022

The Honorable Maxine Waters
Chairwoman, U.S. House Committee on
Financial Services
2221 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Patrick McHenry
Ranking Member, U.S. House Committee on
Financial Services
2004 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 205

Re: Support for H.R. 6814, the Small Business Fair Debt Collection Act

Dear Chairwoman Waters and Ranking Member McHenry:

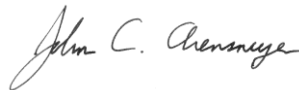
As a leading representative of America's 32 million small businesses, Small Business Majority writes today to strongly urge the Committee on Financial Services to swiftly pass H.R. 6814, the Small Business Fair Debt Collection Act, sponsored by Congressman Al Lawson. The bill extends protections under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) to small businesses with loans or obligations that are less than \$2.5 million to ensure debt collectors have guardrails on what they can do to collect these debts.

This bill would extend the FDCPA to America's entrepreneurs and small businesses. While consumer borrowers are covered by FDCPA, small business borrowers are not. This is particularly concerning because many small business owners often use their personal finances to start and expand their businesses and will apply for credit using their personal credit, but they don't receive the same protections as individual consumers. As such, they often are not protected from the threat of harassment or the predatory practice of some debt collectors.

Extending FDCPA protections to entrepreneurs as proposed by this bill is especially important to under-resourced communities that are especially vulnerable to predatory debt collection practices. By guaranteeing that small business borrowers have the same protections as other consumers, we can ensure our nation's job creators are safer from abusive debt collectors and can focus on growing their businesses.

Now more than ever small businesses need policies that protect their ecosystem from harmful practices. Help them by passing H.R. 6814, as is, out of committee and bring it to the House floor for a vote.

Sincerely,



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Founder and CEO
Small Business Majority