# Section 1071: It WILL Affect Your Operation

Here's How
And
What You Can Do To Prepare

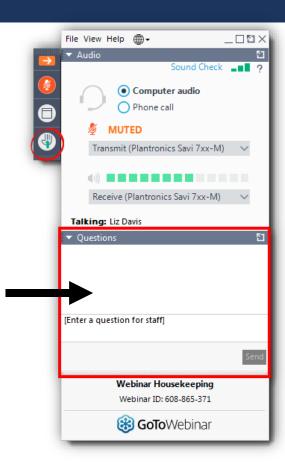


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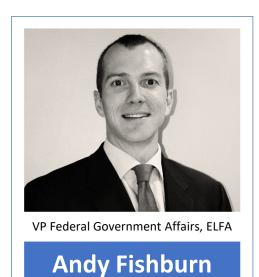


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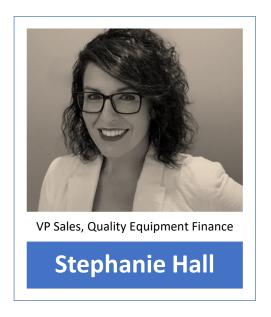
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## WHY ARE WE ALL HERE? CFPB Consumer Protection





The **CFPB** rule finalized on March 30, 2023 amends Regulation B and implements changes to the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA) as required by **Section 1071** of the original Dodd-Frank act of 2010.



https://www.consumerfinance.gov/1071-rule/



The March 30, 2023, **final rule** prescribes how affected financial services organizations should collect and report covered data.

#### **Executive Summary:**

https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/documents/c fpb sbl executive-summary.pdf





I visited the CFPB with a list of questions.... They didn't let me in. (but it was after hours)

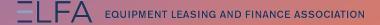
Here's what you can expect today

- 1. What is Section 1071 as it relates to ELFA members
- 2. What are the data collection & reporting requirements
- 3. A candid discussion on S.1071 in our operations
- 4. Q&A



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What is Section 1071 as it relates to ELFA members



## Basics of 1071



Financial institutions must inquire of all small business customers (annual revenue < \$5M) who apply for credit whether they are a:



# Timeline for Compliance is in Stages

Small Business Covered Transaction Originated	Begin Collecting Data	Initial Filing Date
2,500 or more	October 1, 2024	June 1, 2025
500-2,499	April 1, 2025	June 1, 2026
100-499	January 1, 2026	June 1, 2027



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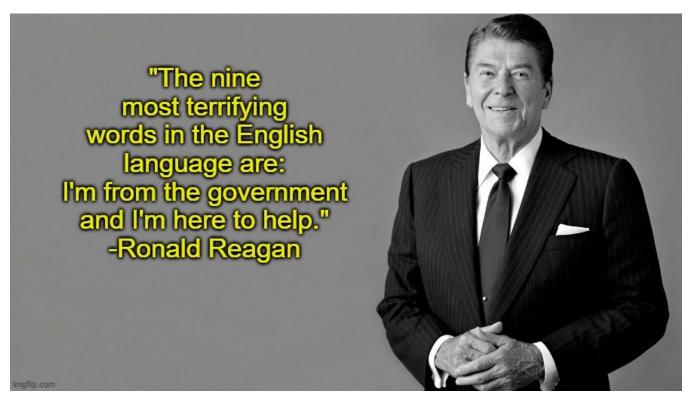


Picture: Marie Todd Lincoln (First Lady from 1861-1866)

#### **Wins from ELFA Advocacy**

- Staged Implementation
- Covered Entities are Larger
  - From 25 → 100 transactions per year
- Only covers "small businesses"
- "Easy" definition of small business
- Ability to rely upon applicant provided info
- No need to make 1071 information available upon request
- No ethnicity surmising

## **CFPB** Resource Center





## **Cross Cutting Pressure Points**

Lack of formal application procedures

Lack of rate sheets or pricing guidelines

Broad loan officer discretion

Failure to clearly document the reasons for pricing decisions

High underwriting and pricing exception rates

No fair lending testing and monitoring



## Resources

**ELFA Industry Topics Page on 1071** 

Legal Forum session on Industry Topics Page

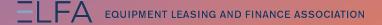
**CFPB Small Entity Compliance Guide** 

**CFPB Executive Summary** 



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What are the data collection & reporting requirements



#### You will need to collect data for Section 1071 reporting

- 1071: Data points (in general)
- > FIs would be required to compile and maintain the data points enumerated in the rule regarding covered applications from small businesses.
- FIs would be required to maintain procedures to collect applicant-provided data at a time and in a manner reasonably designed to obtain a response.
- FIs would be permitted to rely on statements made or information provided by an applicant when collecting and reporting 1071 data, although for most data points if the FI verifies information, it must report the verified information.
- > FIs would be permitted, but not required, to reuse certain previously collected data in certain circumstances
  - > Business size: Collect once per calendar year
  - Demographic information: Collect once each 36 months



#### Filing Instructions

The Good News:

CFPB Filing Instructions are available. 2024 filing instructions guide for small business lending data:

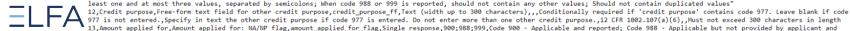
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# The Bad News... The Data Reporting Specification looks like this:

2 - Purchase, construction/improvement, or refinance of owner-occupied real property; Code 3 - Purchase, refinance, or rehabilitation/repair of motor vehicle(s) (including light and heavy trucks); Code 4 - Purchase, refinance, or rehabilitation/repair of equipment; Code 5 - Working capital (includes inventory or floor planning); Code 6 - Business start-up; Code 7 - Business expansion; Code 8 - Business acquisition; Code 9 - Refinance existing debt (other than refinancings listed above); Code 10 - Line increase; Code 11 - Overdraft; Code 977 - Other; Code 988 - Not provided by applicant and otherwise undetermined; Code 999 - Not applicable", Required for all application records, "Indicate the credit purpose(s) by entering up to three of the specified codes. If there is more than one credit purpose, enter each, in any order, separated by a semicolon.", 12 CFR 1002.107(a)(6), "Each value (separated by semicolons) must equal 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 977, 988, or 999; Must contain at





# Here it is again... a little easier

• 3. Data points 3.1. Unique identifier 3.2. Application date 3.3. Application method 3.4. Application recipient 3.5. Credit type 3.6. Credit purpose **Credit Applied For** 3.7. Amount applied for 3.8. Amount approved or originated 3.9. Action taken 3.10. Action taken date 3.11. Denial reasons 3.12. Pricing information 3.13. Census tract 3.14. Gross annual revenue 3.15. North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code 3.16. Number of workers The Applicant's Business 3.17. Time in business 3.18. Minority-owned, women-owned, and LGBTQI+owned business statuses 3.19. Number of principal owners 3.20. Demographic information of principal owner 1 3.21. Demographic information of principal owner 2 **Demographics of Ownership** 3.22. Demographic information of principal own 3.23. Demographic information of principal owner 4

### What Data will you need to collect? (1)

- Certain data points are, or could be, provided by the applicant
- Data points related to the credit applied for:
  - Credit type (credit product, types of guarantees, loan term)
  - Credit purpose
  - · Amount applied for
- Data points related to the applicant's business:
  - Census tract based on location provided by the applicant
  - Gross annual revenue for the applicant's preceding full fiscal year
  - 6-digit NAICS code appropriate for the applicant
  - Number of workers
  - Applicant's time in business
  - Number of principal owners of the applicant



### What Data will you need to collect? (2)

- Data points addressing demographics of ownership:
  - Whether the applicant is a minority-owned or women-owned business
  - Ethnicity, race, and sex of the applicant's principal owners
  - NPRM includes a sample form FIs could use in collecting this info
  - Principal owners' ethnicity and race would be collected using aggregate categories and disaggregated subcategories
  - Principal owners would have the option to self-describe their sex (instead of or in addition to choosing male and/or female)



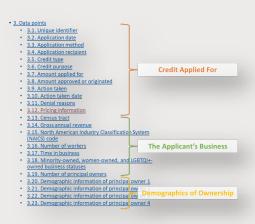
### What Data will you need to collect? (3)

- Certain data points are generated or supplied solely by the FI
- For all applications:
  - Unique identifier for each application/extension of credit.
  - Application date.
  - Application method (i.e., how the application was submitted).
  - Application recipient (that is, whether the FI received the application directly or via a third party).
  - Action taken by the FI on the application.
  - · Action taken date.
- For denied applications:
  - Denial reasons.
- For applications that are originated or approved but not accepted:
  - Amount originated or approved.
  - Pricing information (including, as applicable, interest rate, total origination charges, broker fees, initial annual charges, additional cost for MCAs or other sales-based financing, and prepayment penalties).



# Data Point 23: Margin

 Here's an example of one of the 81 data points you will be reporting to CFPB.



#### Field 23: Variable rate transaction: margin

Rule section: 12 CFR 1002.107(a)(12)(i)(B)

#### Column name

pricing\_var\_margin

#### Instructions

- Field type: Numeric
- Conditionally required if 'interest rate type' is code 1, 3, or 5. Leave blank if codes 1, 3, or 5
  are not entered

For originated credit and credit that is approved but not accepted, that has a covered variable rate component, enter the margin rate, as a percentage, to at least three (3) decimal places. Numbers calculated to beyond three (3) decimal places may either be reported beyond three (3) decimal places or rounded or truncated to three (3) decimal places. Decimal place trailing zeros may be either included or omitted.

#### Examples

- If 2.525%, enter 2.525
- If 2.500%, enter 2.5, 2.50, or 2.500

#### Validations

- When present, must be a numeric value
- When present, should generally be greater than 0.1

#### Data Points 18 & 19: Denial Reason(s)

- This is another example, with a bit more complexity.
- Note: This one begins to <u>codify a standard</u> in our industry around the granularity we can have for such business decisions.

#### Easier to view this one online:

https://www.consumerfinance.gov/data-research/small-business-lending/filing-instructions-guide/2024-guide/#denial reasons

### **NOTE THIS**

\*Financial Data Elements are required to be reported

even if customer declines to provide

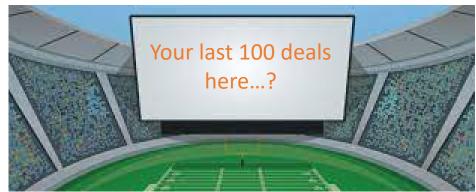
demographic information



#### Your reported data will become public information

The Bureau would make available to public, on an annual basis and on its website, the data submitted to it by FIs.

- These data would be made available subject to deletions or modifications made by the Bureau, at its discretion, if the Bureau determines that such deletions or modifications would advance a privacy interest.
- The Bureau would make its aggregation, deletion and modification decisions using a balancing test.





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# Candid discussion on S.1071 in our operations



## **Sticky Wickets**



Conversations Started?

Delay Again?

Vendor / Dealer / Brokers

Firewall Choices

Collect How Often?

OpEx and Software Costs

Compliance Testing Mystery Shoppers BBB Rating Impacts?



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# Section 1071 Q&A



#### Thank You!



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