## **Corporate Crime Database Act**

Directing the Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics to establish a database of federal enforcement actions with respect to corporate offenses.

After years of underenforcement, the Department of Justice (DOJ) has <u>taken multiple steps</u> to strengthen its response to corporate crime. Unfortunately, there is no comprehensive national data collection on corporate crime and no centralized database of federal enforcement actions against corporations so that the public can assess DOJ's corporate crime enforcement efforts. Following introduction of the CCDA last Congress, DOJ released the <u>Corporate Crime Case Database</u>. While this is a welcomed development, the database only contains significant cases resolved since the beginning of 2023.

The last comprehensive DOJ report on corporate crime, published in 1979, recommended that DOJ begin collecting comprehensive corporate crime data through its Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) and analyzing that information in annual public reports. The Corporate Crime Database Act would implement these recommendations to improve the Department's corporate crime enforcement and provide transparency to the American public, bolstering faith in a fair and equal justice system for all.

## The Corporate Crime Database Act (CCDA) would:

- Require the Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) to collect, aggregate, and analyze information regarding enforcement actions taken with respect to corporate offenses;
- Require the BJS Director to publish a database of such enforcement actions on the BJS website;
- Require the BJS Director to establish guidance for the collection and submission of information from each Federal agency that carries out enforcement actions with respect to corporate offenses; and
- Require an annual report to Congress, including a description and analysis of the
  data collected; an estimate of the impact of corporate offenses on victims and the
  public; and recommendations for legislative or administrative actions to improve the
  ability of Federal agencies to monitor, respond to, and deter instances of corporate
  offenses.

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