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The Honorable Dick Durbin  
711 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Bill Cassidy, MD  
520 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Durbin and Senator Cassidy,

On behalf of RALIANE, a national partnership dedicated to ending sexual violence in one generation, I am writing to express a concern related to the *Integrity, Notification and Fairness in Online Retail Marketplaces (INFORM) for Consumers Act*.

While the intent of the bill is to increase transparency and improve accountability for small businesses using online marketplaces, we are worried about the security, privacy and equity implications for individual sellers and small businesses who may also be survivors of sexual assault, stalking, and/or domestic violence.

As I understand it, as drafted, the INFORM Act would require small business owners who sell via online marketplaces and who are defined as “high volume third party sellers” to publicly disclose their full names, business addresses, phone numbers, and emails. The disclosure of this kind of personal information could open up many small business owners to the risk of harassment or, in the worst-case scenario, violence. Many survivors of sexual assault, stalking, and domestic violence must protect their privacy for safety reasons.

We appreciate your consideration of this survivor privacy and safety concern, and we look forward to working with you to address it. We want to ensure that important consumer protections do not have the unintended consequence of compromising survivor safety.

Sincerely,

Terri Poore, MSW  
Policy Director

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