

Argent Trust Company has been made aware of a **recent scam** we want to make sure all our friends know about. As you may know, there is a new Beneficial Ownership Reporting (BOR) requirement under the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA). Argent Trust has been provided a copy of a fraudulent letter being sent out using this new BOR mandate as leverage to collect Non-Public Personal Information (NPPI) for identity theft and collection of bogus fees. See below for a sample of the letter. As you can see, the form appears to be an official IRS document. The scammer can use the information on the form to steal the identity of the person/business and open new lines of credit in their name, while also stealing the money sent in for the 'filing fee'. This scam threatens businesses that may be required to report their beneficial ownership information but also targets individuals preparing their personal income tax forms.

It is a great practice to question any new requests that involve NPPI. A quick search in [IRS.Gov](https://www.irs.gov) shows there is no Form 4022. Before completing any BOR, make sure you know the source of the request.

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Fraudulent Form – 4022 (not an IRS Form)

**Form 4022**  
 (Rev. December 2023)  
 United States Business Regulations Department

**Mandatory Beneficial Ownership Reporting**

Notice ID: 7070151  
 Respond By: 3/6/2024  
 Filing Fee: \$117

**COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN**  
 Make CHECK or MONEY ORDER payable to:  
**US Business Regulations Dept.**

**Reporting Entity**

**PURSUANT TO THE UNITED STATES CORPORATE TRANSPARENCY ACT, ENACTED BY CONGRESS** US Businesses are required to report their beneficial ownership information. A reporting company is any corporation, limited liability company, or any other entities created by the filing of a document with a secretary of state or any similar office in the United States.

A beneficial owner is an individual who either directly or indirectly: (1) exercises substantial control over the reporting company (President, CEO, COO, CFO, etc.), or (2) owns or controls at least 25% of the reporting company's ownership interests.

**EXEMPT ENTITIES:** inactive Entity, Dissolved Entity, 501(c)3 Non Profit.

**PENALTIES FOR NON COMPLIANCE:** Companies who willfully provide false information, or neglect to report by the filing deadline can face a civil penalties of up to \$500 for each day that the violation continues or has not been remedied. In addition, they can be fined up to \$10,000 and/or face up to 2 years of imprisonment.

**Type or Print**

Reporting Entity: [Redacted] Employment Identification Number (EIN): [Redacted]  
 Submitter Full Name: [Redacted] Title (Select One):  Owner  Officer  Paid Preparer  
 Submitter Phone Number: [Redacted] Submitter Email: [Redacted]

**Part I Beneficial Owners**

**Beneficial Owner Number 1 - First Name** Middle Initial Last Name  
 Address Unit, Suite, Room, Etc.  
 City State Zip Code

**Beneficial Owner Number 2 - First Name (if None Leave Blank)** Middle Initial Last Name  
 Address Unit, Suite, Room, Etc.  
 City State Zip Code

**Beneficial Owner Number 3 - First Name (if None Leave Blank)** Middle Initial Last Name  
 Address Unit, Suite, Room, Etc.  
 City State Zip Code

**Beneficial Owner Number 4 - First Name (if None Leave Blank)** Middle Initial Last Name  
 Address Unit, Suite, Room, Etc.  
 City State Zip Code

**Part II Signature and Payment**

Submitter Signature: [Redacted] Date (MM/DD/YYYY): [Redacted] Filing Fee: \$117

**MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: US BUSINESS REGULATIONS DEPT.**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than filer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge. Knowingly providing misleading or false information may lead to fines, sanctions or criminal action. Verify all information. Your signature is your acceptance for The United States Business Regulations Department to act as your paid preparer to file this BOI on your behalf.

For Internal Use Only:  
 KO: [Redacted]  
 BDO: [Redacted]  
 Date: [Redacted]

UNITED STATES BUSINESS REGULATIONS DEPARTMENT  
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