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Public Finance Network Letter Regarding Financial Data Transparency Act.

Dear Secretary Yellen and Chairman Gensler:

The organizations listed below, collectively the Public Finance Network, represent state and local governments, governmental entities, authorities, and issuers of municipal securities. We are deeply interested in the law signed by President Biden last December - P.L. 117-263, TITLE LVIII—FINANCIAL DATA TRANSPARENCY ACT of 2022- that requires federal Departments and regulators to develop machine readable data standards for our members in the public sector. Both Subtitle A and Subtitle B, Section 5823 of the Law (Data Transparency Relating to Municipal Securities) will affect the way governments, entities, authorities and all municipal securities issuers prepare their own financial statements and submit information to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

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