Outline re: Section 1033 of the Dodd-Frank Act

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OVERVIEW OF DODD-FRANK ACT SECTION 1033

- Section 1033 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act ("<u>Dodd-Frank Act</u>") grants consumers rights to access information about their financial accounts and contemplates rulemaking by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau ("<u>CFPB</u>" or "<u>Bureau</u>") to that end.
- Specifically, Section 1033(a) requires that "[s]ubject to rules prescribed by the Bureau, a covered person shall make available to a consumer, upon request, information in the control or possession of the covered person concerning the consumer financial product or service that the consumer obtained from such covered person, including information relating to any transaction, series of transactions, or to the account including costs, charges, and usage data."¹ Section 1033 further provides that such information must be in an electronic form usable by the consumer.²
- Section 1033 is subject to four enumerated exceptions. A covered person is not required to make available to the consumer:
 - Any confidential commercial information, including an algorithm used to derive credit scores or other risk scores or predictors;
 - Any information collected by the covered person for the purpose of preventing fraud or money laundering, detecting or making any report regarding other unlawful or potentially unlawful conduct;
 - Any information required to be kept confidential by any other provision of law; or

- Any information that the covered person cannot retrieve in the ordinary course of its business with respect to that information.³
- In addition, Section 1033 does not impose a duty to maintain or keep any information about a consumer.⁴
- When prescribing rules under Section 1033, the CFPB must consult with the Federal banking agencies and the Federal Trade Commission ("<u>FTC</u>") to ensure that the rules:
 - Impose substantively similar requirements on all "covered persons";
 - Take into account conditions under which covered persons do business in both the United States and in other countries; and
 - Do not require or promote the use of any particular technology in order to develop systems for compliance.⁵
- "Covered persons"
 - Covered persons include any person that engages in offering or providing a consumer financial product or service and any affiliate of any such person if such affiliate acts as a service provider to such person.⁶
- "Consumer financial product or service"
 - Consumer financial products and services include any "financial product or service", defined under the Dodd-Frank Act,⁷ that is offered or provided for use by consumers primarily for personal, family or household purposes or provided in connection with such products or services.⁸

CFPB ACTIONS TO DATE

2017 Principles

- In October 2017, the CFPB outlined a set of <u>Consumer Protection Principles</u> (the "2017 <u>Principles</u>") for safeguarding consumer interests when consumer authorized third-party companies access consumer financial information to provide financial products and services. The 2017 Principles did not alter existing consumer protection statutes and regulations or establish binding requirements or obligations.
- The Bureau identified nine key principles summarized below:

1. ACCESS

Consumers (and their authorized third parties) should be able to access and obtain information about their ownership or use of financial products and services from the product or service provider in a timely and safe manner that does not require consumers to share account credentials with the third party.

2. DATA SCOPE AND USABILITY

Financial data to be made available may include any transaction, series of transactions or other aspect of consumer usage; account terms (such as a fee schedule); realized consumer costs (such as fees or interest paid); and realized consumer benefits (such as interest earned or rewards). Such information should be available in readily usable forms and authorized third parties should only access the data necessary to provide the product(s) or service(s) selected by the consumer and should maintain such data only as long as necessary.

3. CONTROL AND INFORMED CONSENT

The terms of authorized access, storage, use and disposal of consumer information should be fully and effectively disclosed to and understood by the consumer. Terms of access should include access frequency, data scope and retention period. Consumers should not be coerced into granting third-party access and should be able to readily revoke authorizations to access, use or store their data. The revocation should also provide for third parties to delete personally identifiable information.

4. AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS

Third parties must obtain a separate and distinct consumer authorization to initiate payments. Providers may reasonably require consumers' authorization for both data access and payment authorization to obtain services.

5. SECURITY

Consumer data should be accessed, stored, used and distributed securely. Access credentials should also be secured. Parties that access, store, transmit or dispose of data must have protections and processes in place to mitigate the risks of, detect, promptly respond to and resolve and remedy data breaches, transmission errors, unauthorized access and fraud, and transmit data only to third parties that also have such protections and processes. Security practices should adapt to new threats.

6. ACCESS TRANSPARENCY

Consumers should be informed of or must be able to readily ascertain which authorized third parties are accessing or using their information, the security of each such party, the data they access, their use of such data and the frequency at which they access data.

7. ACCURACY

Data access by consumers or authorized third parties should be accurate and current and consumers should have reasonable means to dispute and resolve data inaccuracies.

8. ABILITY TO DISPUTE AND RESOLVE UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS

Consumers should have reasonable and practical means to dispute and resolve issues of unauthorized data access and sharing, unauthorized payments and failure to comply with other obligations. Consumers should not be required to identify the party or parties who gained or enabled unauthorized access to receive remediation and the parties responsible for such unauthorized access must be held accountable for the consequences of such access.

9. EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS

The goals and incentives of parties that grant access to, access, use, store, redistribute and dispose of consumer data should be aligned and enable safe consumer data access and deter misuse.

2017 Stakeholder Insights

After issuing a <u>request for information</u> soliciting public input in November 2016,⁹ the CFPB published a <u>separate document</u> concurrently with the 2017 Principles highlighting the feedback from stakeholders on market practices regarding consumer access to financial information (the "<u>2017</u> <u>Stakeholder Insights</u>").

The 2017 Stakeholder Insights identified three main categories of stakeholders:

- "Aggregators"
 - Aggregators are entities involved in providing aggregation services and collecting information from other providers.
- "Account data users"
 - Account data users use aggregators to offer various (often digital) consumer financial products and services.
- "Account data holders"
 - Account data holders hold account and other data about consumers and are often banks or credit unions.

While there was general agreement on many of the topics outlined in the 2017 Principles, the 2017 Stakeholder Insights also revealed conflicting opinions among the stakeholders. Notable topics of disagreement included the scope of data authorized third parties should be able to access and how a secure data sharing ecosystem should be established, specifically, whether existing information security rules are adequate and whether the Bureau should to take steps to extend formal oversight over third parties that access consumer financial information.

2020 Symposium

In February 2020, the CFPB held a symposium on "Consumer Access to Financial Records" and published a document summarizing its understanding of key facts, issues and points of contention raised at the symposium ("2020 Symposium"). Participants at the 2020 Symposium included aggregators, lenders, banks, consumer advocates and researchers. Issues were discussed under the topics of data access and scope; credential-based access and screen scraping; disclosure and informed consent; privacy; transparency and control; security and data minimization; accuracy, disputes and accountability; and legal issues.

The panelists disagreed on a number of points, including the scope of data authorized third parties should be able to access. Some participants raised concerns regarding sharing certain higher risk data with aggregators, such as personally identifiable information or account numbers. Other participants called out the reluctance of some banks to share data they considered to be proprietary.

The panelists also discussed three different methods of accessing consumer data. Please see Appendix A for more information on these methods of access.

- "Credential-based access"
 - Credential-based access is the practice of a third party accessing a consumer's permissioned financial data by obtaining the consumer's credentials and logging into the consumer's online financial account management portal as though it were the consumer (generally on an automated basis).
- "Screen scraping"
 - Screen scraping is the practice of a third party retrieving a consumer's permissioned financial data by using proprietary software to convert the data presented in a consumer's online financial account management portal into standardized machine-readable data able to be utilized by a third party or other third parties (generally on an automated basis).
- "API"
 - An application programming interface, or API, is a set of rules or software instructions that allow different types of machines to communicate.

The CFPB understood credential-based access and screen scraping to be the predominant means by which authorized third parties accessed and retrieved data at the time, with some banks and aggregators shifting towards substituting APIs as both a means of data access and retrieval. According to the Bureau, all symposium participants shared the view that moving toward API-based access would benefit consumers and all market participants.

Bank participants and consumer advocates also asserted that significant privacy issues arise from

credential-based access and screen scraping and raised concerns regarding compromised consumer privacy without adequate disclosure of the risks to consumers.

Finally, panelists raised a number of legal questions including:

- Whether Section 1033 is "self-executing" (*i.e.*, whether its mandates on covered persons have been effective since the passage of the Dodd-Frank Act or would only be effective upon the CFPB issuing rules);
- Whether consumers' agents are consumers for the purposes of Section 1033, whether fintechs and aggregators are acting as consumers' agents and, more generally, whether the consumer rights under Section 1033 can be extended to third parties; and
- Whether the CFPB has authority under Section 1033 to allow for data field exclusions or denials of a consumer's or third party's access rights due to security concerns.

In cases of unauthorized access, the participants asserted that the law is unclear as to:

- Which parties are liable and when (primarily relating to the applicability of the Electronic Fund Transfer Act ("<u>EFTA</u>") and Regulation E);
- If and how the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("<u>FCRA</u>") applies to permissioned data in some cases and how that obligates stakeholders; and
- The manner in which the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act ("<u>GLBA</u>") and its implementing regulations regarding privacy and security apply to aggregators.

2020 ANPR

In October 2020, the CFPB issued an <u>advance notice</u> of proposed rulemaking ("2020 ANPR") soliciting comment on ways the Bureau may develop regulations to implement Section 1033 and seeking information regarding the scope of data access, other terms of access (such as those relating to security, privacy, consumer control over access and accessed data, accountability for data errors and unauthorized access) and legal uncertainty over the interaction of Section 1033 with the GLBA, FCRA and EFTA. Specifically, the Bureau sought comment on nine topics:

- Benefits and costs of consumer data access
- Competitive incentives and authorized data access
- Standard-setting
- Access scope
- Consumer control and privacy
- Legal requirements other than Section 1033
- Data security
- Data accuracy
- Any other information that would help inform the Bureau

Notable among these topics is the focus on competition (which was not directly addressed in the 2017 Principles), with the Bureau highlighting in the 2020 ANPR preamble that "Authorized data access holds the potential to intensify competition and innovation in many, perhaps even most, consumer financial markets . . . One notable aspect of the competition fostered by consumer-authorized data access is that in many cases data users may compete for customers with the data holders from which they have obtained data . . . These competitive dynamics mean that data holders may have an incentive to restrict access by certain data users or to seek greater clarity about the purposes to which particular accessing parties may put accessed data. By the same token, data users may have incentives not to be forthcoming about such purposes."¹⁰

Please see <u>Appendix B</u> for an overview of key concerns expressed in industry comment letters to the 2020 ANPR.

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2021 EXECUTIVE ORDER ON PROMOTING COMPETITION

In July 2021, President Biden signed an <u>Executive</u> <u>Order on Promoting Competition in the American</u> <u>Economy</u> affirming the administration's policy to enforce antitrust laws and directing federal agencies to consider using their authorities in furtherance of such policies.

Among its exhortations, the order called on the Director of the CFPB to consider commencing or

continuing a rulemaking under Section 1033 of the Dodd-Frank Act to facilitate the portability of consumer financial transaction data so consumers can more easily switch financial institutions and use new, innovative financial products.

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2021 CFPB ORDERS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON PAYMENTS PRODUCTS

On October 21, 2021, the CFPB <u>ordered</u> a number of technology companies to provide the agency with information regarding their payments products, pursuant to Section 1022(c)(4)(B)(ii) of the Dodd-Frank Act.¹¹

In a <u>statement</u> accompanying the orders, Director Rohit Chopra noted that the inquiry will "yield insights that may help the CFPB to implement other statutory responsibilities, including any potential rulemaking under Section 1033."

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2022 CFPB KICK OFF FOR PERSONAL FINANCIAL DATA RIGHTS RULEMAKING

On October 27, 2022, the CFPB <u>outlined</u> proposals and alternatives under consideration as a step towards publishing a proposed Section 1033 rule.

The press release to the outline stated that "Today's kick off begins the process of removing stumbling blocks to more competition and consumer choice. . . . The rulemaking process will include panel convenings to seek feedback from small entities on the proposals under consideration. Later, the panel will prepare a report on the input received from the small entities, and the CFPB will consider the input as it develops a proposed rule."

Other stakeholders are invited to provide written feedback by January 25, 2023.

Covered Data Providers and Covered Accounts

Under the proposals, data providers that meet the definition of "financial institution" in section 1005.2(i) of the CFPB's Regulation E (12 CFR part 1005)¹² or "card issuer" in section 1026.2(a)(7) of the CFPB's Regulation Z (12 CFR part 1026)¹³ would be required to make consumer financial information available.

- A financial institution would be required to make available to a consumer or an authorized third party information that pertains to an "account" as defined in Regulation E section 1005.2(b) (a "asset account").¹⁴
- A card issuer would be required to make available to a consumer or an authorized third-party information that pertains to a "credit card account under an open-end (not home-secured) consumer credit plan" as defined in Regulation Z section 1026.2(a)(15)(ii) (a "credit card account").¹⁵
- Other consumer financial products and services provided by covered data providers, such as mortgages, auto loans, closed-end installment loans, etc. are not included in the CFPB's proposals under consideration; however, the CFPB intends to evaluate how to proceed with these other data providers in the future.
- The CFPB is considering exemptions based on asset size, activity levels (such as the number of accounts at an institution), or a combination of size and activity.

Access and Informed Consent

The CFPB is considering "third-party access" proposals that would require the third party accessing consumer financial information to: (1) provide an "authorization disclosure" to inform the consumer of key terms of access; (2) obtain the consumer's informed, express consent to the key terms of access contained in the authorization disclosure; and (3) certify to the consumer that it will abide by certain obligations regarding collection, use, and retention of the consumer's information (certification statement).

Data Scope and Usability

The CFPB is considering including six categories of information within the scope of the proposed rule:

- Periodic statement information for settled transactions and deposits
- Information regarding prior transactions and deposits that have not yet settled
- Other information about prior transactions not typically shown on periodic statements or portals
- Online banking transactions that the consumer has set up but that have not yet occurred
- Account identity information

• Other information the covered data provider might have about its consumer accountholders (*e.g.*, consumer reports from consumer reporting agencies, fees that the covered data provider assesses, bonuses, rewards, discounts, or other incentives, information about security breaches)

The CFPB also is considering the following proposals:

- For direct access requests, covered data providers would be required to: (1) make available information if it has enough information to reasonably authenticate the consumer's identity and reasonably identify the information requested; (2) make available all the information that would be covered by the proposals under consideration through online financial account management portals; and (3) allow consumers to export the information covered by the proposals under consideration in both human and machine readable formats.
- Covered data providers would be required to make available the most current information that a covered data provider has in its control or possession at the time of a request for current information.
- Covered data providers would only need to make available information going as far back in time as that covered data provider makes transaction history available directly to consumers (in consideration of the fact that Section 1033(c) states that Section 1033 shall not be construed to impose a duty on a data provider to maintain or keep any information about a consumer).
- In cases where the Section 1033(b) exceptions to the requirement to provide information applies, covered data providers would be required to disclose to consumers or authorized third parties the reason information is not available (or why access was prevented).
- In cases where the covered data provider knows the information requested is inaccurate, whether covered data providers' obligations to make information available to third parties should apply.

Screen Scraping vs. Data Portals

The CFPB stated that it is considering what role screen scraping should play in the context of a covered data provider's compliance with the rule. The CFPB is concerned that screen scraping presents some significant limitations and risks, including risks related to possession of a consumer's credentials.

The CFPB is considering proposing that covered data providers would be required to establish and maintain a third-party portal that does not require the authorized third party to possess or retain consumer credentials. The third-party access portal would need to meet certain data availability requirements related to factors that would affect the quality, timeliness and usability of the information.

Security and Accuracy

The CFPB is considering proposing requirements to promote the availability, security, and accuracy of information made available to authorized third parties, including by establishing a general framework under which industry-set standards and guidelines can further develop.

The CFPB is considering whether to propose specific data security standards on authorized third parties, although it stated that it believes that authorized third parties that seek to access consumer-authorized information are likely already subject to the GLBA safeguards framework.

The CFPB also is considering requiring authorized third parties to maintain reasonable policies and procedures to ensure the accuracy of the information that they collect and use, including procedures related to addressing disputes submitted by consumers.

Accountability Mechanisms

The CFPB is considering proposals under which third parties accessing consumer-authorized information would have to limit their collection, use and retention of that information.

The proposals under consideration include:

- Limitations related to the duration and frequency of information accessed pursuant to consumer authorization, including requiring that authorized third parties provide consumers a simple way to revoke access
- Limitations on uses of consumer-authorized information
- Deletion requirements and limitations on retention of consumer-authorized information

APPENDIX A

Background on Consumer Data Access Methods

- Broadly speaking, the industry has been moving away from screen scraping and credential-based data access towards data sharing through APIs. An API facilitates the transfer of consumer data through tokenized access, thereby removing credential sharing and allowing users to be authenticated at their own financial institution.
- Data sharing through API tends to be more accurate and secure than screen scraping and credential-based access. APIs also provide data holders with more control in managing data access as compared to screen scraping, including by allowing them to restrict the scope of data transferred to aggregators or data users.
- APIs require bilateral access agreements between a data holder and aggregator outlining the terms of the data sharing that must be negotiated.
- Screen scraping requires consumers to turn over their log-in credentials to data aggregators or data users to access consumer data. Some industry participants have argued that this creates significant security and privacy concerns. For example, there are questions regarding whether data aggregators and data users have in place the same data security protocols or fraud monitoring systems that are commonplace for regulated financial institutions.
- Screen scraping has been criticized for being more susceptible to inaccuracy than APIs.

APPENDIX B

Key Concerns Expressed in Industry 2020 ANPR Comment Letters

The CFPB received around 100 comments to the 2020 ANPR from banks, aggregators, fintechs and industry trade groups, among others. Below, we provide a few highlights from the comment letters to help outline the debate and the key issues at stake.

BANK TRADE ASSOCIATIONS' COMMENT LETTERS

- One of the key concerns expressed in the comment letters from the bank trade associations is the regulatory uncertainty surrounding aggregator and data user practices. Some commenters argued that there was not enough clarity around the application of the security and privacy provisions of the GLBA to aggregators and other authorized entities¹⁶ and whether Regulation P obligations applied once a financial institution has allowed access to consumer data in compliance with any Section 1033 implementing regulations. The commenters proposed designating data aggregators as "larger participants" of the consumer financial data services marketplace to provide for their direct oversight and regular supervision and examination by the CFPB.¹⁷ The commenters also argued for the CFPB to clarify the allocation of liability, in particular for unauthorized transactions under Regulation E, as consumers may turn to their banks whenever a data breach or unauthorized account transaction occurs, even if the bank was not responsible for the incident.
- Bank trade associations generally called for CFPB coordination with other federal financial regulators, including the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("<u>SEC</u>"), on issues specific to broker-dealers, investment advisers and other regulated entities not subject to CFPB supervision, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency ("<u>OCC</u>"), for confirmation on whether arrangements with aggregators or data users constitute third-party vendor relationships subject to the issued guidance on third-party relationships.¹⁸

- Bank trade associations continued to be concerned about the types of data consumers should be able to access and share with aggregators and account data users. The commenters asserted that not all personal information collected by financial institutions is within the scope of data covered by Section 1033. In addition, some commenters argued that certain consumer data can reveal market movements and contain sensitive information when aggregated and urged for such data to also be excluded.
- Some bank trade associations argued for improved transparency of the consumer consent process and specific disclosure requirements, asserting that consumers may still be unaware that (1) they are providing their credentials to a third-party data aggregator, rather than directly to a financial institution, and (2) their credentials or data could be further shared and/or used beyond their initial authorized access. The commenters also claimed that consumers could be confused about which party they are entering into an agreement with and which party is holding their data.
- Bank trade associations generally highlighted the market-driven solutions that have been developing to unify the industry around common contractual and technical standards and maintained that the Bureau should avoid setting specific technical standards.
- Some commenters encouraged the inclusion of an exception to authorized access during times of market stress or volatility as financial institutions may experience significant stresses on their systems due to increased data access during those times.

AGGREGATOR COMMENT LETTERS

- Aggregator commenters generally agreed with bank trade associations that the CFPB should clarify Section 1033's interaction with existing law. For instance, some commenters claimed that the FCRA does not apply in the context of Section 1033 consumer-permissioned data and that consent authorization under Section 1033 for certain student loan data should satisfy Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act requirements. The commenters also maintained that the Bureau should work with the OCC to clarify that Section 1033 applies regardless of the level of business relationship between banks and aggregators. Commenters argued that the Bureau should address how Regulation E applies to unauthorized transactions that occur in the context of data sharing.
- Some aggregators acknowledged that they have reached a size at which supervision would provide helpful oversight and assurances to the ecosystem. In such cases, aggregators proposed two avenues for supervision, (1) the Bureau may exercise its existing supervisory authority over certain aggregators that provide services to banks¹⁹ and (2) the Bureau may exercise authority to designate some aggregators as "larger participants" subject to direct supervision.²⁰
- One of the broader arguments made by aggregators was that Section 1033 was enacted to allow consumers to benefit from access to their own financial data by providing autonomy over its use and portability for use by different financial service providers. Some commenters also argued that data holders should be supervised for compliance with Section 1033 and that remedies should be provided for consumers when data holders improperly burden or impede authorized access to their data.
- Commenters generally agreed with bank trade associations that the Bureau should use principles-based guidelines rather than mandates for technical standards.

- 2 *Id*.
- 3 12 U.S.C. § 5533(b).
- 4 12 U.S.C. § 5533(c).
- 5 12 U.S.C. § 5533(e).
- 6 12 U.S.C § 5481(6).
- 7 12 U.S.C § 5481(15).
- 8 12 U.S.C § 5481(5).
- 9 81 Fed. Reg. 83806 (Nov. 22, 2016).
- 10 85 Fed. Reg. 71006 (Nov. 6, 2020).
- 11 12 U.S.C. § 5512(c)(4)(B)(ii). An example order is available here.
- 12 Entities that meet the Regulation E definition of financial institution include the following: Banks and credit unions that directly or indirectly hold a consumer asset account (including a prepaid account); other persons that directly or indirectly hold an asset account belonging to a consumer (including a prepaid account); other persons that directly or indirectly hold an asset account belonging to a consumer (including a prepaid account); and persons that issue an access device and agree with a consumer to provide electronic fund transfer (EFT) services (including mobile wallets and other electronic payment products).
- 13 This includes depository and nondepository institutions that provide credit cards and those persons' agents with respect to the card.
- 14 An account is "a demand deposit (checking), savings, or other consumer asset account (other than an occasional or incidental credit balance in a credit plan) held directly or indirectly by a financial institution and established primarily for personal, family, or household purposes." An account includes a prepaid account. The CFPB emphasized that a financial institution that does not hold consumer accounts, but that issues access devices such as by issuing digital credential storage wallets, and provides EFT services, such as by providing payment services through those digital credential storage wallets, would be a covered data provider with respect to the consumer EFTs that it processes.
- 15 The CFPB emphasized that a card issuer that does not hold consumer credit card accounts, but that issues credit cards, such as by issuing digital credential storage wallets, would be a covered data provider with respect to the consumer credit card transactions it processes.
- 16 Commenters stressed that the CFPB should coordinate with the FTC to expand the safeguards rule to expressly address data aggregators' security practices. The Bureau has no supervisory, enforcement or rulemaking authority with respect to GLBA section 501(b) (15 U.S.C. § 6801(b)) or its implementing rules, which require financial institutions to develop, implement and maintain comprehensive information security programs.
- 17 12 U.S.C. § 5514(a)(1)(B). For Federal consumer financial protection laws, Section 1024 of the Dodd-Frank Act provides the CFPB with *exclusive* authority to supervise certain non-banks that provide mortgage-related products or services and payday and private student loans, among others, as well as larger participants of other consumer financial service or product markets as defined by CFPB rules, plus their service providers. 12 U.S.C. §§ 5114(c), (d). The CFPB has prescribed larger participant rules with respect to the consumer reporting, consumer debt collection, student loan servicing, international money transfer and automobile financing markets. 12 CFR §§ 1090.104-1090.108.
- 18 In March 2020, the OCC updated its Third Party Guidance FAQs to specify that if a formal relationship between a bank and an aggregator exists, banks must engage in due diligence and ongoing monitoring of the aggregator commensurate with the risk to the bank. But even when no business relationship exists, banks should conduct due diligence to evaluate the business experience and reputation of the aggregator to gain assurance that the aggregator maintains controls to safeguard sensitive customer data. See OCC Bulletin 2020-10 (Mar. 5, 2020), available here. See also SIFMA Response to Proposed Interagency Guidance on Third-Party Relationships: Risk Management (Oct. 4, 2021), available here.
- 19 See 12 U.S.C. §§ 5515(d), 5516(e), 5481(26)(A).
- 20 See supra n. 17.

^{1 12} U.S.C. § 5533(a).

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