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**BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION**

**[Docket No. CFPB-2018-0040]**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Bureau) is requesting to renew the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for an existing information collection titled, “Consumer Response Government and Congressional Portal Boarding Forms.”

**DATES:** Written comments are encouraged and must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]** to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection, OMB Control Number (see below), and docket number (see above), by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email:* [FederalRegisterComments@cfpb.gov](mailto:FederalRegisterComments@cfpb.gov). Include Docket No. CFPB-2018-0040 in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Comment intake, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20552.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Comment Intake, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20552.

*Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* In general, all comments received will become public records, including any personal information provided. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers, should not be included.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Documentation prepared in support of this information collection request is available at *www.regulations.gov*. Requests for additional information should be directed to Darrin King, PRA Officer, at (202) 435-9575, or email: *CFPB\_PRA@cfpb.gov*. If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact *CFPB\_Accessibility@cfpb.gov*. Please do not submit comments to these email boxes.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Consumer Response Government and Congressional Portal Boarding Forms.

*OMB Control Number:* 3170-0057.

*Type of Review:* Extension with revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments; Federal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 60.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 14.

*Abstract:* Section 1013(b)(3)(A) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act or Act) requires the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (“the Bureau”) to “facilitate the centralized collection of, monitoring of, and response to

consumer complaints regarding consumer financial products or services.”<sup>1</sup> The Act also requires the Bureau to “share consumer complaint information with prudential regulators, the Federal Trade Commission, other Federal agencies, and State agencies.”<sup>2</sup> To facilitate the collection of complaints, the Bureau accepts consumer complaints submitted by members of Congress on behalf of their constituents with the consumer’s express written authorization for the release of their personal information.

In furtherance of its statutory mandates related to consumer complaints, the Bureau uses Government and Congressional Portal Boarding Forms (Boarding Forms) to register users for access to secure, web-based portals. The Bureau has developed separate portals for congressional users and other government users as part of its secure web portal offerings (the “Congressional Portal” and the “Government Portal,” respectively).<sup>3</sup>

Through the Government Portal, government users can view consumer complaint information in a user-friendly format that allows easy review of complaints currently active in the Bureau process, complaints referred to a prudential federal regulator, and other closed/archived complaints.

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<sup>1</sup> Codified at 12 U.S.C. 5493(b)(3)(A).

<sup>2</sup> Dodd-Frank Act section 1013(b)(3)(D), codified at 12 U.S.C. 5493(b)(3)(D).

<sup>3</sup> In addition to the boarding forms for congressional and government users, the Bureau utilizes a separate OMB-approved form to board companies onto their own distinct portal to access complaints submitted against them, through OMB Control No. 3170-0054 (Consumer Complaint Intake System Company Portal Boarding Form Information Collection System; expires July 31, 2018).

Through the Congressional Portal, members of Congress and authorized congressional office staff can view data associated with consumer complaints they submit on behalf of their constituents with the consumer's express written authorization for the release of their personal information. The Congressional Portal only displays information about complaints submitted by the individual congressional office.

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS:** Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the Bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methods and the assumptions used; (c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 11, 2018.

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