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EXECUTIVE ORDER 14247 MODERNIZING PAYMENTS TO AND FROM AMERICA'S BANK ACCOUNT

On March 25, 2025, President Donald J. Trump signed Executive Order 14247 titled "Modernizing Payments To and From America's Bank Account" (EO 14247). This Executive Order requires the modernization of the government's payment processes by mandating a shift from traditional paper-based payments, such as cash, checks, and money orders, to faster and more secure electronic payments. Effective September 30, 2025, all payments made to and from the federal government must be made electronically. While EO 14247 provides that limited exceptions may be granted where electronic payment is not feasible, the Department of Justice (DOJ) is unable to accommodate any exceptions at this time.

Effective September 30, 2025, the DOJ made the following changes in accordance with EO 14247:

- The Nationwide Central Intake Facility (NCIF) lockbox was permanently closed. Payments received at this lockbox on or after September 30, 2025, will not be credited towards the debt and will be returned to the sender. Any payment returned to the sender is still due and owing and must be resubmitted electronically.
- Cash, checks, and money orders are no longer accepted as payment. Any cash, checks, or money orders received at the United States Attorney's Office, Private Counsel, or litigating offices on or after September 30, 2025, will not be credited towards the debt and will be returned to the sender. Any payment returned to the sender is still due and owing and must be resubmitted electronically.
- Only electronic payments are accepted. Beginning September 30, 2025, all civil debt payments must be made electronically through https://www.pay.gov or Fedwire. For additional information on using Pay.gov for one-time or recurring payments, please refer to the enclosed Pay.gov instructions.

If you made a non-electronic payment on or after September 30, 2025, on behalf of yourself or a debtor pursuant to a court-ordered writ of garnishment, the payment was returned to the sender and was not credited toward the above-referenced debtor's debt and is still due and owing. To make electronic payments, please access the U.S. government's payment portal at Pay.gov. Failure to make electronic payments in compliance with EO 14247 could result in:

- <u>Additional Accrued Interest</u>. Delay in payment can cause additional interest to accrue on the unpaid balance.
- <u>Defaulted Payment Plan</u>. Delay in payment can cause the debtor's payment plan to become delinquent and/or in default.
- <u>Further Enforcement Action</u>. Further enforcement action can be taken against the above-referenced debtor under the Federal Debt Collection Procedures Act for delinquent or defaulted debt.