

To: Jack Peterson, OPM TF, John Boelts, Lin Evans, Jimmy Fox, Ken Fredrick, Philip Hemminghaus, Will Rousseau, Kirk Smith, Dave Burns, and Its-Our-Turn.com

Subject: **Abolish the Termite Action Report Form (TARF) database**

Letter: Greetings,

I just signed the following petition addressed to: OPM Task Force.

Abolish the Termite Action Report Form (TARF) database

The TARF (Termite Action Report Form) database and fees should be eliminated for the following reasons:

- 1) The database is missing too much information to provide consumer protection or to allow a consumer to accurately determine what pest control products have been used on a home. Many, if not most termite treatments are not reported because they are not required to be reported. Further, no general pest control treatments are ever reported and they often use the same pesticides used in termite treatments. This provides the consumer with a false sense of security - thinking that the database knows what pesticides have been applied - because the average consumer does not realize how few pesticide treatments are reported and tracked.
- 2) Financing 75% of pest management regulation on the backs of the termite industry is inappropriate. The cost of regulation should be evenly spread over the entire pest control industry.
- 3) The database can be accessed sequentially to extract information about termite treatments by street or neighborhood. This allows companies to market termite control and warranties by the street or neighborhood and is a direct invasion of the home owner's privacy.
- 4) A company can use the database to perform a "drive-by" termite inspection for real estate transactions, which is a fraudulent type of inspection. This has become so prevalent that insurance companies now offer coverage to protect against this type of fraud.

5) A company can also use the database to spy on its competitors. This information has historically been used by larger companies to target enforcement actions against smaller competitors.

6) The TARF system increases the cost of termite treatments to consumers through increased overhead, paperwork and fees. TARF paperwork is disproportionately more expensive for small businesses, providing a significant advantage to larger companies.

7) Fear of the legislature is not a valid reason to keep TARFs. The legislators can be educated to understand the limitations of the TARF database and that the new science of termite control has made the TARF database obsolete.

8) There has not been any documented harm from termiticide use in the last three years - which is as far back as OPM is willing to look. Most of the termiticide products that caused public concern when the TARF system was established have been banned and are no longer in use.

See <http://its-our-turn.com/> for a detailed white papers on the Arizona pest control industry.

Sincerely,

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Petition comments:

Rodney O'Dell, Glendale, AZ 85308, 3/28/12: Paying the \$8.00 tariff fee for each service we perform in treatments and inspections does nothing but put money in pockets and takes food off our table as a small company. I have lost many treatments due to other companies looking through submitted tariffs and contacting potential clients and low-balling our proposals. The customer has no conception that the lower price they are paying is not the performance and proper application they would receive if they accepted our proposal for a minimal higher cost. Instead, we lose the job, they get screwed and the data base only records this - if the low-balling company files a tariff. They do not stop the low life cheating companies, they only record. Why do I need to pay for this? My payments do nothing to assist in stopping the liars and thieves out here in our industry. Every customer receives a full copy of services completed. It is their obligation to keep these records in their file for future purposes and for any disclosures if they chose to sell their property. I perform treatments on so many properties that have evidence of previous treatment. When I look up the address, NO TARIFF was ever filed. So due to companies like this on a regular basis, why am I paying a fortune to line someones pockets and lose jobs to people that should not even be allowed to have a license and be in our business. I have been in this industry for 22+ years and have seen all the illegal crap that surrounds our industry with the liars and the thieves. Funny thing is, OPM continually raises all license fees, tariff fees & some even doubled that hurt all of us operating legally but I never hear about any of the companies not performing legally receiving more than a slap on the wrist, an administrative warning and having to catch up on their tariff & late fees. They should go after their wallets and then put them out of business.

Greg Flippen, Prescott, AZ 86304, 4/24/12: I always believed this as taxation without representation. This industry existed before TARIFFS, and it did nothing to make a crooked applicator do a proper job. I resent this fee and would rather loose income than pay this legalized embezzlement.

ken edwards, surprise, AZ 85387, 6/3/12: I don't care for \$8.00 fees plus the late fees. I also didn't start a business to risk my capital and time in order to be a data base provider for the govt. so they they can provide my work to who ever calls there office for info.

Norman Nipperus, Tempe, AZ 85281, 8/27/12: I respect Ms. Farenga and I've been in the pest control business for over 18 years.

Peter Archambo, Mesa, AZ 85210, 9/14/12: We have to many regulations

LARRY CIULLA, PEORIA, AZ 85345, 9/17/12: TARIFF FEES ARE AN UNFAIR FINANCIAL BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY. COULD BE OUTSOURCED FOR PENNIES PER TARIFF.