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RE: The FACT Act Disposal Rule, R-411007

We strongly support adopting this rule. Fraud and identity theft has become an epidemic. From thieves stealing credit card numbers -- to tax returns -- to prescription bottles, the need for complete destruction of personal information is imperative.

Our company provides shredding both on-site and via mobile shredding units to businesses and private citizens. Three times a year we offer free shredding to the community, and each year the attendance has doubled?proof that the average citizen is concerned about identity theft. We have 20-30 people drop off sensitive material each month, and 13% of our core mobile business is residential.

The most efficient way to prevent identity theft is the complete destruction of confidential information. Your personal information is only as safe as the organization protecting it. A company can be held responsible for negligence should their employee?s personal information fall into the wrong hands. Compared to the extensive legal fees that can be incurred, shredding is a logical, cost-efficient solution.