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As a client of the SBDC and the owner of several small business I want to express my concern that the SBA is considering making changes to the SBDC sign up form that could allow a business owner to unwittingly agree to have their personal business information shared with the SBA and other partners of the SBA. One of the reasons that I have been comfortable working with the SBDC is the knowledge that all of my personal and business information is confidential and is secure with them. I am concerned that new clients to the SBDC may have their information shared without their knowledge. I further understand that this action could be illegal and a violation of the federal Small Business Act. Also, as I read the proposed sign up information, this seems to imply that we cannot receive SBDC services if we don't check the "Yes" box. Doesn't this go against the whole purpose of providing assistance to small businesses? I urge those making decisions about this issue to continue to provide information security and maintain support for the SBDC program. Please do not allow this change to happen!

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