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Comments Received:

This proposed change appears to imply that to receive free SBDC business consultation, the client must check the affirmative box.

One of the advantages of being a client at the SBDC is confidentiality. Won't this program altogether remove that benefit? The information requested in section 11 of form 641 is confusing and needs to clear simple language. As proposed, it is unclear whether the client agrees to surveys, a solicitation to services they don't request, or counseling?

Why doesn't the form mention that [section 21(a)7 of the Small Business Act] SBDCs are supposed to protect client privacy? Entrepreneurs should be told that BEFORE checking any box that gives away their privacy. How can SBA do this, and how will SBA protect my information per the law?

Who are SBA's agents, and why am I required to "waive all claims"? The information collection should not allow for dissemination beyond the SBDCs. I do not want my information shared with other government agencies, especially under these circumstances.

I don't want my information shared with SBA because there are too many examples of government agencies failing to protect personal information. Also, this suggests more dissemination of personal information, which will lead to less security. I don't believe SBA needs my contact information to meet any statutory requirements; Congress doesn't want the SBDCs to give my info to SBA or anyone else.