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Review your complaint

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Step 1

What product or service is your complaint about? Edit this section

PRODUCT OR SERVICE

TYPE

Payday loan, title loan, personal loan, or

Payday loan

advance loan

LOAN USED TO REPAY PREVIOUS

LOAN

WHERE THEY GOT THE LOAN

In person/at a store (even if you applied

online) (New Mexico)

No

Step 2

What type of problem are you having?

Edit this section

ISSUE

Can't stop withdrawals from your bank account

HAVE YOU ALREADY TRIED TO FIX THIS PROBLEM WITH THE COMPANY?

Yes

DID YOU REQUEST INFORMATION FROM THE COMPANY?

Yes

WHAT INFORMATION DID YOU REQUEST?

DID THE COMPANY PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION?

No

Step 3

What happened?

Edit this section

For more than a decade, employees of Positive Outcomes, Inc., a New Mexico-based home healthcare company owned by former State Representative Tara Jaramillo, were subjected to an illegal payday lending scheme. The company: Issued short-term loans without a lending license, in violation of the New Mexico Small Loan Act. Charged employees a 15% biweekly interest rate (equivalent to 390%-2,737% APR), far above the state's 36% APR cap. Deducted repayments directly from employees' wages without disclosure, trapping lowincome and Native American caregivers in cycles of debt. Failed to provide written loan terms or required disclosures, in violation of the Truth in Lending Act (TILA). Potentially used Medicaid funds to finance these loans, raising questions of misuse of public funds. Whistleblowers, including former employees, reported this conduct to the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, the Human Services Department, and the Attorney General's Office. Despite extensive documentation (pay stubs, internal correspondence, repayment schedules), these agencies failed to take action. In August 2025, Workforce Solutions finally issued a decision—after years of delay—reviewing only one year of records, finding only a single violation, and imposing a token fine of \$61.75. This trivial penalty effectively allowed Jaramillo and Positive Outcomes to continue operating their unlicensed loan scheme with impunity. Meanwhile, the New Mexico Attorney General, Raúl Torrez, has not pursued enforcement despite clear authority under state consumer protection laws. Employees remain financially harmed, and state regulators appear either unwilling or unable to stop the abuse. This is a clear example of loan sharking, wage garnishment without proper disclosure, and systemic regulatory failure.

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What would be a fair resolution to this issue?

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Require Positive Outcomes, Inc. and Tara Jaramillo to immediately cease all unlicensed lending practices. Provide restitution to affected employees for all unlawful interest charged and wages garnished. Conduct a federal investigation into possible misuse of Medicaid funds. Establish stronger federal oversight and safe harbors to prevent states from ignoring unlicensed lending and allowing politically connected actors to exploit workers. Publish this complaint on consumerfinance.gov to raise awareness of the dangers of black-market lending enabled by failed state enforcement.

Edit this section

1 attachment

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Step 4

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What company is this complaint about?

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COMPANY INFORMATION

Positive Outcomes

OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS COMPANY

Tara Jaramillo

1115 N. California St

Socorro, New Mexico 87801

https://positiveoutcomestherapy.com/

575-838-0800

Step 5

What people are involved?

Edit this section

THE CONSUMER'S CONTACT INFORMATION

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THE CONSUMER'S PREFERRED LANGUAGE

English

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ALLOW THIS PERSON ACCESS TO THE COMPLAINT?

Yes



✓ The information given is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that the CFPB cannot act as my lawyer, a court of law, or a financial advisor.

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