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The Honorable Mark R. Warner United States Senate 459-A Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Warner! Sorder Ulbrand

On behalf of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU), the only trade association exclusively representing the interests of our nation's federal credit unions, I am writing in strong support of your efforts to address ever-increasing regulatory red-tape through the enactment of a "regulatory pay-go" system. As you have noted, "... there is no process or incentive ... to eliminate or clean up old regulations" and our nation is in need of "... a commonsense effort for more appropriate regulatory balance ... " to enhance its economic recovery.

Credit unions are, without question, the most heavily regulated of all financial depository institutions. As non-profit entities that exist to serve only their members, every new regulation imposed on our industry serves to either increase loan rates and fees, decrease savings rates and/curtail the services credit unions are able to provide to the 92 million members they serve. Reducing the regulatory burdens, and thereby compliance costs, will free up resources and enable credit unions to better serve their members.

We thank you for your leadership on this important matter and as you move forward with the introduction of this important legislation, we would welcome the opportunity to work with you toward enactment.

If we can answer any questions or provide you with further information on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact NAFCU's Director of Legislative Affairs, Brad Thaler, by telephone at 703-842-2204 or me at 703 842-2215.

Sincerely

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