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The Honorable Scott Garrett
Chairman
Subcommittee on Capital Markets and
Government Sponsored Enterprises
House Financial Services Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Maxine Waters
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Capital Markets and
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Dear Chairman Garrett and Ranking Member Waters:

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 write today with respect to tomorrow's scheduled mark-up of seven bills related to the future of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. While we believe the subcommittee's efforts to reform the housing finance system are well intended, we believe housing finance reform is best addressed in a comprehensive approach to solve the complex problems in the system. We welcome the opportunity to continue to work with you in this regard.

As you know from previous correspondence, including our April 4, 2011 letter to you, NAFCU has put forward a core set of principles that must be taken into account for credit unions to be treated fairly during any housing finance reform process. We urge the subcommittee to review these principles and put in place reforms that will result in equal and uninterrupted access to the secondary mortgage market for credit unions and their nearly 93 million members nationwide. Credit unions did not contribute to the financial crisis and pride themselves in solid underwriting that creates high quality loans. The past performance of credit unions cannot be overlooked in the legislative process.

NAFCU appreciates the subcommittee prioritizing this complex issue and urges members to move forward in a comprehensive manner after thoroughly reviewing the housing finance system from the perspective of all stakeholders. Again, we thank you for this opportunity to provide our input. If my colleagues or I can be of assistance to you, or if you have any questions regarding this issue, please feel free to contact myself, or NAFCU's Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Brad Thaler, at (703) 842-2204.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the Subcommittee on Capital Markets and GSEs

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