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The Honorable Tim Johnson
Chairman
Committee on Banking, Housing
and Urban Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Ranking Member
Committee on Banking, Housing,
and Urban Affairs
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Dear Chairman Johnson: *Ch. Johnson*

I write today on behalf of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU), the only trade association exclusively representing our nation's federally chartered credit unions, in conjunction with tomorrow's Senate Banking Committee hearing, "Spurring Job Growth Through Capital Formation While Protecting Investors." We appreciate the committee's focus on creating jobs and getting our country back on sound economic footing.

NAFCU and its member credit unions support the goal of helping America's small businesses create jobs and encourage members of the Banking Committee to embrace the bipartisan legislation (S. 509) introduced by Senators Mark Udall and Olympia Snowe, which would raise the arbitrary credit union member business lending cap as part of any effort to foster job growth. As you know, due to outdated regulations credit unions are restricted on the amount of business lending they can facilitate (12.25% of total assets). Raising the cap would create jobs without spending a single dime of taxpayer money. It is also worth noting that the Treasury Department and the National Credit Union Administration have signed-off on this commonsense proposal.

We thank you for your continued commitment to finding ways to promote economic growth. Credit unions take great pride in serving nearly 93 million Americans across the country and stand ready to further assist in job creation efforts. If my colleagues or I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions regarding these issues, please feel free to contact me or NAFCU's Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Brad Thaler, at 703-842-2204.

Sincerely,


Fred Becker, Jr.
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cc: Members of the Committee