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Supplemental Capital for Credit Unions, NOW

Credit unions serve over 95 million Americans and are a key source of consumer lending that strengthens our communities and drives our economy.

Current law unfairly punishes healthy credit unions for growing to meet the needs of their members

Under current law, some financially-sound credit unions are being forced to turn away deposits in order to satisfy overly rigid regulatory capital requirements.

Access to supplemental capital would eliminate this dilemma and help credit unions of all asset sizes. Access to supplemental capital would enhance credit unions' ability to serve their members.

H.R. 719 would expand consumer access to affordable financial services

H.R. 719, the "Capital Access for Small Businesses and Jobs Act," would empower the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), the federal regulator of credit unions, to authorize supplemental capital for well-managed credit unions, enhancing access to credit and affordable financial services for millions of consumers and small business members.

Access to supplemental capital would help credit unions serve their members

H.R. 719 would provide another way for credit unions to build capital, enhancing their ability to serve their members by taking deposits, making loans, opening new branch locations, and expanding service offerings for members.

Access to supplemental capital would benefit the economic recovery and facilitate job growth

Supplemental capital would enhance credit unions' ability to help consumers and small businesses that need

access to affordable credit, helping grow jobs and stimulating the economic recovery.

Access to supplemental capital would enhance the safety and soundness of credit unions

Access to supplemental capital would provide an additional tool for credit unions to weather the inevitable down economic cycles. It would enhance the safety and soundness of the credit union system without imposing any additional cost or risk on taxpayers because supplemental capital would provide an additional buffer against operating losses and against claims on the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF).

H.R. 719 would provide regulatory flexibility for credit unions

H.R. 719 would give the NCUA the authority and flexibility to adjust capital requirements in response to changes in economic conditions. All other federal banking regulators currently have this authority.

H.R. 719 is a bipartisan solution that is supported by the credit union industry and its regulators

"It makes no sense to have credit unions turn away deposits from consumers who have trust in the institution. Supplemental capital would be a great help to credit unions in that position."

Debbie Matz, Chairman National Credit Union Administration

"Access to supplemental capital for credit unions has always been a matter of safety and soundness. This critical reform gives credit unions the necessary capital flexibility to respond to economic conditions, both in good times and bad."

Mary Martha Fortney, President & CEO National Association of State Credit Union Supervisors