

# Don't Tax Colorado Credit Unions

- Treating credit unions like for-profit banking institutions will cause them to behave like banking institutions - resulting in substantial declines in both member and nonmember benefits.
- **A tax on Colorado credit unions is a tax on the state's 2,052,000 credit union members.**
- Those who want to tax credit unions really want to put credit unions out of business. Taxation would fundamentally alter or destroy the credit union system as we know it.
- Do not buy into the banker-driven argument that large credit unions should be taxed. Credit unions of all sizes are still not-for-profit, member-owned cooperatives and provide substantial benefits to their members.
- Taxing credit unions just doesn't add up because credit unions provide benefits far in excess of the amount that might be obtained through imposition of federal income taxes.

<b>TAX CREDIT UNIONS? IT DOESN'T ADD UP</b>	
Estimated annual increase in federal income tax revenue arising from credit union taxation in Colorado.	+ \$24,772,000
Estimated annual decline in Colorado credit union member benefits arising from change in the tax status and subsequent operational changes (a direct loss to the state's 2,052,000 credit union member-owners). (1)	- \$256,575,000
Estimated annual decline in Colorado bank customer benefits arising from greatly reduced influence of credit unions. (2)	- \$98,644,000
Net annual economic impact on credit union taxation in Colorado	= -\$330,447,000

<sup>1</sup>Estimates of credit union member benefits are derived by measuring differences between bank and credit union interest rates and fees. The benefits to credit union members arise because credit unions pay higher rates on deposits, charge less for loans, and impose fewer and lower fees. Hampel, Bill and Schenk, Mike, CUNA Research & Policy Analysis. "The Benefits of Credit Union Membership". [http://www.cuna.org/member/download/whpaper\\_mmbrrshp.pdf](http://www.cuna.org/member/download/whpaper_mmbrrshp.pdf).

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# Colorado

## 1st Congressional District

- Oppose any notion to eliminate our tax-exempt status. Why? Treating credit unions like for-profit banking institutions will cause them to behave like banking institutions - resulting in substantial declines in both member and nonmember benefits.
- **A tax on credit unions is a tax on the 1st District's 217,000 credit union members.**
- Those who want to tax credit unions really want to put credit unions out of business. Taxation would fundamentally alter or destroy the credit union system as we know it.
- Do not buy into the banker-driven argument that large credit unions should be taxed. Credit unions of all sizes are still not-for-profit, member-owned cooperatives and provide substantial benefits to their members.
- Taxing credit unions just doesn't add up because credit unions provide benefits far in excess of the amount that might be obtained through imposition of federal income taxes.

TAX CREDIT UNIONS? IT DOESN'T ADD UP	
Estimated annual increase in federal income tax revenue arising from credit union taxation in Colorado's 1st District	+ \$8,889,000
Estimated annual decline in Colorado's 1st District credit union member benefits arising from change in the tax status and subsequent operational changes (a direct loss to Colorado's 1st District 217,000 credit union member-owners). (1)	- \$27,217,000
Estimated annual decline in Colorado's 1st District bank customer benefits arising from greatly reduced influence of credit unions. (2)	- \$14,092,000
Net annual economic impact on credit union taxation in your district	= -\$32,420,000

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## Colorado 2nd Congressional District

- Oppose any notion to eliminate our tax-exempt status. Why? Treating credit unions like for-profit banking institutions will cause them to behave like banking institutions - resulting in substantial declines in both member and nonmember benefits.
- **A tax on credit unions is a tax on the 2nd District's 285,000 credit union members.**
- Those who want to tax credit unions really want to put credit unions out of business. Taxation would fundamentally alter or destroy the credit union system as we know it.
- Do not buy into the banker-driven argument that large credit unions should be taxed. Credit unions of all sizes are still not-for-profit, member-owned cooperatives and provide substantial benefits to their members.
- Taxing credit unions just doesn't add up because credit unions provide benefits far in excess of the amount that might be obtained through imposition of federal income taxes.

TAX CREDIT UNIONS? IT DOESN'T ADD UP	
Estimated annual increase in federal income tax revenue arising from credit union taxation in Colorado's 2nd District	+ \$1,996,000
Estimated annual decline in Colorado's 2nd District credit union member benefits arising from change in the tax status and subsequent operational changes (a direct loss to Colorado's 2nd District 285,000 credit union member-owners). (1)	- \$35,974,000
Estimated annual decline in Colorado's 2nd District bank customer benefits arising from greatly reduced influence of credit unions. (2)	- \$14,092,000
Net annual economic impact on credit union taxation in your district	= -\$48,070,000

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## 3rd Congressional District

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- **A tax on credit unions is a tax on the 3rd District's 264,000 credit union members.**
- Those who want to tax credit unions really want to put credit unions out of business. Taxation would fundamentally alter or destroy the credit union system as we know it.
- Do not buy into the banker-driven argument that large credit unions should be taxed. Credit unions of all sizes are still not-for-profit, member-owned cooperatives and provide substantial benefits to their members.
- Taxing credit unions just doesn't add up because credit unions provide benefits far in excess of the amount that might be obtained through imposition of federal income taxes.

TAX CREDIT UNIONS? IT DOESN'T ADD UP	
Estimated annual increase in federal income tax revenue arising from credit union taxation in Colorado's 3rd District	+ \$1,649,000
Estimated annual decline in Colorado's 3rd District credit union member benefits arising from change in the tax status and subsequent operational changes (a direct loss to Colorado's 3rd District 264,000 credit union member-owners). (1)	- \$33,236,000
Estimated annual decline in Colorado's 3rd District bank customer benefits arising from greatly reduced influence of credit unions. (2)	- \$14,092,000
Net annual economic impact on credit union taxation in your district	= -\$45,679,000

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## 4th Congressional District

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- **A tax on credit unions is a tax on the 4th District's 236,000 credit union members.**
- Those who want to tax credit unions really want to put credit unions out of business. Taxation would fundamentally alter or destroy the credit union system as we know it.
- Do not buy into the banker-driven argument that large credit unions should be taxed. Credit unions of all sizes are still not-for-profit, member-owned cooperatives and provide substantial benefits to their members.
- Taxing credit unions just doesn't add up because credit unions provide benefits far in excess of the amount that might be obtained through imposition of federal income taxes.

TAX CREDIT UNIONS? IT DOESN'T ADD UP	
Estimated annual increase in federal income tax revenue arising from credit union taxation in Colorado's 4th District	+ \$984,000
Estimated annual decline in Colorado's 4th District credit union member benefits arising from change in the tax status and subsequent operational changes (a direct loss to Colorado's 4th District 236,000 credit union member-owners). (1)	- \$29,713,000
Estimated annual decline in Colorado's 4th District bank customer benefits arising from greatly reduced influence of credit unions. (2)	- \$14,092,000
Net annual economic impact on credit union taxation in your district	= -\$42,821,000

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## 5th Congressional District

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- **A tax on credit unions is a tax on the 5th District's 417,000 credit union members.**
- Those who want to tax credit unions really want to put credit unions out of business. Taxation would fundamentally alter or destroy the credit union system as we know it.
- Do not buy into the banker-driven argument that large credit unions should be taxed. Credit unions of all sizes are still not-for-profit, member-owned cooperatives and provide substantial benefits to their members.
- Taxing credit unions just doesn't add up because credit unions provide benefits far in excess of the amount that might be obtained through imposition of federal income taxes.

TAX CREDIT UNIONS? IT DOESN'T ADD UP	
Estimated annual increase in federal income tax revenue arising from credit union taxation in Colorado's 5th District	+ \$7,625,000
Estimated annual decline in Colorado's 5th District credit union member benefits arising from change in the tax status and subsequent operational changes (a direct loss to Colorado's 5th District 417,000 credit union member-owners). (1)	- \$52,457,000
Estimated annual decline in Colorado's 5th District bank customer benefits arising from greatly reduced influence of credit unions. (2)	- \$14,092,000
Net annual economic impact on credit union taxation in your district	= -\$58,924,000

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## 6th Congressional District

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- **A tax on credit unions is a tax on the 6th District's 317,000 credit union members.**
- Those who want to tax credit unions really want to put credit unions out of business. Taxation would fundamentally alter or destroy the credit union system as we know it.
- Do not buy into the banker-driven argument that large credit unions should be taxed. Credit unions of all sizes are still not-for-profit, member-owned cooperatives and provide substantial benefits to their members.
- Taxing credit unions just doesn't add up because credit unions provide benefits far in excess of the amount that might be obtained through imposition of federal income taxes.

TAX CREDIT UNIONS? IT DOESN'T ADD UP	
Estimated annual increase in federal income tax revenue arising from credit union taxation in Colorado's 6th District	+ \$630,000
Estimated annual decline in Colorado's 6th District credit union member benefits arising from change in the tax status and subsequent operational changes (a direct loss to Colorado's 6th District 317,000 credit union member-owners). (1)	- \$39,842,000
Estimated annual decline in Colorado's 6th District bank customer benefits arising from greatly reduced influence of credit unions. (2)	- \$14,092,000
Net annual economic impact on credit union taxation in your district	= -\$53,304,000

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## 7th Congressional District

- Oppose any notion to eliminate our tax-exempt status. Why? Treating credit unions like for-profit banking institutions will cause them to behave like banking institutions - resulting in substantial declines in both member and nonmember benefits.
- **A tax on credit unions is a tax on the 7th District's 305,000 credit union members.**
- Those who want to tax credit unions really want to put credit unions out of business. Taxation would fundamentally alter or destroy the credit union system as we know it.
- Do not buy into the banker-driven argument that large credit unions should be taxed. Credit unions of all sizes are still not-for-profit, member-owned cooperatives and provide substantial benefits to their members.
- Taxing credit unions just doesn't add up because credit unions provide benefits far in excess of the amount that might be obtained through imposition of federal income taxes.

TAX CREDIT UNIONS? IT DOESN'T ADD UP	
Estimated annual increase in federal income tax revenue arising from credit union taxation in Colorado's 7th District	+ \$2,999,000
Estimated annual decline in Colorado's 7th District credit union member benefits arising from change in the tax status and subsequent operational changes (a direct loss to Colorado's 7th District 305,000 credit union member-owners). (1)	- \$38,136,000
Estimated annual decline in Colorado's 7th District bank customer benefits arising from greatly reduced influence of credit unions. (2)	- \$14,092,000
Net annual economic impact on credit union taxation in your district	= -\$49,229,000

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