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Dear Secretary of the Board Poliquin,

The National Credit Union Administration is to be applauded for its proposal to ease the membership burdens facing federal credit unions. Current membership rules are outdated, artificially limiting access to credit unions. Consumers deserve choice on where they obtain financial services and credit unions should be easily available to all Americans in all communities. This is especially important for communities where banks do not provide service to people of modest means, like credit unions strive to do.

The proposal you are considering is a step in the right direction toward making sure that credit unions can fully serve their communities in the manner to which those of us who have been CU members for so many years believe in. This country was founded on the freedom of choice. The choice of where we bank should be yet another of those freedoms. People are not drawn to "cookie-cutter" business, but rather to those that offer diverse opportunities.

Sincerely,

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