

February 02, 2016

National Credit Union Administration
Gerald Poliquin, Secretary of the Board
1775 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-3428

RE: Comments on Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Field of Membership - RIN: 3133-AE31

Dear Gerald Poliquin,

The National Credit Union Administration Board (NCUA) is proposing to amend part 701 of its rules and regulations to make revisions to the agency's chartering and field of membership manual. I am writing to express support for NCUA's proposed field of membership rule.

It is important for NCUA to review and update this regulation to modernize it and ensure that consumers have easy access to a credit union, regardless of where they live. This is especially important in the rural and underserved parts of our state, where there are miles between houses, and financial needs are great.

Our entire state is served by a single Congressional district, and that is a very reasonable, and easily definable district. Despite the miles, people have relationships across the state and share many of the same values and challenges. We urge NCUA to keep this proposed change in the final rule.

It is important to me that all Montanans continue to have a choice in being served by a credit union. This proposal is about putting consumer access first, even in a rural state.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed rule and for considering our views on Field of Membership. We urge the agency to approve a final rule soon so that credit unions can take advantage of the regulatory relief and field of membership flexibility in the proposed rule.

Sincerely,

Donya Parrish

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cc: CUNA, CCUL