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Dear Secretary Board:

As a concerned credit union member and citizen, I am writing to support your recent rule regarding credit union field of membership. Following the most recent financial crisis many Oregonians are still struggling financially and would benefit from being a member of a financial institution based on the principle of "people helping people." I am writing today in support of your proposal because it will expand the ability of credit unions to provide services to consumers who may not currently be credit union members.

First Tech Federal Credit Union serves me and my extended family, offering competitive services, but more importantly it puts my needs before profits. I know because I have served as a volunteer board member for over 30 years. Some credit unions are struggling with a shrinking defined field of membership. Credit unions should be able to offer their valuable people-oriented services to all Oregonians and Americans.

Your rule, once finalized, will allow credit unions more flexibility to serve consumers who share a common bond and will enhance the financial well-being of millions of Americans. The National Credit Union Administration should be commended for proposing these sensible and important steps.

The National Credit Union Administration's field of membership proposal is on track with the needs of America's consumers.

Sincerely,

Ms. Carolyn Ray Strong