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The Honorable Deborah Matz
Chairman of the Board
National Credit Union Administration
1775 Duke Street, Room 7011
Alexandria, VA 22314-3428

Dear Chairman Matz:

Credit unions have long played a critical role in serving communities without access to other affordable financial services, promoting thrift among their members, and providing a low-cost source of credit. I am concerned, however, that the specific risk-based capital rule proposed by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) Board on January 23, 2014, may impede these important goals.

I believe the proposal should reflect the nature of credit unions, the purpose they serve, and the types of activities they engage in. Accordingly, I urge the NCUA Board to seriously consider the concerns of credit unions before finalizing the rule to ensure it does not apply a broad brush where a fine-tooth comb is more appropriate.

I support efforts to strengthen the integrity of our financial system. At the same time we must take care to ensure such policies are reasonably targeted and serve the public interest. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Nelson".