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Dear Mr. Poliquin:

I am both an employee of a Credit Union Service Organization and a member of a great credit union. Recently, my wife and I came across a number of articles in credit union trade sites regarding a proposed regulation that the National Credit Union Association has formulated with respect to risk-based capital requirements. My understanding is that this proposal will affect both my employer and my credit union in a very negative way.

It seems that most industry professionals view this proposal as going well beyond what is necessary to protect the insurance fund, and with the resulting consequence of limiting services to members. It will also discourage credit unions from investing in CUSOs such as the one I work for, which have provided credit unions with extensive benefits including, but not limited to, patronage dividends returns and reduced expenses as a result of cooperative bargaining on technology.

I hope that you can understand my concern in placing such heavy-handed regulation on both my CUSO and my credit union as they are very strong organizations currently. I believe this proposal will undermine the cooperative principles my CUSO and Credit union hold dear as they are viewed as a cornerstone and true differentiating factor of our industry. My recommendation is that the NCUA take this proposal off the table until such a time as a capital requirement regulation that meets the needs of the industry can be designed—and not one that's solely concerned with the health of your insurance fund.



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