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To: [Regulatory Comments](#)
Subject: Lefors FCU comments on proposed rule: PCA-risk-based capital
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Dear Mr. Poliquin,

This letter represents the view of Lefors FCU regarding the NCUA's proposal on PCA-Risk-Based Capital. Lefors FCU is based in Lefors, TX. and serves 900 members. Lefors FCU appreciates the opportunity to comment on this very important issue. Lefors FCU opposes the proposed definition of "complex" credit unions. The proposal would define a "complex" credit union as any credit union with over \$50 million in assets. There is nothing magical about \$50 million in assets; size alone does not make a credit union complex. NCUA has provided no justification for expanding the definition of complex credit unions. Small credit unions simply cannot continue to survive under current regulatory burdens. This proposal is one more example of unnecessary regulatory burdens impeding the ability of small credit unions to serve their members. Although many small credit unions will not be classified as "complex" and subject to the RBC requirements, the small credit unions are indeed still impacted by the proposal. As drafted, the proposal increases the regulatory burdens of all credit unions, even those under \$50 million in assets. This is attested to by NCUA in the "Paperwork Reduction Act" portion of the proposal which estimated the time burden for each credit union (not just complex credit unions) to collect risk-based capital ratio data at:

one-time recordkeeping, 122 hours;

on-going recordkeeping, 20 hours and

one-time policy review and revision, 20 hours.

That equates to over 160 hours of work (or one full month) for a small credit union that might only have a couple of employees. Does NCUA really think it is reasonable that a small credit union should spend a month a year on this rather than serving its members? Credit unions need additional time to comply beyond the proposed 18 months. Basel III allows banks until 2019 to comply. Credit unions should receive a comparable compliance period.

Sincerely,

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