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Dear Board Secretary Polquin,

The ability of credit unions to serve a diverse population of members, particularly in rural and underserved areas is of the utmost importance. Past NCUA regulations and legal opinions placed unnecessary restrictions on credit unions' ability to serve people in these communities. However, the new proposal is a step in the right direction and will allow consumers in these areas to have more access to credit. At a time when credit is being constrained through overregulation of the credit union industry, it is important to take steps such as this to preserve the ability of credit unions to serve their members.

Thank you for proposing this common-sense solution.

Sincerely,

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