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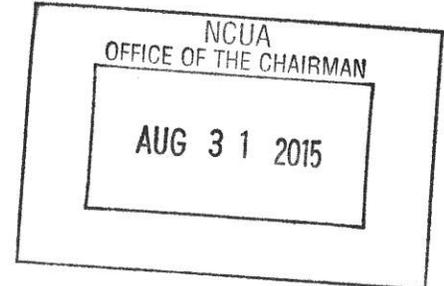
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The Honorable Debbie Matz  
Chairman  
National Credit Union Administration  
1775 Duke Street  
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Dear Chairman Matz:

I am writing to support the National Credit Union Administration's (NCUA) recently proposed rule to revise the formula addressing the member business lending (MBL) cap for credit unions (CUs). As the former Director of Government Relations for Arrowhead Credit Union, I understand how this initiative can benefit CUs across the country. I applaud the NCUA's efforts to make an administrative change that can positively impact local businesses in my district.

Specifically, I applaud the NCUA for finding an innovative method to providing credit unions with additional flexibility in the process of making business loans in accordance with the MBL cap and modern commercial lending practices. This proposed rule is much appreciated in light of current MBL restrictions, which can be overly prescriptive requirements, such as the personal guarantee. These processes often slow the MBL underwriting process, which leads credit unions to be less competitive when compared to other banks.

Credit unions have a demonstrated history of sensible business lending practices and a mission to provide safe credit options to their members. Small businesses account for 60 percent of new jobs created since the recession. Economic stimulation is strongly needed in San Bernardino County, where the unemployment rate is 8.1 percent, which is well above the national unemployment rate of 6.2 percent. The proposed MBL regulation gives credit unions more flexibility to lend to small businesses in the communities I represent.

As a co-sponsor of legislation to raise the member business lending cap, I strongly support the NCUA's efforts to utilize the Federal Credit Union Act to address these issues. This regulatory change is an example of a Federal agency taking proactive steps to keep the interest of its constituencies, small businesses and credit unions, at the forefront of its work.

Thank you for your efforts to provide relief to small businesses and credit unions in my district.

Sincerely,  
  
Pete Aguilar  
Member of Congress