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DANIEL A. MICA PRESIDENT & CEO March 24, 2010

The Honorable Steve Israel Member of Congress United States House of Representatives 2457 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Israel:

On behalf of the Credit Union National Association (CUNA), I am writing to express our support of H.R. 4376, the Freedom from Discrimination in Credit Act of 2009. CUNA represents nearly 90 percent of America's 7,800 credit unions and their 92 million members.

H.R. 4376 would amend the Equal Credit Opportunity Act to prohibit discrimination on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit. Obtaining credit is important to all Americans looking to buy a home, car, go to college or start a small business. This legislation is an important step in ensuring that all applicants for credit will be considered based solely on their financial qualifications. As an organization that values inclusion and equality, CUNA has taken the important step of adopting the non-discrimination principles embodied in this bill.

On behalf of America's credit unions, thank you very much for your commitment to equal access to credit. We look forward to working with you to enact this legislation.

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Mica President & CEO

Cc: The Honorable Barney Frank, Chairman, Committee on Financial Services The Honorable Tammy Baldwin, Member of Congress

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