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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Dennis Hastert
Speaker
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The Honorable Roy Blunt
Majority Whip
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Dear Mr. Speaker and Majority Whip:

A Ways and Means Committee hearing reviewing the federal income tax exemption for credit unions is scheduled on Thursday, November 3. The oversight hearing will review the justification for the tax exemption. The routine examination of tax-exemptions to evaluate their status is appropriate. In that spirit, we write to express our support of the credit union tax exemption.

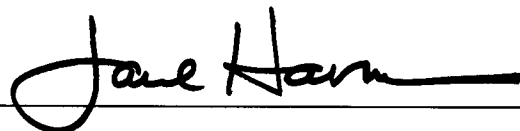
Credit unions continue serving the goals intended by Congress when their tax exemption was granted. Regardless of size, credit unions (all assets of credit unions combined nationwide do not equal the assets of CitiCorp) remain cooperatives -- operating with democratically controlled, volunteer boards of directors, which are required to return earnings to members. They are locally-owned and operated and cannot be bought or sold. They continue to meet their social mission of serving those who need an affordable alternative in financial services.

Every Congressional district has a stake in this debate, with each district containing a portion of the 87 million credit union members nationwide. Good public policy contributes to economic growth. Taxing credit unions would be a tax on consumers. Since credit unions can only generate capital through their earnings, taxation would reduce earnings to the point that many credit unions' existence would be in severe jeopardy, harming families and consumers depending on credit unions for financial services.

Credit unions play a valuable role in the marketplace as a financial institution alternative. Please join us in support of the preservation of their tax-exempt status.

Sincerely,





Robert E. Anderson

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