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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

On behalf of the Credit Union National Association (CUNA), I want to thank you for the statement that you had inserted into the *Congressional Record* regarding International Credit Union Day. CUNA is the largest credit union advocacy organization in the United States, representing nearly 90% of America's 7,400 state and federally chartered credit unions and their 93 million members.

As you noted in your statement, 186 million consumers in 97 counties are served by more than 56,000 credit unions. These member-owned financial cooperatives provide their members access to affordable financial services. Many credit union members otherwise would not have access to these services because of financial or geographic challenges. Across the globe, credit unions are working every day to fulfill the mission, "People Helping People."

We appreciate your recognition of the important role credit unions play in the lives of their members and the good work they are doing throughout the world. We believe that credit unions are the best way for consumers to conduct their financial services, and we look forward to continuing to work with you on initiatives that support that goal.

On behalf of America's credit unions and their 93 million members, thank you very much for your support of credit unions.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Cheney", with a long, sweeping underline.

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