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The Honorable Richard Shelby  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Ranking Democratic Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nita Lowey  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Republican Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Shelby, Ranking Member Leahy, Chairwoman Lowey, and Ranking Member Granger:

On behalf of the Credit Union National Association (CUNA), I urge you to include important House report language in any final appropriations legislation for fiscal year 2019. The Credit Union National Association represents America's credit unions and their more than 115 million members.

CUNA worked with House appropriators last year to include three important report provisions in three different appropriations bills. However, none of these fiscal year 2019 funding bills have been enacted into law.

Below are the three provisions that are most important to credit unions.

**Page 35 of House Report 115-704:**

In this report of the House Appropriations Committee's Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2019, CUNA worked with the Committee to include language regarding Department of Justice guidance on Americans with Disabilities Act website accessibility. The language states, "*The Committee expects the Department to clarify standards for website accessibility requirements pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act in fiscal year 2019. The Committee recognizes the confusion caused by a lack of uniform website accessibility standards. The lack of clear requirements disadvantages small businesses that provide essential services for our communities.*"

**Pages 17 and 40 of House Report 115-829:**

In the report of the House Appropriations Committee's State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2019, CUNA worked to secure the inclusion of language that states, "*The Secretary of State is encouraged to expand opportunities for small businesses or cooperatives to compete for State Department contracts.*" Further, the report states, "*The committee continues to be concerned about the*

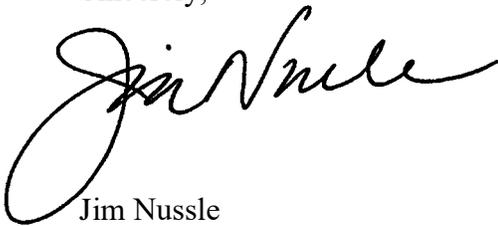
*difficulty with which United States companies, including small, minority-owned, and disadvantaged business enterprises; universities; and non-governmental organizations have in navigating the acquisition and assistance process at USAID. The committee expects that, to the maximum extent practicable, the USAID Administrator shall ensure that the United States small, minority-owned, veteran, and disadvantaged business enterprises and faith-based organizations fully participate in the provision of goods and services especially if they have a proven track record of promoting local self-reliance and democratic governance.”*

**Page 45 of House Report 115-792:**

In the report of the House-passed Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2019, CUNA worked with the Committee to secure the inclusion of language that states, *“Recently, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit found that aspects of the FCC’s most recent interpretation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) in 2015 were arbitrary and capricious. The Committee urges the FCC to clarify the aspects of its 2015 interpretation that were struck down by the court, including reviewing the definition of an automatic dialer and how businesses should treat reassigned numbers.”*

On behalf of America’s credit unions and their 115 million members, thank you for recognizing the importance of this report language and we urge you to include it any legislation to fund the remaining seven appropriations bills for fiscal year 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Nussle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

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