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The Honorable John McCain
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed
United States Senate
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The Honorable James M. Inhofe
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mac Thornberry
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Adam Smith
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator McCain, Senator Reed, Senator Inhofe, Representative Thornberry, and Representative Smith,

On behalf of America's credit unions, I am writing regarding H.R. 5515, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for fiscal year 2019. The Credit Union National Association (CUNA) represents America's credit unions and their 110 million members.

As the only member-owned, democratically controlled option in financial services, credit unions' mission is to promote thrift and provide access to credit for members. It is a mission they have fulfilled for more than 70 years and it's a mission that remains unchanged today. Credit unions are focused on ensuring the financial readiness of our service members and their families.

Credit unions provide a valuable service in meeting the needs of our servicemen and women. The furnishing of office space and/or land (including ATM placement) to on-base credit unions is governed by Section 124 of the Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1770). As such, on-base credit unions have been exempted from the costs related to leases, utilities and services on military bases for many years. Section 2808 of the House version of NDAA was intended to treat Federal or State chartered insured depository institutions equally with respect to the financial terms of leases, services, and utilities. Unfortunately, the definition of "insured depository institutions" excludes credit unions.

While we believe this was an unintended drafting error, the issue was not able to be resolved prior to House passage. The Senate version of the legislation contains no similar provision. Therefore, we oppose the section as adopted by the House and ask that it be removed during conference.

On behalf of America's credit unions and their 110 million members, thank you for your considerations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Nussle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Jim Nussle
President & CEO