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Senator John McCain  
Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee  
218 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Jack Reed  
Ranking Member, Senate Armed Services Committee  
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Representative Mac Thornberry  
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee  
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Representative Adam Smith  
Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee  
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Dear Chairmen McCain and Thornberry and Ranking Members Reed and Smith,

We are writing to request that Section 2808 of the House version of NDAA be removed during conference. This provision 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. This was an unintended drafting error, the issue was not able to be resolved prior to House passage and the Senate version of the legislation contains no similar provision. 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.

We appreciate your consideration and hope this issue will be dispensed with during the conference committee.

Sincerely,

Jackie Speier  
Member of Congress

Paul Cook  
Member of Congress

John Garamendi  
Member of Congress

Ed Royce  
Member of Congress