

January 24, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

The undersigned state banking associations representing our nation's more than 5,700 community banks respectfully urge you to take up and pass S. 2155, the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act, as quickly as possible and free of any amendments that would upset the bipartisan balance of the bill. S. 2155, a robust package of community bank regulatory relief measures, is a rare opening for real, impactful relief that will strengthen economic growth, job creation, and consumer protection. It is the culmination of years of collaborative effort to achieve consensus among members of Congress across the spectrum and community bankers in their home states and districts.

This multipronged regulatory relief bill was driven by a bipartisan coalition of lawmakers, including Senate Banking Committee Chairman Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, and committee Democrats Joe Donnelly of Indiana, Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota, Jon Tester of Montana and Mark Warner of Virginia. The bill currently enjoys support from 11 Republicans, 11 Democrats and one Independent.

S. 2155 passed out of the Senate Banking Committee on December 5 by a vote of 16-7. The bill's bipartisan supporters stood together in opposition to all amendments — even those they supported. This commitment to maintaining the bill's focus on common-sense relief for community banks will be essential in ensuring its passage through the full Senate and beyond. We urge the Senate to seize the opportunity that presents itself today and pass this bill as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alabama Bankers Association, Inc.  
Arkansas Community Bankers  
Arizona Bankers Association  
California Community Banking Network  
Independent Bankers of Colorado  
Florida Bankers Association  
Community Bankers Association of Georgia  
Idaho Bankers Association

Community Bankers Association of Illinois  
Indiana Bankers Association  
Community Bankers of Iowa  
Community Bankers Association of Kansas  
Bluegrass Community Bankers Association  
Louisiana Bankers Association  
Maine Bankers Association  
Maryland Bankers Association  
Massachusetts Bankers Association  
Community Bankers of Michigan  
Independent Community Bankers of Minnesota  
Mississippi Bankers Association  
Missouri Independent Bankers Association  
Montana Independent Bankers  
Nebraska Independent Community Bankers  
New Hampshire Bankers Association  
New Jersey Bankers Association  
Independent Community Bankers Association of New Mexico  
Independent Bankers Association of New York State  
North Carolina Bankers Association  
Independent Community Banks of North Dakota  
Community Bankers Association of Ohio  
Community Bankers Association of Oklahoma  
Oregon Bankers Association  
Pennsylvania Association of Community Bankers  
Independent Banks of South Carolina  
Independent Community Bankers of South Dakota  
Tennessee Bankers Association  
Independent Bankers Association of Texas  
Vermont Bankers Association  
Virginia Association of Community Banks  
Community Bankers of Washington  
Community Bankers of West Virginia  
Wisconsin Bankers Association  
Wyoming Bankers Association

CC: United States Senate