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Representative French Hill
Incoming Chairman
House Financial Services Committee
1533 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Representative Hill,

On behalf of the Defense Credit Union Council (DCUC), which represents nearly 200 defense-focused credit unions serving our nation's military and veteran communities as well as their almost 40 million members, I want to extend my congratulations on your selection as Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee. Your leadership will play a vital role in shaping policies that strengthen our financial system and protect consumers.

As you prepare for the new Congress, I urge you to prioritize two critical, bipartisan issues that are important to the success of the credit union industry and the financial wellbeing of millions of Americans:

Passage of the Credit Union Board Modernization Act

Currently introduced in this session on Congress, this bipartisan legislation would modernize outdated requirements for credit union board meetings, allowing federally chartered credit union boards to meet a minimum of six times per year instead of the current monthly requirement. This common-sense reform would align board meeting requirements with the needs of modern credit union operations, enabling credit unions to direct more resources toward serving their members rather than fulfilling unnecessarily rigid procedural mandates.

The legislation maintains the flexibility for boards to meet more frequently when necessary, ensuring strong oversight and sound governance. This measure passed the House Financial Services Committee with overwhelming bipartisan support in the 118th Congress, and its enactment will provide operational efficiencies for credit unions while maintaining robust accountability.

Permanent Extension of Central Liquidity Facility (CLF) Expansion

During the COVID-19 pandemic, temporary enhancements to the Central Liquidity Facility (CLF) were enacted to provide credit unions with greater access to emergency liquidity. These enhancements allowed corporate credit unions to act as agents, significantly broadening the availability of liquidity resources for natural-person credit unions, especially small and underserved institutions.

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The success of these temporary measures underscores the need for a permanent extension of this expanded authority. Permanently expanding the CLF's capacity will strengthen the resilience of credit unions during future economic crises, ensuring they remain able to meet the needs of their members, including service members, veterans, and their families.

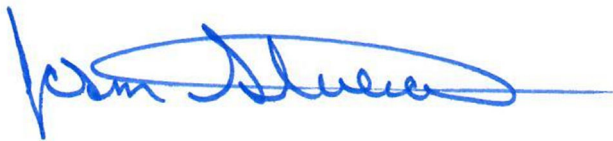
Both of these measures enjoy widespread industry and bipartisan support. They are common-sense solutions that enhance the ability of credit unions to serve their members effectively without additional cost to taxpayers or regulatory complexity.

As you assume your new role, I respectfully urge you to prioritize these two legislative items for swift consideration and passage. Credit unions are vital to the financial readiness of America's military families and a key component of our nation's financial system. By advancing these measures, you will help ensure they continue to thrive and serve their communities.

We stand ready to work with you and the committee to find solutions that protect consumers without undermining the mission and integrity of credit unions. Thank you for the opportunity to bring these matters to your attention.

Should you or your team have any questions or desire additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202.557.8528 or by email at jstverak@dcuc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Stverak", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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