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Body (please personalize the bracketed areas to ensure your letter is not overlooked):

My name is [] from [].

Good affordable credit is essential to the health of our nation's neighborhoods. Financial institutions must be held accountable to participate in the real economy by offering quality loans and community investments. Thank you for initiating the process of updating the Community Reinvestment Act.

The past decade has shown how devastating high-cost, predatory credit can be to our nation. Toxic credit that was targeted to low-income and communities of color caused pushed our entire economy to the brink of collapse and has left in its wake devastation in the form of rampant unemployment, faltering state and local budgets miles of foreclosures and abandoned buildings.

[My credit was ruined because my daughter paid Bank of America via Western Union, and they sent the payment to Welles Fargo. My name guaranteed the mortgage, so my credit was impacted as the B Of A callers harrassed me for two months. It took four months for this to be resolved altho it was immediately discovered, all parties were notified. Late fees of \$400 were charged and Bof A will not change that. This happened on Oct. 28 and W. Union is finally offering some compensation. But they can't be involved in changing the credit score. Welles Fargo had \$1500 for 3 months and the B of A charged late fees. The only people you can talk to are in a foreign country and can only recite from a script. I was refused being able to talk to anyone in charge at B of A - only a faxed letter could be sent. After four months, my request for forgiveness of the fees was responded to with a form letter refusal.]

It is imperative that the banks, many of them the very ones who caused this crisis, repair the damage and continue to do good business in our communities. An updated and modernized Community Reinvestment Act can help.

We need:

* Real Accountability and Fairness for Banks. Banks like Bank of America and Wells Fargo that took down our economy should not receive outstanding ratings. Banks should no longer be allowed to pick which of their areas they are graded on or which parts of their companies get looked at.

* Banks must get failing grades if they discriminate by offering toxic loans, less credit, worse credit or inadequate services to African-American and Latino communities.

* Strengthen the requirements for banks to work with us. If they are not doing their jobs, we will be the first to know. We need to be able to challenge the banks directly to meet our credit needs.

Sincerely,