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

My name is [Carla Rautenberg].

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.

[I have lived in the same beautiful community all my life. Now thanks to fraud by mortgage companies and banks, my street has many vacant houses. My own home, which I fully paid off ten years ago, is now worth less than half of what it was, even though the area never experienced the great housing price inflation that took place on the coasts. I have never used a home equity loan or line of credit. Foreclosures are destroying neighborhoods and entire cities. There are plenty of people like me who never gambled in real estate, who always paid our bills and taxes on time, who have played by the rules, and we're being hurt just as much as the deadbeats. Meanwhile, the CROOKS that run our banks and buy our politicians are taking ever bigger bonuses. I am 63 years old, and now we're told that all of this will have to be paid for out of our Social Security and Medicare. I don't think so.]

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,

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