

From: Marcia Halligan
Subject: CRA Regulations Hearings

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My name is [Marcia Halligan _____] from [__, _____].

Good affordable credit remains 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 shows how devastating high-cost, predatory credit can be to our nation. Toxic credit targeted to low-income and communities of color pushed our entire economy to the brink of collapse and left in its wake devastation in the form of rampant unemployment, faltering state and local budgets miles of foreclosures and abandoned buildings.

[Luckily community banks and credit unions insulated our community from the worst effects. However, we all suffer from the economic misery that affects all of our communities. _____ ADD PERSONAL/LOCAL STORY ABOUT HOW BANKS HAVE HURT YOUR COMMUNITY _____]

It is imperative that the banks, many of them the very ones who caused this crisis, repair the damage and support businesses 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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