Meeting Between Staff of the Federal Reserve and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Representatives of CRE Finance Council (CREFC)
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Summary: Staff of the Federal Reserve Board, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and the Securities and Exchange Commission met with representatives of the CREFC to discuss the re-proposed rules to implement the requirements of section 941 of the Dodd-Frank Act.

The CREFC representatives presented their overall views of how the proposed risk retention rules would potentially impact commercial mortgage-backed securities (“CMBS”). Specifically, representatives of CREFC presented views with respect to the Closing Date Projected Cash Flow and Projected Principal Repayment Rate test for CMBS B-piece retention investments; requirements when using two third-party purchasers to satisfy CMBS risk retention rules; risk retention pertaining to single borrower or single creditor CMBS deals; the definition and parameters of Qualifying Commercial Real Estate Loans; and the voting quorum threshold required for replacing CMBS special servicers.