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The Honorable Kevin Brady
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Richard Neal
Ranking Member
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Tomorrow's Hearing: *How Tax Reform Will Grow Our Economy and Create Jobs*

Dear Chairman Brady and Ranking Member Neal:

On behalf of the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions (NAFCU), the only national trade association that exclusively represents the federal interests of federally-insured credit unions, I write regarding the hearing tomorrow entitled "How Tax Reform Will Grow Our Economy and Create Jobs."

As the Committee considers tax reform, NAFCU wants to remind you of the economic benefit of the credit union tax exemption to the greater economy. Credit unions are a vital part of the financial services industry and provide their nearly 110 million members financial opportunities they may not otherwise have access to. The cumulative benefit credit unions provide the greater economy totals \$16 billion a year according to an independent study released by NAFCU in 2017. You can read the study at: www.nafcu.org/cutaxexemption.

The study also shows that altering the tax status of credit unions would have a devastating impact not only on credit union members across the country, but also on consumers and small businesses in general. Eliminating the credit union tax exemption would result in the loss of 90,000 jobs a year, a shrinking of the GDP, and a net loss of revenue to the federal government.

Simply put, the credit union tax exemption helps grow the greater economy and create jobs. During the financial crisis, credit unions continued to lend to consumers and small businesses that were left behind by other lenders. Credit unions are pleased to play a key role in delivering growth and financial opportunity for all Americans.

It is with these facts in mind that we ask you to continue to recognize credit unions as an important cog in our nation's economic well-being and urge you to protect the credit union tax exemption during tax reform. We thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me or NAFCU's Vice President of Legislative Affairs Brad Thaler at bthaler@nafcu.org or (703) 842-2204.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the House Ways and Means Committee