



November 23, 2021

Ohio Congressional Delegation:

On behalf of the collective interests of Ohio's 237 credit unions and their more than three million members, the Ohio Credit Union League (OCUL) is writing to request your support of H.R. 2311, the Credit Union Governance Modernization Act, and H.R. 5911, the Fair Hiring in Banking Act. These bills will advance the Credit Union Movement by applying common-sense solutions that empower credit unions to better manage their most valuable assets: their membership and employees.

H.R. 2311, the Credit Union Governance Modernization Act, would amend the Federal Credit Union Act to streamline how credit unions expel members who pose a threat to the credit unions or engage in illegal activity. Under current law, a full vote of the credit union membership is required to oust an unruly member. This bill would change that requirement to empower the credit union's management team and board of directors to determine the most optimal path forward. While removing a member is a rare occasion, the current requirements are impractical. This simple yet significant change will allow Ohio credit unions to get back to doing what they do best, protecting their membership from abusive and bad actors.

H.R. 5911, the Fair Hiring in Banking Act, will provide credit unions and other financial institutions with more flexibility when hiring individuals with past minor criminal offenses. Credit unions are committed to reducing barriers to employment and giving individuals a second chance. In a difficult employee retention and hiring environment, Ohio credit unions continue searching for potential employees who are drawn to the "people helping people" philosophy, and this bill will afford more individuals the opportunity to serve their communities by working at a credit union. We also want to express our sincere gratitude and thanks to Representative Joyce Beatty for leading this important initiative.

Thank you for your careful consideration of supporting H.R. 2311 and H.R. 5911. OCUL looks forward to engaging with you and your office on further ways to help credit unions foster financial well-being for all people, families, and communities.

Please reach out to us directly should you have any questions or need additional assistance.

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Paul L. Mercer
President

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Jared K. Weiser
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