

# ALABAMA

Alabama's credit unions are non-profit, member-owned financial institutions promoting the well-being of our members. Profits are returned to the community in the form of reduced fees, higher savings rates, and lower loan rates. This investment in local communities fosters economic growth by providing small business loans and addressing the financial needs of our members.



## ALABAMA CREDIT UNIONS



**2.7M**

Credit Union Members



**\$640M**

Delivered in  
Financial Benefits



**96**

Total Number of  
Credit Unions



**\$270M**

in Tax Revenue Back  
to Alabama in 2022



**13K**

Jobs Supported by  
Credit Unions in 2022



**\$2.4B**

Total Economic Impact

## CREDIT UNION MEMBERS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Congressional District 1:

**394,954**

Congressional District 2:

**390,558**

Congressional District 3:

**364,290**

Congressional District 4:

**410,563**

Congressional District 5:

**481,851**

Congressional District 6:

**376,338**

Congressional District 7:

**281,454**

Total Number of Alabama Credit Union Members:

**2,700,008**



# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## 1. OPPOSE THE CREDIT CARD COMPETITION ACT

*The Credit Card Competition Act* [S. 1838/H.R. 3881] is an effort to regulate the credit card routing market, making the payments system less secure and leaving consumer data vulnerable to fraud. As financial institutions remain responsible for fraud and data security losses that stem from breaches caused by retailers who do not secure their payment data, interchange fees cover the cost of fraud detection, credit monitoring, fraudulent purchase protection, and more.

***Senate/House Ask:*** Please reject efforts to advance or grow support for this legislation. Please consider enacting nationwide data security legislation that will protect consumers' data.



## 2. SUPPORT FSGG LANGUAGE TO CUT DOWN ON FINANCIAL FRAUD

Language included in the Financial Services and General Government (FSGG) bill urges the Treasury Department to establish a public-private partnership with the goal of enhancing Americans' financial security and reducing financial fraud and scam schemes. This partnership would involve financial institutions, state and federal regulators, consumer protection agencies, law enforcement, trade associations, and other stakeholders. Together, these entities would work to increase information sharing, develop best practices, raise educational awareness of fraud schemes, and promote innovation in counter-fraud technologies.

***Senate/House Ask:*** Please support the FSGG bill on the floor and assist credit unions in protecting consumers against fraud.



## 3. INCREASE CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF CFPB

Bringing the Agency under the traditional appropriations process, as opposed to its current funding from the Federal Reserve, and requiring a Senate-confirmed Inspector General would increase accountability. Establishing a five-member Board of Directors for the CFPB, as opposed to the current single Director-led structure, would provide consistency among other financial regulators and allow a more diverse and deliberative decision-making process.

***Senate Ask:*** Please support S. 915 and other related legislation upon introduction.

***House Ask:*** Please cosponsor and support H.R. 1382, H.R. 1410, and H.R. 1411.



## 4. REVERSE EFFORTS TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO CRITICAL OVERDRAFT SERVICES

The CFPB has introduced a proposal that would cap overdraft fees, eliminate competition in the financial services marketplace, and push consumers into the hands of predatory lenders. Efforts to restrict access to critical overdraft services will inhibit credit unions from helping members overcome unexpected financial emergencies and manage their daily lives.

***Senate/House Ask:*** Please sign on to letters preserving access to financial services led by House Financial Services Committee Chairman Patrick McHenry.



## 5. SUPPORT THE VETERAN MEMBER BUSINESS LOAN ACT

Credit unions are currently only able to lend up to 12.25% of their assets due to outdated law. The *Veteran Member Business Loan Act* [S. 539/H.R. 4867] would exempt loans made to veteran-owned businesses from this cap, allowing credit unions to better serve those who defend and protect us. Veterans have cited accessing capital as a top challenge in starting and growing a business, and 60% of veteran-owned businesses report facing a financing shortfall (receiving less financing than requested).

***Senate/House Ask:*** Please cosponsor S. 539/H.R. 4867 and support passage of this legislation.

