

GEORGIA

Georgia credit unions provide families with access to low-cost loans to help with emergency bills. They protect families from predatory lenders by helping with affordable but responsible short-term loans when hit with unexpected medical debt, surprise medical billing, job loss, or other emergencies.



GEORGIA CREDIT UNIONS



2.2M

Credit Union Members



\$355M

Delivered in
Financial Benefits



80

Total Number of
Credit Unions



\$304M

in Tax Revenue Back
to Georgia in 2022



87%

Credit Union Branches
in Diverse Areas



\$3B

Total Economic Impact

CREDIT UNION MEMBERS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Congressional District 1:

191,377

Congressional District 2:

202,169

Congressional District 3:

167,944

Congressional District 4:

138,411

Congressional District 5:

132,135

Congressional District 6:

124,203

Congressional District 7:

130,610

Congressional District 8:

198,180

Congressional District 9:

140,670

Congressional District 10:

142,312

Congressional District 11:

180,585

Congressional District 12:

158,750

Congressional District 13:

171,201

Congressional District 14:

174,676

Total Number of Georgia Credit Union Members:

2,253,223



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.

