

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 20, 2020

Honorable Russell Golden
Chairman
Financial Accounting Standards Board
401 Merritt 7
Norwalk, CT 06856

Re: Delaying Further CECL Implementation During Coronavirus Outbreak

Dear Chairman Golden,

Yesterday, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Chair McWilliams sent a letter to the Financial Accounting Standards Board urging delay of the Current Expected Credit Loss (CECL) accounting standard for certain financial institutions.

As you know, CECL has created uncertainty for many financial institutions throughout the country. And it is questionable the CECL accounting standard reflects good accounting theory and appropriately matches expenses with revenue. However, one thing is clear. CECL should not be adopted during the current coronavirus outbreak and economic downturn. It would hurt our economy at a time of crisis.

Certainly, CECL needs additional testing and review, and this cannot be adequately done during the current crisis.

Sincerely,



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Chairman
Subcommittee on Investor Protection,
Entrepreneurship and Capital Markets
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**CC: The Hon. Jay Clayton, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission
Mr. Sagar Teotia, Chief Accountant, Securities and Exchange Commission**