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CBA E-News

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Dear Members, Associate Members and Friends,

This year more than ever, the community bank voice needs to be heard and that means community bankers need to be seen by Washington policy makers and influencers. Our country, our economy and our industry are adjusting to new realities; which open the door to new opportunities.

ICBA is hosting the 2012 Washington Policy Summit April 24-26, 2012 and you are encouraged to come to Washington to participate in this monumental annual event. Come join the many community bankers from across Kansas and the country to meet with our nation's policy makers, meet with agency representatives and have the opportunity to have your voice be heard.

Registration is required and space is limited so please act quickly to reserve your spot. The details are outlined below. We encourage you to actively participate in this powerful opportunity to represent your community and our industry.

Please, consider joining us!

Shawn



2012 ICBA Washington Policy Summit

The Dates: April 24-26, 2012

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How to Register:

To register online for the Washington Policy Summit [click here](#) to login and complete the form. After submitting your registration form you will receive a confirmation email. If you prefer a hard copy registration form [click here to print](#) and fax it back to 320-352-5567.

Hotel Reservations

It is important that you reserve a guest room as soon as possible

- To call and make reservations, call the Gaylord National's reservation number at 301-965-4000 and select option 2 for meetings. Provided ICBA's group code A-AWP12 to receive the group rate of \$250 single/double deluxe room; \$290 for guaranteed atrium view. A one night's room deposit is required at the time a reservation is made. A resort fee of \$15 per day will be charged which covers local and toll free calls (for the first 20 minutes), internet access, daily newspaper, in-room bottled water and fitness center access. To make online reservations [click here](#) to get the ICBA group rate, the code will automatically populate.
- In the event the Gaylord is full, ICBA has secured limited rooms at the Westin Washington National Harbor, which is located next door to the Gaylord and is within easy walking distance. A nightly room rate of \$239 has been negotiated for our group. Please contact the Westin at 888-627-8104 and ask for the ICBA/2012 Washington Policy Summit room block or visit <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/ICE24A> in order to secure your accommodations.

Community Bankers Association of Kansas Legislative Update

February, 2012

Overview

The 2012 Legislative Session got off to a fast start on January 9. The Governor delivered his State of the State address on January 11 and the budget was released on January 12. Since that time, the session has seen a tremendous number of bill and issues. Right now, the Legislature is racing toward the February 24 mid-point of the session. I will provide a summary of where we are on some of the key statewide issues and the issues related to financial institutions.

[Click here for full report](#)

Finer Points: The Courage to Speak Out

The statement below made by the eminent economist J.K. Galbraith refers to the excesses on Wall Street that preceded the Great Depression, but it could have been made in our own time. The statement perfectly encapsulates the culture of Wall Street, as we have all found out, bitterly, once again. I am proud that ICBA and the community banking sector did NOT stay silent.



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The I Love My Community Bank campaign is a grassroots-style social media campaign offering consumers and small businesses the ability to evangelize their experiences with their own community bank. Its goal is to provide a creative forum for consumers and small businesses to proclaim their bragging rights on how choosing a community bank gives them distinct advantages.

Consumers and small businesses can post comments, upload photos, and deliver video testimonials via the one-of-a-kind interactive website - www.ilovemycommunitybank.com.

Would you like to participate? Sign up your bank by following the link: <http://www.icba.org/love/>

Community Bankers Holding Off CU Push on Two Fronts

ICBA and the nation's community banks have been working overtime to hold off the credit union industry's two-tiered power grab. Nearly 12,000 community bankers and their allies have signed ICBA's petition opposing legislation to expand credit unions'

business-lending authority.

In an [American Banker op-ed](#), ICBA Chairman Salvatore Marranca raised awareness of the latest credit union push-a bill that would allow the tax-exempt institutions to raise supplemental capital. Reps. Peter King (R-N.Y.) and Brad Sherman (D-Calif.) last week introduced [H.R. 3993](#) to authorize the National Credit Union Administration to allow eligible credit unions to do just that. The bill states that the capital accounts do not alter the cooperative nature of credit unions, are uninsured and are subordinate to all other claims.

Meanwhile, ICBA Executive Vice President of Congressional Relations and Chief Economist Paul Merski was quoted by [National Journal](#) and [American Banker](#) on the credit unions' tactics.

ICBA continues to encourage community bankers to sign the petition and to contact their members of Congress in opposition to the Small Business Lending and Enhancement Act of 2011 (H.R. 1418/S. 509). The bill would increase the statutory member-business-lending cap for credit unions from 12.25 percent to 27.5 percent of total assets.

[Sign the Petition.](#)

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