

April 17, 2023

The Honorable Jason Smith
Chairman
House Committee on Ways and Means
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Richard Neal
Ranking Member
House Committee on Ways and Means
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Ron Wyden
Chairman
Senate Committee on Finance
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Michael Crapo
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Finance
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairmen Smith and Wyden and Ranking Members Neal and Crapo:

On behalf of the American Bankers Association¹ (ABA), I am writing to express our strong support for the bipartisan New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Extension Act (H.R. 2539/ S. 234) sponsored by Representatives Claudia Tenney (R-NY-24) and Terri Sewell (D-AL-7) and Senators Ben Cardin (D-MD) and Steve Daines (R-MT). By making NMTC permanent, our nation's small businesses, investors, and community development professionals will have consistent access to the vital resources needed to improve our nation's communities while generating long-term economic growth.

NMTC is an important source of financing for critical community development projects such as childcare facilities, health centers, vocational programs, and small business incubators. NMTC has a twenty-year track record of providing flexible incentives for economic development, meeting the ever-evolving needs of diverse industries and communities across the country. This act would allow banks and other stakeholders deliver substantial investment and promote greater economic growth in economically distressed rural, urban, and tribal communities.

These proposals have garnered strong bipartisan support in both the House and Senate, and ABA urges all Members of Congress to please join in cosponsoring these important pieces of legislation. ABA further requests quick consideration of these bills in both the Ways and Means and Finance Committees.

Sincerely,



¹ The American Bankers Association is the voice of the nation's \$23.6 trillion banking industry, which is composed of small, regional, and large banks that together employ more than 2 million people, safeguard \$19.4 trillion in deposits, and extend \$12 trillion in loans. Learn more at www.aba.com.

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Members of the Senate Committee on Finance