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H. R. 1849

To amend the Federal Credit Union Act and the Small Business Act to improve small business lending, improve cooperation between the National Credit Union Administration and the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2007

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Credit Union Small
5 Business Lending Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REVISION OF REGULATORY TREATMENT FOR SBA**
 2 **LOANS BY CREDIT UNIONS.**

3 Section 107A(c)(1)(B) of the Federal Credit Union
 4 Act (12 U.S.C. 1757a(c)(1)(B)) is amended—

5 (1) at the end of clause (iv), by striking “or”;

6 (2) at the end of clause (v), by striking the pe-
 7 riod and inserting “; or”; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following new
 9 clause:

10 “(vi) any loan made in cooperation
 11 with the Small Business Administration
 12 under section 7(a) of the Small Business
 13 Act, without regard to whether any portion
 14 of such loan is guaranteed or not by the
 15 Administrator of such Administration.”.

16 **SEC. 3. CREDIT UNION OUTREACH PROGRAM.**

17 Section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
 18 636(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

19 “(32) CREDIT UNION OUTREACH PROGRAM.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator
 21 shall carry out a program to provide outreach
 22 and assistance to credit unions for the purpose
 23 of increasing the participation of credit unions
 24 in the 7(a) program.

25 “(B) SIMPLIFIED APPLICATION PROC-
 26 ESS.—In carrying out a program under this

paragraph, the Administrator shall take such actions, as appropriate, to simplify the application process for credit union participation in the 7(a) program

“(C) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Administrator shall submit to Congress an annual report on the efforts made by the Administration to increase the participation of credit unions in the 7(a) program.”.

SEC. 4. CREDIT UNION LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM.

Section 7(a) of the Small Business Act, as amended by section 3, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(33) CREDIT UNION LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall carry out a program to provide a guaranty of up to 85 percent for loans made by credit unions to members of those credit unions. To be eligible for the program—

“(i) the amount of the loan may not exceed \$250,000; and

“(ii) the member must reside in an underserved area, or the business assisted by a loan made under this subsection to a

1 member must be located in an underserved
2 area.

3 “(B) DEFINITION.—In this paragraph, the
4 term ‘underserved area’ means a geographic
5 area consisting of one or more population cen-
6 sus tracts, that encompass or are located with-
7 in—

8 “(i) an investment area designated
9 under section 103(16) of the Community
10 Development Banking and Financial Insti-
11 tutions Act of 1994; or

12 “(ii) a low income community, as de-
13 fined in section 45D(e) of the Internal
14 Revenue Code of 1986.”.

15 **SEC. 5. CREDIT UNION PARTICIPATION IN THE SECTION 504**
16 **PROGRAM.**

17 Section 107(5)(A)(iii) of the Federal Credit Union
18 Act (12 U.S.C. 1757(5)(A)(iii)) is amended by inserting
19 “, and applicable regulations,” after “specified in the
20 law”.

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