December 10, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the more than 52,000 community bank locations represented by ICBA, I write to thank you for scheduling Senate floor consideration of the nomination of Justin Muzinich to serve as Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Treasury Department. ICBA and community banks urge all members of the Senate to vote YES on the confirmation of Mr. Muzinich.

Having met Mr. Muzinich, I believe him to be a highly qualified, dedicated, and thoughtful public servant with a strong interest in economic and financial policy. Importantly, he recognizes the critical role played by community banks in creating access to consumer and small business credit and supporting prosperity in American communities. Mr. Muzinich expressed particular interest in promoting the creation of de novo bank charters. This perspective would be strongly welcome in our diverse financial landscape.

The Treasury faces a full agenda of fiscal, tax, financial regulatory, housing policy, trade, anti-money laundering and terrorist financing, and other important issues. It is critical that the Department have a highly qualified Deputy Secretary in place to help manage these issues and develop sound policy that will promote our continued American prosperity.

I believe that Mr. Muzinich would make an excellent Deputy Treasury Secretary and urge all Senators to support his confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/

Rebeca Romero Rainey
President & CEO

CC: Members of the United States Senate