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The Honorable Paul D. Ryan  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Democratic Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Democratic Leader Pelosi:

On behalf of the nearly 5,700 community banks represented by the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA), I write to thank you for scheduling floor consideration of the Cooperate with Law Enforcement Agencies and Watch Act of 2018 (H.R. 5783), sponsored by Reps. French Hill and Bill Foster, which would provide a safe harbor for financial institutions that maintain a customer account at the written request of a federal or state law enforcement agency. This bill was passed by the Financial Services Committee on a vote of 55-0 on June 7. ICBA urges all members of the House to vote YES on H.R. 5783.

H.R. 5783 provides that when federal or state law enforcement requests in writing that a financial institution keep a customer account open as part of an investigation, a federal or state regulator may not take adverse supervisory action against the institution for this reason. H.R. 5783 will promote cooperation between financial institutions and law enforcement.

Thank you again for scheduling floor consideration of H.R. 5783. We hope that it will pass the House with unanimous support and be sent to the Senate.

Sincerely,

/s/

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CC: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives

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