



## CBAO to Meet with Ohio Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C.

Columbus, OH, April 12, 2017 – [Community Bankers Association of Ohio \(CBAO\)](#) announced today they will be heading to Washington, D.C., along with leadership from Ohio’s community banks, to meet with members of the Ohio Congressional Delegation to discuss regulatory changes for community banks.

CBAO and its members will be joining [Independent Community Bankers of America® \(ICBA\)](#) at their [2017 Capital Summit](#) April 30 – May 3, to advocate for change regarding capital access, regulatory & tax relief, mortgage reform, and agricultural lending through ICBA’s [Plan for Prosperity](#) legislative platform.

“The regulatory changes that were established after the 2008 financial crisis did not regard community banks which are smaller, efficient operations that have been handicapped by legislation enacted to protect consumers from predatory practices carried out by megabanks”, said Robert Palmer, president & CEO of CBAO. “Our goal is to propose revisions that will alleviate unnecessary burdens on true community banks so they can focus on providing the personal, family-oriented service Americans have come to expect from community banks.”

The ICBA Capital Summit (*formerly the ICBA Washington Policy Summit*) is where ICBA and community bankers from across the U.S. converge to discuss key issues with legislative stakeholders and influence change for the industry.

Aza Bittinger, Jr., CBAO’s Senior Vice President explained, “The Capital Summit is a tremendous opportunity for Ohio’s community bankers to voice their concerns about the challenges they face with political leaders they may not have the chance to meet in person.”

He continued, “It has been CBAO’s mission for over 40 years to protect and promote the interests of Ohio’s community banks. We are very optimistic about our meetings and look forward to sharing our message and showing the strength and unity of community bankers.”

CBAO has already scheduled several meetings with Ohio’s political stakeholders in Washington, and will finalize their agenda in the next few weeks.

Mr. Palmer and Mr. Bittinger would like to take a moment to recognize [United Bankers Bank](#) for their partnership during this year’s trip. Their participation supports community banking, and especially Ohio’s community bankers.

Mr. Palmer concluded, “Community banks have a respect and a deep commitment to their communities. Unlike with big, national chains, when consumers bank with their community bank, their money is put to work directly in their neighborhood by supporting local families and businesses.”

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