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CBAO recently joined 37 other state and national trade associations on a letter to every member of the U.S. House and U.S. Senate opposing S. 509/H.R. 1418 (the Small Business Lending Enhancement Act of 2011). If S. 509/H.R. 1418 becomes law, credit unions would be permitted to expand the legal cap on "member business loans" from 12.25% to 27.5% of assets.

The letter emphasized that the Small Business Lending Enhancement Act of 2011 (S. 509/H.R. 1418) should not be implemented while credit unions remain subsidized by American taxpayers through their tax-exempt status.

The letter further noted that only a handful of the very largest, most complex credit unions are at or near the current lending cap, and 70% report no member business loans at all. Therefore, there is already ample capacity for credit unions to expand lending if they choose.