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Illinois political action continues during summer Congressional, state recesses

Naperville, IL., September 23, 2009 – Credit union political activists from Illinois were busy visiting state and Congressional lawmakers in their local districts this summer.

Two such meetings have included the offices of Congressman Bill Foster (D-14, Batavia) and Illinois State Representative Kay Hatcher (R-50, Yorkville). Both lawmakers represent suburban and rural areas west of Chicago.

Congressman Foster was provided with an update on key legislative and regulatory issues and priorities. These included maintaining the independence of the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) and the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF), credit union opposition to several proposals related to interchange fees, and support of member business lending cap relief.

This was a key meeting, as Congressman Foster serves on the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit of the U.S. House Financial Services Committee. In addition to Illinois Credit Union League (ICUL) staff, DuPage Credit Union (Naperville), Earthmover Credit Union (Aurora) and Illinois Community Credit Union (Sycamore) were represented at the meeting. There are more than 150,000 credit union members that live and work in the 14th Congressional district that Foster represents.

The visit with Representative Hatcher was planned as more of a credit union orientation, as she is a freshman lawmaker after taking office just earlier this year. Staff from the League, Earthmover Credit Union and Illinois Community Credit Union were also in attendance at this meeting and took the opportunity to discuss with the representative credit union principles and how they serve everyday consumers.

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Note: The Illinois Credit Union League (ICUL) is the primary trade association for credit unions in Illinois, which provides members with information, legislation and education. Membership is open to any credit union operating in accordance with the Illinois Credit Union Act or the Federal Credit Union Act. There are 416 credit unions in Illinois with more than 2.7 million members.