



Community Bankers Association of Illinois
Department of Governmental Relations

ACTION ALERT – CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSMEN NOW TO SUPPORT RESCUE BILL

REVISED FINANCIAL RESCUE BILL UP FOR VOTE TONIGHT IN SENATE AND FRIDAY IN HOUSE

The Senate version of the \$700 billion financial rescue bill that will be voted on tonight will include a temporary increase in deposit insurance coverage to \$250,000 which will help keep deposits in community banks and bolster consumer confidence. CBAI has long supported a permanent increase in the coverage limit and welcomes this provision. The measure is also expected to contain other important provisions that CBAI and ICBA lobbied diligently to include:

- provides community banks access to the relief program to sell problem mortgage assets;
- allows community banks to take Fannie and Freddie preferred stock losses against ordinary income;
- allows rescue funds to be used to help community banks whose capital positions are most seriously affected by losses on Freddie and Fannie preferred stock;
- prohibits Treasury from establishing future guarantee programs for money market mutual funds; and
- gives the SEC the authorization to suspend the mark-to market accounting rules, and conduct a 90-day study on the effects of those rules and make recommendations to Congress.

In addition, yesterday the SEC and FASB issued new guidance whereby mortgage-backed securities that have no market value can be valued based on their estimated future cash flow (mark-to-market relief).

Please contact Senators Durbin and Obama and your U.S. Representative to urge their support for HR 1424. Below is a list of the Illinois House delegation and how they voted on the initial House proposal on Monday that was defeated by a vote of 228-206. Please thank those members that voted *yes*, and ask them to remain a *yes* for the Thursday vote. Please encourage the *no* votes to vote *yes* on the revised bill.

Illinois House Members voting *Yes* on initial proposal: Bean (D-8), Davis (D-7), Emanuel (D-5), Foster (D-14), Hare (D-17), Gutierrez (D-4), Kirk (R-10), Lahood (R-18), and Schakowsky (D-9).

Illinois House Members voting *No* on initial proposal: Biggert (R-13), Costello (D-12), Jackson (D-2), Johnson (R-15), Lipinski (D-3), Manzullo (D-16), Roskam (R-6), Rush (D-1), and Shimkus (R-19).

Congressman Weller was the only member of the House not to vote.

Here are two options to contact your Senators and Representative to urge their support for the rescue bill. Please encourage your officers and directors to participate as well:

- 1) A letter has been prepared on Cap Wiz that you can personalize and send via email. [Click Here](#) to access the letter; or
- 2) You can call the Senate and House switchboards to connect to congressional offices:

Senate switchboard (202) 224-3121

House switchboard (202) 225-3121