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CBAI Chairman Loftus Attends Meeting with Fed Governor Duke

Discussion Focused on Exam Environment, Wall Street Reform Act Exemptions, and Lending

SPRINGFIELD, IL (September 17, 2010) – **CBAI Chairman Robin Loftus, executive vice president of Security Bank sb, Springfield**, attended a meeting with **Federal Reserve Governor Elizabeth Duke** on Tuesday, September 14 on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA). The meeting was part of its series with bank regulators in Washington. During the meeting, the members of ICBA’s Regulation Review Committee, which also included **former CBAI Chairman Jim Ashworth, president of Carlinville National Bank**, discussed a series of key community banking issues with Governor Duke, including the harsh exam environment, community bank exemptions under the Wall Street Reform Act, community bank lending, the FASB mark-to-market proposal, and overdraft protection plan regulation.

“I was honored to represent community banks across the nation during the meeting with Governor Duke,” said Loftus. “Our nation’s nearly 8,000 community banks remain pivotal to America’s economic recovery, and the issues discussed during the meeting will go a long way in helping community banks continue to serve the needs of our local communities. During my time in Washington, I specifically stressed to regulators that the harsh regulatory environment will only hinder our lending during this critical time — something that is counterproductive to America’s economic recovery efforts.”

After the meeting with Governor Duke, the community banker delegation visited the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to discuss other important issues facing the community banking industry, such as the state of the Deposit Insurance Fund, the new FDIC resolution authority under the Wall Street Reform Act and new assessment rates for banks. Meetings with the Fed and FDIC followed discussions with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

CBAI and ICBA will continue to stress these important issues, especially as regulators begin the rule-writing process for the Wall Street Reform Act, which was signed into law in July.

About CBAI

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About ICBA

The Independent Community Bankers of America, the nation’s voice for community banks, represents nearly 5,000 community banks of all sizes and charter types throughout the United States and is dedicated exclusively to representing the interests of the community banking industry and the communities and customers we serve. For more information, visit www.icba.org.