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Report on July CBAI Staff Visit to Washington, D.C.

CBAI's SVP Federal Governmental Relations David Schroeder was in Washington, D.C. throughout the week of July 16. During these quarterly visits to Washington, Schroeder calls on every office of the Illinois Congressional Delegation to engage in informational discussions on important issues for Illinois community banks. In addition, Schroeder met with staff at the Office of Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) and Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) senior government relations staff.

Schroeder emphasized the need to quickly implement the community-bank regulatory relief contained in S. 2155, the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act which was recently signed into law. Schroeder also highlighted additional, meaningful, regulatory relief measures for community banks that are worthy of consideration, the importance of payments-system improvements that do not discriminate against community banks, as well as sound principals for GSE reform, support for rural America, and halting the unwarranted expansion of credit unions and the Farm Credit System. [Read More About the Policy Priorities Discussed at These Hill Meetings.](#)

Schroeder was particularly pleased to meet with the new Chief of Staff (Dean Peterson) and Financial Services Legislative Assistant (David Simons) for Congressman Randy Hultgren (R-14th). Congressman Hultgren is a member of the House Financial Services Committee and has led many of the Committee's legislative initiatives which have benefited community banks.



Left to right – Dean Peterson (Chief of Staff), David Simons (Legislative Assistant) and David Schroeder (CBAI)

This quarterly visit coincided with the Illinois State Society's Bicentennial Celebration Reception Honoring the Illinois Congressional Delegation which included the presentation of Congressional Intern

Scholarships, and the Illinois Constituent Coffee which was hosted by Senators Richard Durbin and Tammy Duckworth. Both of these events were opportunities for Schroeder to visit with Illinois Members of Congress and their staffs in a more informal setting.



Illinois State Society Reception



Left to right – Congresswoman Robin Kelly (D-IL-02), Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL) and Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)