



Community Bankers Association of Illinois
Department of Governmental Relations

**PRESIDENT BUSH SIGNS THE REVISED FINANCIAL RESCUE BILL (H.R. 1424)
AFTER IT PASSED U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY A VOTE OF 263-171**

This victory would not have been possible without the efforts of all CBAI members who called, emailed, and faxed letters and comments to members of Congress in support of this Financial Rescue Bill. Your perseverance and diligence paid off and H.R. 1424 is now law.

H.R. 1424 contains many provisions that will help community banks during this crisis. These provisions would not have made it into this bill without constant pressure and lobbying in Washington D.C. by the ICBA. Our thanks go out to the ICBA for the work they did on this proposal and the provisions they insisted be a part of this bill.

H.R. 1424 addresses key Main Street priorities:

- Increases FDIC insurance limit from \$100,000 to \$250,000 through December 31, 2009;
- Ensures that community banks will have access to the Troubled Assets Relief Program (TARP) to purchase problem mortgage assets;
- Allows community banks to take capital losses against ordinary income for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac preferred share losses;
- Authorizes the SEC to suspend mark-to-market accounting rules;
- Allows TARP to assist community banks that suffered the most serious impact to capital as a result of losses on GSE preferred stock;
- Prohibits the Treasury from establishing future guarantee programs for money market mutual funds; and
- Allows the Fed to pay interest on bank sterile reserves beginning October 1, 2008 (three years earlier than previously permitted).

Please contact Senators Durbin and Obama to thank them for their support for H.R. 1424 in the Senate. Below is a list of the Illinois House delegation that voted *yes* on this proposal. Please contact these members and thank them for their *yes* vote.

Illinois House Members voting *Yes* on H.R. 1424: Bean (D-8), Biggert (R-13), Davis (D-7), Emanuel (D-5), Foster (D-14), Gutierrez (D-4), Hare (D-17), Jackson (D-2), Kirk (R-10), Lahood (R-18), Rush (D-1), Schakowsky (D-9), and Weller (R-11).

[Click here](#) for contact information for these members.

Again, this proposal would not have succeeded without the intense grassroots lobbying efforts of community banks. Thank you for all your efforts.