

## HR 1697

Communities First Act

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**Chamber:** House

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Rep. Kissell, Larry [D-NC-8]	D · NC		Feb 8, 2012
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	R · TX		Feb 9, 2012
Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Feb 28, 2012
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Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Mar 6, 2012
Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-18]	R · OH		Mar 6, 2012
Rep. Granger, Kay [R-TX-12]	R · TX		Mar 6, 2012

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Rep. Thornberry, Mac [R-TX-13]	R · TX		May 16, 2012
Rep. Miller, Gary G. [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Aug 2, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	May 11, 2011
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 2, 2011
Financial Services Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Nov 16, 2011
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 3, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Finance and Financial Sector

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 5817	Related bill	<b>Dec 13, 2012:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
112 S 1600	Related bill	<b>Sep 22, 2011:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Community Banks Serving Their Communities First Act or Communities First Act - Revises regulatory requirements for community banks, including through amendments to: (1) the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to permit certain insured depository institutions to submit a short form report of condition, and (2) the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to exempt certain small-sized depository institutions from the annual management assessment of internal controls requirements.

Directs the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Federal Reserve Board) to publish in the Federal Register certain proposed revisions to the Small Bank Holding Company Policy Statement on Assessment of Financial and Managerial Factors relating to: (1) certain bank holding companies with pro forma consolidated assets of less than \$1 billion, and (2) an increased debt-to-equity ratio allowable for a small bank holding company.

Amends the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to: (1) ensure that information, documents, and reports accurately and appropriately reflect the business model of a registered security issuer; (2) approve any new or amended generally accepted accounting principle only if it would have no negative economic impact on certain small-sized insured depository institutions; (3) increase the shareholder registration threshold for certain banks and bank holding companies; and (4) terminate the registration of any class of security, in the case of a bank or bank holding company, whose holders of record are reduced to less than 1700 persons.

Amends the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to: (1) authorize the Financial Stability Oversight Council to set aside a final regulation prescribed by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) if the Council decides that it would be inconsistent with the safe and sound operation of U.S. financial institutions, or could adversely impact disproportionately a subset of the banking industry; and (2) repeal the authority of the Federal Reserve Board to delegate to the CFPB its authority to examine persons for compliance with federal consumer financial laws.

Amends the Truth in Lending Act (TILA) to instruct the Federal Reserve Board to exempt from escrow or impound account requirements any loan secured by a first lien on a consumer's principal dwelling, if the loan is held by a creditor with assets of \$10 billion or less.

Amends the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to exempt certain financial institutions from furnishing a mandatory annual privacy notice.

Amends the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to: (1) assess, for certain guaranteed business and industry loans for rural communities under \$5 million, a one-time fee of 1% or less of the loan's guaranteed principal; and (2) establish a preferred certified lender's program for specified lenders.

Amends the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 to require a government authority to reimburse fees incurred by certain small-sized financial institutions with assets of \$10 billion or less for all records required to be furnished for federal law enforcement or investigative purposes.

Authorizes specified institutions to amortize losses or write-downs on a quarterly straight-line basis over a 10-year period for purposes of capital calculation under the Financial Institutions Examination Council's Consolidated Reports of Condition.

Authorizes an insured depository institution, for purposes of determining statutory capital requirements or measuring capital, to average, over a five-year period, the appraised value of any real estate securing a loan held by the institution.

Amends the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act regarding review of reliance on credit ratings to direct federal regulatory agencies to require, in specified circumstances, that ratings-based determinations be confirmed by an analysis of the probability of a loss from holding an asset.

Amends the Equal Credit Opportunity Act with respect to requirements with which a financial institution must comply in collecting data for evaluation of a credit application by a women-owned, minority-owned, or small business. Applies such requirements only to financial institutions having over \$1 billion in assets (thus exempting smaller financial institutions).

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) defer income recognition on long-term certificates of deposit held by cash basis individuals, (2) exclude from gross income any interest on loans secured by agricultural real property, (3) increase the cap on qualified small issue bonds, (4) allow certain FDIC-insured financial institutions with \$10 billion or less in gross assets to elect partnership (limited liability company) tax treatment, and (5) set forth special rules for Roth IRAs for individuals under age 26 (young savers' accounts).

Reduces by 20% (up to \$250,000) the aggregate tax for a community bank, and by 50% (up to \$500,000) for community banks operating in specified distressed areas. Allows similar aggregate tax reductions for small-sized community banks that are subchapter S corporations.

Subjects to certain IRS principles a qualifying investment in specified small bank issuers in the same manner as if such investment had been made by the Department of the Treasury.

Prescribes requirements for a five-year net operating loss carryback for 2010 and 2011 for certain community banks.

Increases to 200 the shareholder limit for small business subchapter S corporations.

Permits the issuance of preferred stock for subchapter S corporations.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 16, 2011:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 2, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit.
- **Jun 2, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises.
- **May 11, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, and Credit.
- **May 3, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **May 3, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.