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The Honorable Carl Albert Speaker of the House of Representatives Room 2205, Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Albert:

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I am informed that you presently have before you for consideration House Bill No. H.R. <u>561</u>8.

My understanding is that this bill will authorize savings and loan associations to make consumer loans, invest in government securities, provide personal trust services, issue credit cards and offer checking accounts. It is also my understanding that the bill would authorize national charters for mutual savings banks, remove rate ceilings of FHA and VA home mortgages, provide a 5 1/2-year phase-out of ceilings on savings account interest rates, provide a target date for removal of restrictions against payment of interest on demand deposits, and provide tax credit for income earned from residential mortgages.

In my opinion, this is an extremely unfair bill to commercial banks and I feel that certain elements of the bill would lead to very drastic problems with respect to the financial stability of banks, savings and loans, as well as mutual savings banks. Specifically, the area I refer to is the phasing-out of ceilings of interest savings rates and removal of restrictions against payment of interest on demand deposits.

I urge you to vote against this bill.

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