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CRA is the only reason why banks, thrifts, and other regulated institutions continue to invest in areas not served by FNMA or other securitized instruments of liquidity. As FNMA, GNMAE, and other mortgage and debt backed securities came into play investor confidence and access to capital dried up. CRA makes institutions think about those areas. Although its not perfect, it at least helps. What would really help is if Wall Street and the institutions started to bundle more securities and liquidity for CRA areas then instead of regulation the Market would enhance this area.

CRA must remain as regulators like you all should look for market driven solutions, as the market has and will always be perfect. A little regulation stimulus, and carrot stimulus usually starts the ball rolling. KEEP CRA in PLACE add more teeth then provide an agency subsidy like FNMA, or another for this sector and make the market invest.

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