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I agree with Former Secretary Rubin's argument in the New York Times in favor of preserving the Community Reinvestment Act. The law is a historically important measure reversing the practice of redlining. The law gave federal regulators an affirmative responsibility to work to benefit low-income communities. All federally insured financial institutions should remain bound by CRA's provisions. Your proposed action does not advance Congressional intent in passing CRA. I urge you to reconsider this ill-advised proposal.

Sincerely,
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