



October 5, 2011

The Honorable Tim Johnson, Chairman and Honorable Richard Shelby, Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
534 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Johnson and Shelby:

As a business person, I am writing to urge you to support the confirmation of Richard Cordray to be the first Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB).

I believe that fair access to affordable and safe credit products is an important element of household financial security; families need access to credit in order to afford wealth-building assets such as residential property and higher education. CFPB's mission to be a cop on the financial beat will help families and many businesses navigate the financial markets safely.

Richard Cordray is an excellent choice to lead CFPB. His years of public service have led him to develop deep expertise in consumer protection. As the Attorney General of Ohio, Cordray was a national leader in fighting foreclosure scams and ensuring that mortgage lenders and servicers obeyed all consumer finance laws. Both as the Attorney General and as the state Treasurer, Cordray prioritized the well-being of Ohio households.

Most recently, Cordray has led the CFPB's enforcement team as the Bureau has developed rules and procedures for examining the nation's largest financial institutions and, when necessary, pursuing corrective action and referring cases to the Department of Justice. He is highly knowledgeable about the Bureau's efforts to get up and running and will capably lead its transition to full operations.

Forty-four Republican Senators have vowed to block any nominee unless the Administration changes the Bureau's structure and funding. These changes would not improve the Bureau; instead, they would hamstring its funding, compromise its independence, and complicate its decision making process.

Please do not block Richard Cordray's nomination; instead, I ask you to move swiftly to confirm him to lead CFPB. The Bureau officially opened for business on July 21. Without a permanent, confirmed director, it will not gain its full powers. Moreover, we will not have the financial "cop on the beat" that American families, many businesses, and the economy needs.

Sincerely,



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6	Lise	Avery	07070	NJ	Anything Goes!! Commercial with a Conscience Syndicated Radio
7	Nasrin	Noori	33134	FL	Baby Eco Trends, LLC
8	clifford	Krolick	04047	ME	Back Country Excursions
9	Barbara	Chan	94530	CA	Barbara Chan
10	Susan	kurz	02835	RI	Bee Conscious
11	Sarah	Baldwin	04841	ME	Bella Luna Toys, Inc.
12	Bob	Keener	02130	MA	Business for Shared Prosperity
13	Claudia	Viek	94102	CA	CAMEO - California Association of Micro Enterprise Opportunity
14	joseph	carini	10013	NY	Carini Lang LLC
15	Patrick	Clark	28806	NC	Carolina Morning Designs CASA- A Center Advancing Sustainable Architecture
16	Phyllis	Kaplan	87122	NM	Center for Cuban Studies
17	Jesse	Alter	10001	NY	Central Energy Savers
18	Ben	Stallings	66801	KS	Common Sense Counseling
19	Donna	Pedroza	94501	CA	Common Sense Solutions
20	Jeffrey	Evensen	27613	NC	Community Development Agency
21	Marian	Miller	63101	MO	Continuum Industries
22	Justin	Sternberg	94117	CA	Dan Hoffman Photography
23	Daniel	Hoffman	54552	WI	DG Communications
24	David	Gerratt	01720	MA	Dharma Merchant Services
25	Trace	Wendell	94117	CA	Dr. Desai Soap LLC
26	Donna	Desai	08833	NJ	

27	Diane	Lampitt	33956	FL	Earth and Spirit Garden Gallery
28	Catherine	Brooks	20191	VA	Eco-Strip LLC.
29	Gia	Machlin	10024	NY	EcoPlum
30	Laverne	Williams	77092	TX	Environment Associates
31	Sherrie	Kaminsky	04104	ME	Enviroecture
32	Rosalinda	Sanquiche	32084	FL	Ethical Markets Media
33	Meagen	Howe	44103	OH	Farrell Ink LLC
34	Lynn	Sylver	62704-1632	IL	Frog Cottage Jewelry
35	jerry	spetsieris	85268	AZ	fwit
36	Ken	Oatman	80302	CO	Good Day Solar LLC
37	Matt	Van Slyke	60030	IL	Green Agents, Ltd.
38	Fran	Teplitz	20902	DC	Green America
39	Roland	Oehme	21204	MD	Green Harmony Design
40	Jonathan	Kava	02038	MA	Green Homes Carpet Cleaning
41	Dani	Glaser	10520	NY	Green Team Spirit
42	Peter	Griesinger	44040	OH	Griesinger Films
43	susan	hansen	13066	NY	Hansen's Advisory Services, Inc.
44	Carol	Smith	60087	IL	Harmony Botanics
45	Paul	Hausmann	94803	CA	Hausmann, Inc.
46	Marny	Turvill	60202	IL	Healthy Green Goods
47	Bill	Hutchins	20912	MD	Helicon Works
48	Marjory	Gentsch	78737	TX	Hill Country Green Team LLC
49	Joseph	Nolan	14850	NY	Home Green Home Inc.
50	Brad	Hubbell	94930	CA	Hubbell Daily Architecture + Design
51	Peter	Strugatz	11205	NY	IceStone
52	William	Beechy	60452	IL	Interstate All Battery Center
53	Mary	Allen	34242	FL	Javier's Restaurant
54	Judith	Joyce	86305	AZ	Journey Beyond Belief
55	J.C.	Paustian	54911	WI	Just Act Natural, LLC
56	Kate	Amon	94539	CA	Kate's Caring Gifts
57	Kristie	Knoll	94513-4233	CA	Knoll Farms LLC
58	Melissa	Young	80231	CO	Lavande au Soleil
59	Nancy	Wahl-Scheurich	95060	CA	LittleFootprint Lighting
60	steve	Mason	94502	CA	Livepine.com
61	Irwin	Hoenig	20726	MD	Living Calmness

62	Gregory	Caplan	02130	MA	Living Structures Inc.
63	Meg	Ashur	04662	ME	Local Color
64	Sharon	Ambrose	85711	AZ	Lotech Products
65	Laura	Key	85716	AZ	Lotus Massage & Wellness Center
66	Maureen	Calamia	11780	NY	Luminous Spaces
67	Mal	Warwick	94710	CA	Mal Warwick Donordigital
68	Ed	Mass	63132-5026	MO	Mass Strategic Communications, Inc.
69	Kellie	McKeown	94002	CA	McKeown Consulting
70	Steve	Hanrahan	97202-1243	OR	Mirador Community Store
71	Chris	Overholt	98103	WA	Namu Baru Inc.
72	S	Weinberg	19119	PA	National Foundry
73	Matthew	Cleveland	17022	PA	Occasions Disc Jockeys
74	Drew	Mueske	54901	WI	Offbeat Press
75	Ajax	Greene	12525	NY	On Belay Business Advisors Inc
76	Liz	Amason	97914	OR	Oregon Rural Action
77	William	Berlinghoff	04938	ME	Oxton House Publishers, LLC
78	Norman	Rossmann	94706	CA	Presidio Graduate School Progressive Coalition of Northern New York
79	Clair	Touby	12983	NY	
80	Allan	Moskowitz	94806	CA	Progressive Wealth Management
81	J	Rebagliati	95403	CA	Quest
82	Lynn	Ruck	27607	NC	Rain Water Solutions
83	Gordon	Smith	98155	WA	Revolution Green Power
84	Lara	Pearson	89451	NV	Rimon Law Group & Brand Geek
85	Richard	Moore	33019	FL	Secure Benefit Plans Inc
86	Pamella	Gronemeyer	62034	IL	SEMC Pathology
87	Gerald	Iversen	93446	CA	Simple Living Works!
88	Richard	Komp	04649	ME	Skyheat Associates
89	Ben	Alexander	98507-7505	WA	Sound Native Plants, Inc.
90	Barbara	DiBiase	04105	ME	Sustainable Collaboration Works
91	Bill	Christensen	78737	TX	SustainableSources.com
92	Rose	Gerstner	97530	OR	Sympatico Clothing
93	Lynn	Persson	53726	WI	Terra Experience Tetreault Strategic Planning & Marketing
94	Elizabeth	Tetreault	33153	FL	
95	Shelley	Green	72202	AR	The Green Corner Store

96	Shawn	Steele	21012	MD	The Healthy Navigator
97	Rex	Jarrell	02575	MA	The Yoga Barn
98	Jay	Corrales	92008	CA	Turner Real Estate
99	Dr. Kimberly	Grimes	19947	DE	University of Delaware
100	Mary	Frank	94963	CA	Universal Green
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102	Catherine	Eberhart	55103 94705-	MN	Velasquez Family Coffee
103	Mark	Foy	1836	CA	Vitalita
104	Bruce	LeBel	95521	CA	World Shelters
105	Kelly	Weinberger	60559	IL	WorldFinds
106	James	Bill	94960	CA	ZIA

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