



**Consumer Federation of America**



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**Vote NO on Anti-Investor, Anti-Jobs JOBS Act**

Dear Representative:

We are writing on behalf of Consumer Federation of America and Americans for Financial Reform to urge you to vote NO on final passage of the JOBS Act. This bill will harm investors, harm the capital markets, and harm the overall health of the economy.

When the House previously approved an earlier version of the bill, it could argue that there had been little discussion of the serious threat the legislation poses to investors and the capital markets. This is no longer the case. In the intervening weeks, critics have made their voices heard. Current and former securities regulators oppose the legislation because it will make it more difficult to enforce the securities laws. Seniors oppose the legislation because it threatens to expose them to damaging new investment frauds. Unions oppose the bill because it endangers workers' retirement savings and will not increase jobs. And IPO experts oppose the bill because it will not even deliver its promised increase in small company IPOs.

When the Senate considered the bill, it adopted improved protections for crowd-funding. These enhanced protections are essential to ensure that this new small company funding mechanism does not become a new mecca for fraud. Although we strongly support this improvement, the bulk of the bill's many damaging provisions remain unchanged. Thus, even with this improvement, it does not deserve your support.

The House is now on notice: a vote for the JOBS Act is a vote to increase fraud, reduce market transparency, and drive up the cost of capital for the small companies it purports to benefit. We urge you to vote no.

Respectfully submitted,

Consumer Federation of America  
Americans for Financial Reform