

Dear Senator **NAME**

Thank you for taking such a clear stand in favor of confirming Richard Cordray as Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), and against pressure to use the confirmation process to weaken the Bureau's funding and independence.

**STATE** residents have not forgotten the deceptive and abusive practices that fueled the 2008 financial crisis and continue to take billions out of families' pockets in these hard times. The CFPB was created to guard against such practices. Since Richard Cordray's recess appointment a year ago (after the Senate failed to act on his original nomination), the Bureau has ably begun to fulfill that mission. Its importance is clearer than ever.

Thank you again for your stalwart support for this valuable agency.

Sincerely,