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NALCAB Condemns Resolution to Gut Section 1071

(Washington DC) - NALCAB (the National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders) strongly opposes [H.J.Res.66](#), which would disprove the rule submitted by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) relating to “Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B).” This resolution would rescind the rulemaking for the implementation piece of this critical fair lending law.

In response to today’s consideration of this resolution by the US House Financial Services Committee, Marla Bilonick, NALCAB’s President & CEO, released the following statement:

“Without implementing Section 1071, our nation’s policies fail to promote equity in lending and fully include women, minorities, and small business owners in our economy. Our goal was always to ensure that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) complies with this court order and collects data on small business lending to ensure that the marketplace is more efficient and fair.

We are saddened to see efforts in Congress to rescind this rule and further make discrimination hard to prove and limit access to capital to communities who desperately need the help. At a time when our economy is in transition, we must ensure that we strengthen fair lending practices - not weaken them. NALCAB has been on the front lines of the fight to see this law fully implemented and will continue to work to ensure equity and fairness in access to opportunity in our financial marketplace.”

Background:

- In 2010 the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (P.L. 111-203) was signed into law. Section 1071 of this law requires that the CFPB collect and report small business lending data.
- Section 1017 was designed by Congress to facilitate the enforcement of fair lending laws to curb discrimination and assess whether underserved businesses' business and community development needs are being met. Over a decade after it became law, the CFPB finally issued the rule for implementing Section 1071 in March last year.
- NALCAB fought for the implementation of Section 1071 when the Trump administration tried not to enforce it. The CFPB agreed to a deadline to issue the rule as part of a settlement agreement in response to a 2019 lawsuit brought by the California

Reinvestment Coalition (CRC), NALCAB, and small business owners in Iowa and Oregon.

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About NALCAB

The National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders (NALCAB) is the hub of a national network of 200+ member organizations that are anchor institutions in geographically and ethnically diverse Latino communities in 46 states, Washington DC and Puerto Rico. NALCAB supports its member institutions through funding, training, research and advocacy, enabling them to invest in their communities by building affordable housing, ensuring equitable neighborhood development, supporting small business growth, and providing financial counseling on issues including credit building and homeownership. As a grantmaker and US Treasury-certified CDFI lender with offices in San Antonio and Washington DC, the NALCAB Network serves hundreds of thousands of low- and moderate-income people, advancing economic equity and inclusivity in the communities we serve.