



August 25, 2017

The Honorable Warren Davidson
United States House of Representatives
1004 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: *Support H.R. 2319 - the Consumer Financial Choice and Capital Markets Protection Act*

Dear Congressman Davidson:

On behalf of the city of Hamilton and the over 62,000 residents we represent, we respectfully urge your support for the H.R. 2319, the Consumer Financial Choice and Capital Markets Protection Act of 2017. H.R. 2319 would reduce the negative consequences of a recently implemented Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) rule.

The city of Hamilton is an important regional center of business, industry, culture, and government. Located in Southwest Ohio, the City of Hamilton is centrally located between the Cincinnati and Dayton metropolitan areas. We pride ourselves in leveraging innovation and best practices to be known as an award winning community. Among our notable achievements, include a designation as the "City of Sculpture," multiple awards from the international economic development council for our strategic public-private partnerships, recognition for our high quality financial reports and clean audits, and several awards for our clean public water system.

As you know, cities rely on access to money market funds to finance the construction and maintenance the important above mentioned capital and infrastructure projects. We also depend on money market funds to invest short-term cash because of their secure nature, simple accounting methodology, and liquidity, features that are necessary to protect our public funds, access cash and pay bills when they are due.

Unfortunately, our ability to invest and borrow in a cost-efficient way has been undermined by a SEC rule that went into effect in October 2016. That rule forced prime and tax-exempt money market funds (MMFs) that are available to non-natural persons to abandon an essential feature: the ability to offer a stable \$1 per share net asset value (NAV).

H.R. 2319 will help permit all money market funds to operate on a stable NAV basis as permitted over the past forty plus years. It also addresses an artificial barrier to the

utilization of money market funds by municipalities due to internal investment policies that require immediate liquidity and the preservation of principal.

The city of Hamilton urges you to help remedy this problem by supporting and co-sponsoring H.R. 2319 so that we have the capital market tools needed to cost-efficiently support the financial and economic development needs of our citizens. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David C. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dave Jones
Finance Director