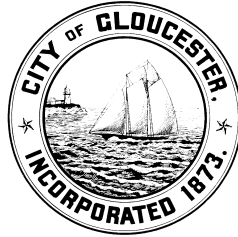


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The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
United States Senate
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The Honorable Edward Markey
United States Senate
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for The Consumer Financial Choice and Capital Markets Protection Act of 2017 (S. 1117)

Dear Senator Warren & Senator Markey,

I am writing to respectfully encourage your support for the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2017 (S. 1117).

Gloucester, like many cities across the country, relies on a stable low-risk municipal bond market, and I am concerned about the impact of new regulations imposed on municipal money market funds (MMMFs) by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

In particular, a recently enacted SEC regulation changed the underlying net asset value (NAV) for MMMFs from a fixed, \$1 per share sum, to a floating NAV. This has made municipal bonds less attractive to investors, threatening an important source of capital for my city.

This regulation jeopardizes the ability of municipalities everywhere to efficiently fund public works and infrastructure projects, such as schools and bridges in desperate need of repair.

S. 1117 will restore the stable \$1 per share valuation for municipal bonds, while leaving the SEC's other safeguards in place. This bipartisan legislation will protect the borrowing ability of municipal projects in Gloucester and across the Commonwealth, supporting job creation and economic development.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss the matter further, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sefatia Romeo Theken". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Sefatia Romeo Theken
Mayor, City of Gloucester