



Gregory J. DeJong
Chairperson

Roger A. Bergman
Vice-Chairperson

Ottawa County[®]

Board of Commissioners

November 3, 2017

The Honorable Bill Huizenga
United States House of Representatives
2232 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Congressman Huizenga:

Ottawa County, joins other counties in Michigan and the Michigan Association of Counties in supporting H.R. 2319, the Consumer Financial Choice and Capital Markets Protection Act of 2017, and I write to respectfully ask that you also support H.R. 2319.

H.R. 2319 would reduce the adverse consequences of a recent Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) rule mandating money market funds to switch from a fixed net asset value to a floating net asset value. This SEC rule had the negative effect of eliminating \$1.2 trillion of capital markets financing for state and local infrastructure projects.

Counties rely on affordable access to capital provided by money market funds to finance the construction and maintenance of vital public infrastructure. Money market funds also are used by cities to invest short-term cash because of their secure nature, simple accounting methodology, and liquidity.

H.R. 2319 will help remedy the problems created by the SEC rule by allowing money market funds to operate on a stable net asset value basis as previously permitted for more than 40 years. It also would address an artificial barrier to the utilization of money market funds by municipalities due to internal investment policies and state law requirements.

That's why counties, business groups, and other organizations throughout Michigan support H.R. 2319. To help keep Michigan's economy growing, please join us in supporting a markup and favorable action on H.R. 2319.

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners, by vote of 11 to 0 strongly urges you to support H.R. 2319.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Greg DeJong
Chair, Ottawa County Board of Commissioners

Cc: Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
Bradley Slagh, County Treasurer
Al Vanderberg, County Administrator

Francisco C. Garcia Joseph S. Baumann Donald G. Disselkoen Allen Dannenberg Michael P. Haverdink
Kelly M. Kuiper James H. Holtvluwer Philip D. Kuyers Matthew R. Fenske