



August 7, 2018

The Honorable André Carson
United States House of Representatives
2135 Rayburn House Building
Washington, D.C., 20510

Re: Support for S.1117, the Consumer Financial Choice and Capital Markets Protection Act of 2017

Dear Congressman Carson:

I respectfully request that you support Senate Bill 1117, the Consumer Financial Choice and Capital Markets Protection Act of 2017, which is currently under consideration before the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee.

A Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) rule, which required money market funds to switch from a fixed net asset value to a floating net asset value, had the negative effect of eliminating \$1.2 trillion of capital markets financing for state and local infrastructure projects. As long as the money stays parked in the federal government funds, it is not available to fund facility and capital improvements for local schools, hospitals, universities, sewer and clean water facilities, roads and bridges, airports, public transit, affordable public housing, and other job-creating infrastructure projects, all of which are financed through prime and tax-exempt municipal money market funds. Because there has been a large reduction in money market funds as a direct result of the rule, these entities have experienced a substantial increase in the cost of financing our capital projects.

The issuers and investors in prime and tax-exempt funds continue to be negatively impacted by higher borrowing costs through increased short-term borrowing interest rates and limited returns on surplus cash because of this rule. Moreover, many public entities are limited and/or prohibited from investing in instruments that do not have a stable value.

To keep Indianapolis' economy growing, I strongly urge you to support S.1117 and advocate for its adoption. Your leadership on this issue could help Indianapolis continue to access a safe and secure source of borrowing to finance public infrastructure projects and foster economic growth. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact my federal liaison in Washington, D.C., Brad A. Queisser at bqueisser@bpagdc.com or at 202-370-4312.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Joe Hogsett
Mayor
City of Indianapolis