

July 14, 2008

The Honorable Lamar S. Smith
Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
2409 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 5546, the Credit Card Fair Fee Act of 2008

Dear Congressman Smith:

I am writing in regards to H.R. 5546, the *Credit Card Fair Fee Act of 2008*. On behalf of San Antonio Federal Credit Union (SACU) and its 45,950 members living in your district, I am asking you to oppose this bill which to my understanding will be set for mark up on Wednesday, July 16th.

The passage of H.R. 5546 would hurt both the financial industry and the consumer. The ones reaping the benefit would be the merchants who, in our estimation, would not pass the savings on to the consumer.

Interchange fees are used by the financial industry to cover the consumer on fraudulent charges; given back to the consumer in rewards programs; and to cover the operational expenses associated with the credit and debit card program.

SACU's mission is to improve the financial lives of our members. Currently we offer our members low introductory interest rates on our credit cards and competitive on-going interest rates without charging an annual fee. The passage of H.R. 5546 would create a governmental process that would increase the cost of credit card products to our members, passing the mentioned costs onto them.

Once again, I urge you to oppose H.R. 5546. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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