# North Carolina Credit Unions: The Real Story

Tax-paying North Carolina banks compete head to head with tax-exempt credit unions. Although they portray themselves as mom and pop shops for people of modest means, today credit unions are a \$2.2 trillion industry, with many indistinguishable from banks. The BIG difference—they don't pay federal income taxes, depriving the U.S. Treasury of nearly \$3.1 billion every year.

### Who Pays the Taxes?

Taxes Paid in 2022

NC Credit Unions \$0

\$35M

NC Banks\* \$5,461,605,000

\$204M

Truliant Federal Credit Union would have paid \$867 million in taxes

during 2022, had it paid its fair share.

\*Includes all applicable federal, state and local, and foreign income taxes

## Indistinguishable from Banks

Self-Help Credit Union used its tax advantage to aggressively expand its business lending at an annual rate of 19% since 2012.

#### **Larger than Most North Carolina Banks**

State Employees Credit Union, with \$51.0 billion in assets, is the largest credit union in North Carolina, larger than all but three North Carolina-headquartered banks.

## North Carolina Credit Unions Leverage Their Tax Exemption to Grow Deposits

2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022 **Large Credit Union Auto Lenders** Seven of the top ten auto lenders in North Carolina are Credit Unions Institution luto Loans (\$000) Bank of America 38,406,000 Truist Bank 31,906,000 State Employees' CU 3,565,692 Coastal FCU 2,165,878 First Citizens BancShares 1,413,796 **Truliant FCU** 1,266,307 **Local Government FCU** 623.472 Allegacy FCU 535,850 Skyla FCU 261,873 **Marine FCU** 236,080

