

April 23, 2015

The Honorable Steve Womack
1119 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Womack:

On behalf of the members of the American Bankers Association (ABA), I am writing to express our strong support for H.R. 1334, the Holding Company Registration Threshold Equalization Act introduced by you, Jim Himes (D-CT), Ann Wagner (R-MO) and John Delaney (D-MD).

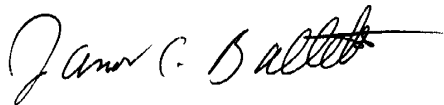
This bipartisan legislation would extend to savings and loan holding companies (SLHCs) the Securities and Exchange Commission shareholder registration and deregistration thresholds enacted under the JOBS Act.

The JOBS Act did not expressly extend the new shareholder thresholds to savings and loan holding companies (SLHCs) as defined by the Home Owners Loan Act. However, Congress did not intend to treat SLHCs differently from bank and bank holding companies. H.R. 1334 would correct this oversight and extend the shareholder registration and deregistration requirements to SLHCs.

As you are aware, this bill passed the House last Congress by an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 417-4 and we look forward to its passage again in the 114th Congress.

We appreciate your leadership on this issue and we look forward to working with you on this measure.

Sincerely,



James C. Ballentine

cc: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives