

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Committee on Financial Services

From: Financial Services Committee Majority Staff

Date: July 15, 2013

Subject: July 18 Full Committee Hearing titled “A Legislative Proposal to Protect American Taxpayers and Homeowners by Creating a Sustainable Housing Finance System”

The Committee on Financial Services will hold a hearing on “A Legislative Proposal to Protect American Taxpayers and Homeowners by Creating a Sustainable Housing Finance System” at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2013, in Room 2128 of the Rayburn House Office Building. This will be a two-panel hearing with the following witnesses:

Panel One

- Mr. Peter Wallison, Arthur Burns Fellow in Financial Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute
- Mr. Douglas Holtz-Eakin, President, American Action Forum
- Mr. Mark Calabria, Director of Financial Regulation Studies, Cato Institute
- [Democrat witness TBD]

Panel Two

- Mr. Bill Loving, President and Chief Executive Officer, Pendleton Community Bank (of Franklin, WV), on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA)
- Ms. Janice K. Sheppard, Sr. Vice President Mortgage Lending & Compliance, Southwest Airlines Federal Credit Union (of Dallas, TX), on behalf of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU)
- Mr. Jerry Howard, Chief Executive Officer, National Association of Home Builders
- Mr. David H. Stevens, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA)
- Mr. Tom Deutsch, Executive Director of the American Securitization Forum
- [Democrat witness TBD]
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This hearing will examine the Discussion Draft of the Protecting American Taxpayers and Homeowners (PATH) Act of 2013 legislative proposal, made available to the public on July 11, 2013. The PATH Act is designed to protect American taxpayers and homeowners by creating a sustainable housing finance system for the 21st century. Witnesses will be asked to provide testimony covering their perspectives on the Discussion Draft, as well on the need for Congress to take up comprehensive housing finance reform.

Formulation of the PATH Act

Over the past five months, the Financial Services Committee has held 11 hearings and heard from more than 40 witnesses on the failures of the current housing finance system and the need to create a sustainable housing finance model. Based on that testimony and feedback, as well as the continuing input of Committee Members and various stakeholders, the Committee unveiled a Discussion Draft of the Protecting American Taxpayers and Homeowners (PATH) Act of 2013 on July 11, 2013. The PATH Act Discussion Draft is designed to be a comprehensive proposal to create sustainable housing finance system by ending the federal government's domination of the housing finance market and giving consumers more choices in determining which mortgage product best suits their needs. A complete section by section summary of the PATH Act Discussion Draft is attached separately.