Amendment to the Views and Estimates of the Committee on Financial Services on Matters to be Set Forth in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2017

Offered by Ms. Waters of California, Mr. Meeks of New York, Mr. Hinojosa of Texas, Mr. Green of Texas, Ms. Moore of Wisconsin, and Mr. Ellison of Minnesota

On page 3 strike line through 40 and replace with the following:

"Financial Stability Oversight Council and Office of Financial Research

The Office of Financial Research (OFR) was created by the Dodd-Frank Act to support the Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC) in fulfilling its duties of identifying and responding to risks and emerging threats to the financial stability of this country.

Funding level: The budgets of the OFR and the FSOC do not affect the deficit because they are offset by a fee imposed on systemically significant financial institutions.

Committee View: In the years leading up to the financial crisis, the regulatory and supervisory framework failed to keep up with the changes in size, complexity, interconnectedness, and globalization that created the growing risks to financial stability. Through its two units, a Data Center and a Research and Analysis Center, the OFR collects and analyzes detailed financial information from the financial sector. The OFR then shares this data with the FSOC and member agencies so that they may deliberate and take the necessary steps in identifying and mitigating systemic threats to our economy and financial stability. As a result, for the first time, regulators have the necessary tools to evaluate the stability of the entire financial system, not just individual institutions.

Both FSOC and OFR have grown since their inception and have honed their capacity to identify threats and craft solutions as needed, and have instituted additional procedures to promote transparency to the public.

Through the OFR's data collection and the FSOC's designation authority, regulators have identified institutions that pose heightened risks to the economy and succeeded in encouraging some firms to drastically reduce their risk profiles, protecting taxpayers by making deficits associated with future financial catastrophes much less likely."