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Louisiana Credit Unions Meet with Congressional Delegation during CUNA's 2010 Governmental Affairs Conference

Over 100 Louisiana credit union professionals and volunteers arrived in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, February 21, 2010 for the Credit Union National Association's (CUNA) Governmental Affairs Conference (GAC). For the third straight year, the conference was held at the Washington Convention Center with over 4,000 credit union representatives in attendance.

During the opening sessions, CUNA President/CEO Dan Mica encouraged credit unions to "speak with one voice" when making their case on Capitol Hill. Mica told credit unions to stick to their philosophy of people helping people. "Treat your people the way you want to be treated," he said. "If credit unions do that, they can hold their heads high and say that they are part of the solution." On Wednesday, February 24, Louisiana credit unions did just that while visiting with their Congressional Delegation on Capitol Hill.

The day started off with Senator David Vitter (R) speaking to the group during breakfast at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel. Attendees then gathered inside our nation's Capitol where they visited one on one with representatives from around the state. The morning visits included Congressman Rodney Alexander (R-5th District), Congressman John Fleming (R-4th District), and Congressman Bill Cassidy (R-6th District). In the afternoon, attendees met with Senator Mary L. Landrieu (D) and Congressman Steve Scalise (R-1st District). Congressman Charles W. Boustany (R-7th District), Congressman Charlie Melancon (D-3rd District), and Congressman Anh "Joseph" Cao (R-2nd District) sent representatives on their behalf.

During the visits, attendees addressed key issues with one voice and made sure the credit union difference was well understood in Washington, D.C. Member Business Lending was a hot topic of discussion as credit unions stressed the importance of raising the MBL cap and the positive impact it would have on small businesses and employment.

While visiting our nation's Capitol on behalf of the credit union movement, Anne Cochran, LCUL President & CEO, was invited to attend a luncheon with Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal. Governor

Jindal spoke to a small group of executives after the National Governors Association meeting with President Obama. While meeting with the group, Governor Jindal spoke on a host of issues, including the positive impact on Louisiana's economy due to the recent Super Bowl win. At the end of the visit, he commended credit unions for what they are doing within their organizations and in their communities.

To view and/or order pictures from the CUNA's 2010 GAC, [click here](#). Photos are also available on the League website, www.lcul.com. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Connie Major, EVP, at (800) 452-7221, ext. 3051 or cmajor@lcul.com.