

Friday, July 31, 2020

To: New York Community Banks

## From ICBA

### Next ICBA advocacy briefing set for Monday, August 3

ICBA scheduled its next Community Bank Briefing on Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness and other regulatory issues. Scheduled for 3:00 p.m. (Eastern time) this Monday, Aug. 3, the webinar will provide an advocacy update from Washington, including ICBA's efforts on the next stimulus package.

### **REGISTER NOW**

Join ICBA's [14th webinar briefing](#) on ICBA's continued advocacy related to the COVID-19 outbreak, federal banking agency action to date, and the remarkable response of community banks across the country. ICBA experts share an advocacy update from Washington, D.C. and discuss legislative developments, the SBA Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness procedures, and more. The ICBA team addresses the measures it continues to push for as Congress debates CARES 2.0, as well as other advocacy highlights. **Participants are encouraged to submit questions prior to the briefing** as the ICBA team spends a majority of the time answering inquiries from community bankers. A link to submit questions is provided in your registration confirmation email.

### ICBA Speakers:

- **Rebeca Romero Rainey**, ICBA President & CEO
- **Karen Thomas**, Senior Executive Vice President, Government Relations & Public Policy
- **Paul Merski**, Group Executive Vice President, Congressional Relations
- **Chris Cole**, Executive Vice President, Senior Regulatory Counsel
- **Aaron Stetter**, Executive Vice President, Policy and Political Operations
- **Brian Cooney**, Senior Vice President, Legislative Counsel
- **James Kendrick**, First Vice President, Accounting & Capital Policy

### ICBA seeks clarity on Economic Injury Disaster Loan liens

ICBA is seeking clarity from the SBA on its treatment of Economic Injury Disaster Loans. The SBA requires collateral on EIDL loans over \$25,000 and takes a blanket lien on borrower assets. It also imposes restrictive covenants prohibiting sale or transfer of the collateral, or securing financing with superior liens, without SBA's consent. ICBA is asking SBA to resolve this situation, which hinders borrowers' ability to draw down or renew bank operating loans or to obtain a loan to replace or purchase new equipment—normal bank credit needed to operate their businesses.

### FinCEN issues COVID-19 cybercrime advisory

The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network [issued an advisory](#) to alert financial institutions to potential cybercrime indicators observed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The advisory contains descriptions of COVID-19-related malicious cyber activity and scams, associated financial red flag indicators, and information on reporting suspicious activity. It is based on information from Bank Secrecy Act data, open-source reporting, and law enforcement partners.

### Stimulus grassroots push continues

ICBA continues calling on community bankers to use its [Be Heard grassroots action center](#) to urge Congress to advance ICBA's specific recommendations in the next stimulus package. Senate Republicans

released initial proposals for the next round of stimulus legislation that include ICBA-advocated policies, including streamlined Paycheck Protection Program forgiveness and liability protections from COVID-19-related lawsuits. [Contact Congress now.](#)

### From Other Sources

- **The Trump administration** is willing to agree to an economic stimulus deal that doesn't include protections for schools, employers and hospitals against lawsuits stemming from the coronavirus pandemic, according to two people with knowledge of the White House's planning, although the White House is still pushing for the measure. However, Senate Majority Leader McConnell has said he wouldn't bring an economic stimulus package to a vote in the Senate if it didn't include the protections. ([The Washington Post](#))
- **The U.S. economy crashed in historic fashion this year** – shrinking at a nearly 33 percent annualized pace in the second quarter – as the coronavirus pandemic ravaged businesses and sent joblessness soaring, [Politico reports.](#)
- **Rep. Reed Has Plan for Local and State Coronavirus Funding, But It's Not the HEALS Act.** A bill in Congress championed by Rep. Tom Reed would limit how New York state would be able to spend any federal aid earmarked for localities, the congressman told Spectrum News. [Read More](#)
- **The Senate has adjourned until 3pm on Monday**, as Congress failed to reach an agreement on extending extra unemployment benefits that are set to expire on Friday. Americans out of work and receiving \$600 per week on top of their regular unemployment payments will see those payments stop today. Congress and the Trump administration remain [painfully deadlocked](#) over the next stimulus bill, with at least 20 Senate Republicans pledging to vote "no" on another massive relief package no matter what. More than 30 million unemployed Americans could see their [incomes drop 50%–75%](#). [https://www.axios.com/senate-unemployment-benefits-1cc56acc-25b5-4646-b05a-6cf5c15d48fe.html?stream=top&utm\\_source=alert&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=alerts\\_al](https://www.axios.com/senate-unemployment-benefits-1cc56acc-25b5-4646-b05a-6cf5c15d48fe.html?stream=top&utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=alerts_al)  
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- Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac said their earnings improved in the second quarter, adding to evidence of a rebound in the U.S. housing market. Fannie Mae said 5.7% of the single-family loans it guarantees—representing about 972,000 mortgages—had suspended payments as of June 30, down from the 7% it reported May 1, when it released first-quarter earnings. [Fannie, Freddie Earnings Improve Amid Signs of Housing-Market Recovery](#)

### From New York

- Gov. Andrew Cuomo's handling of the pandemic has shot him to a level of national stardom and popularity in New York that shows little sign of slowing, [State of Politics reports.](#)
- Governor Cuomo is the third most popular coronavirus governor, [according to a new survey](#), tied with Rhode Island's Gina Raimondo.
- The Paycheck Protection Program had \$128 billion was left to lend as of Wednesday evening, but in New York, it's been a struggle to connect that pot of federal dollars to some of those who need funding most, [The City reports.](#)
- There are clear political motives at play with the new federal coronavirus aid package, but the bottom line is that denying further aid to cities, counties or states will set off a chain reaction that may accelerate our country's spiral into a deep recession, [The Buffalo News writes.](#)

- AS THE COVID-19 pandemic rages on across the country, tenants and advocates [fear an eviction crisis](#) is looming around the corner. This week, the \$600-per-week pandemic unemployment benefits through the federal CARES Act expires.
- [NYT](#), with this banner headline: “VIRUS WIPES OUT 5 YEARS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH” ... [N.Y. POST](#): “When will we hit bottom?”

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**IBANYS will continue to provide updates as additional information becomes available. Thank you all for your continued participation and support.**

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