

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

To: New York Community Banks

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Ron Denniston, Chairman President & CEO of the Bank of Dryden and a longtime IBANYS Director and subsequently Director Emeritus, passed away on Sunday, October 25. Ron was the epitome of a community banker, a leader of our industry and our trade association. We will provide more details on funeral arrangements when they become available.

FROM ICBA

ICBA-backed bill stops reg impact of PPP lending

ICBA [expressed support](#) for new legislation to prevent regulatory penalties for community banks that cross asset-size thresholds due to their Paycheck Protection Program lending. Introduced by Reps. Barry Loudermilk (R-Ga.) and David Scott (D-Ga.), the ICBA-advocated Preventing Regulatory Penalties for PPP Lenders Act (H.R. 8675) directs regulators to exclude PPP loan balances from bank and bank holding company regulatory thresholds within 30 days. "As ICBA has told Congress and federal regulators [since August](#), the surge of PPP loans has swelled the balance sheets of community banks, inadvertently subjecting them to additional supervision, regulations, and costs," ICBA President and CEO Rebeca Romero Rainey said in a news release. The bill, which applies to community banks with \$15 billion or less in total assets, follows the release of an FDIC [interim final rule](#) that allows community banks to use their 2019 asset sizes for 2021 auditing and reporting requirements under Part 363.

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ICBA: Gary Cohn wrong about community banks

Former Goldman Sachs executive Gary Cohn's remarks about community banks at a recent American Bankers Association event show that Wall Street has little understanding of Main Street, ICBA President and CEO Rebeca Romero Rainey wrote in a [recent BankThink op-ed](#). After Cohn claimed community banks have been diminished during the pandemic, Romero Rainey responded that they have in fact proven themselves again through nimble decision-making, personal relationships, and technological innovation. ICBA is raising the profile of community banks' PPP response with a series of videos from small-business owners on [banklocally.org](#), ICBA's site encouraging small businesses and consumers to find a community bank.

EIDL grassroots push continues

ICBA continues calling on community bankers to direct borrowers to ICBA's [small-business alert](#) addressing Economic Injury Disaster Loan Advance deductions from PPP forgiveness amounts. ICBA also offers a separate alert for [community bankers](#). EIDL advance grants are converting to as much as \$10,000 in unexpected debt for some 1 million PPP borrowers. The conflict also has left community banks with balances on their books for EIDL advances originated by the SBA. In addition to ICBA's grassroots alerts on the EIDL-PPP issues, [community bankers](#) and [small-business owners](#) can also continue calling their members of Congress in support of bipartisan legislation to simplify PPP forgiveness.

FROM OTHER SOURCES

- U.S. senators left Washington for a pre-election break Monday, making the logistics for passing a fiscal stimulus package by next Tuesday practically impossible, even as the coronavirus continues to infect tens of thousands of Americans daily and inflict economic damage. "We'll come back in November. The question might be, will there be something then?" Senate Appropriations Chairman Shelby (R-AL) said. https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-10-27/stimulus-hopes-put-on-hold-until-after-election-as-senate-leaves?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiT0RwbVpHTm1OVEF6WW1NNSIsInQiOiJSbEN2bTk3a2xob21ZSDJsQVZTOFM4alk4TDNWNTRibFNOeTR2M1F2Vm80QTFjUG9cL1paa2RiT1hnQXZpeGRxd

