



2018 State Legislative Priorities

DATA SECURITY – NYCUA continues to support meaningful data security legislation that would hold merchants and third-party vendors to the same standards as financial institutions and call for the reimbursement of financial institutions for the costs of data breaches caused by merchant or third-party negligence.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE REFORM – New York is consistently one of the most difficult states in the country with regard to the cost and timeframe of the foreclosure process. This causes serious harm to communities throughout the state as homes languish and deteriorate in the mire of the process. In 2018, the Association will pursue simple, common-sense reforms that will ease the tremendous burden of long and costly foreclosures on credit unions and communities without sacrificing consumer protections.

Proposed reforms include: revising onerous mandatory settlement conference requirements, allowing for one judgment rather than two, and creation of a non-judicial foreclosure track where property has been abandoned by borrower.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEPOSITS – In New York, the state government and municipalities are not authorized to make deposits with credit unions. Although the majority of states now allow such deposits, New York continues to lag behind. In 2018, the Association will continue to advocate for legislation authorizing state and municipal corporations to make deposits with credit unions, bringing New York in line with the 33 other states that have enacted similar legislation.

FINANCIAL LITERACY – In 2018 the Association will focus on integrating financial literacy into the K-12 curriculum and find new and innovative ways to reach adults with financial education programs, especially in low-income, underserved areas.

DEMAND NOTE ROBBERY – With robberies involving oral or written demand now far surpassing robberies involving the actual display and/or use of a firearm, the Association is committed to pursuing common-sense legislation that would increase the penalty for such crimes to include mandatory imprisonment to align the punishment with the severity of the offense.

NY CDFI FUND – In 2007, the New York State Legislature passed legislation to establish the NY CDFI Fund, which was modeled on the federal CDFI Fund created by Congress in 1994. Like the federal fund, the NY CDFI fund is designed to direct investments of public and private capital into underserved and economically-distressed communities. But the state Fund has never actually been funded, and with the federal program under threat of defunding in FY18, the Association will seek an appropriation of \$15 million for the NY CDFI Fund.

BANKING DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROGRAM – In 2018, the Association will continue to support legislation to include credit unions in the New York State Banking Development District Program, which would incentivize the establishment of branches in low-income, underserved areas through providing limited access to public deposits.

EXCELSIOR LINKED DEPOSIT PROGRAM – The Association will advocate for inclusion of credit unions in the Excelsior Linked Deposits Program in the 2018 legislative session. This program allows financial institutions to offer reduced-rate financing to small businesses by placing a deposit of state funds at comparatively reduced rates with the financial institution.