

LSCU Board-Endorsed Candidates



*League of Southeastern
Credit Unions & Affiliates*

Jerry Carl (AL - 1)

- Mobile County Commission President Jerry Carl (R) has a great relationship with Mobile Chapter credit unions executives in his area.
- Credit unions held a call with Commissioner Carl in May to discuss his race. During this call Commissioner Carl expressed support for credit unions' tax exemption and pursuit of overall regulatory relief and access to capital.
- The Carl for Congress campaign staff has maintained a relationship with League staff prior to and after a contribution to the campaign.
- Has a primary against former State Senator Bill Hightower. Carl has been endorsed by many of the leading politicians in the area, including the current State Representative Chris Pringle, who finished 4th in the original primary.



Jeff Coleman (AL – 2)

- Jeff Coleman (R) is Chairman of Coleman Worldwide Moving and has spent his entire life in Alabama.
- Coleman's campaign reached out to the League early in his campaign, wanting to ensure that credit unions knew he was a supporter. Coleman finished first in a 7-way primary, garnering 38% of the vote.
- Coleman faces Barry Moore, who finished with 20% of the vote, in the July 14th runoff.
- Mr. Coleman has expressed support for the credit union tax exemption, regulatory relief, access to capital, and merchant data breach legislation.
- Mr. Coleman's campaign has remained in contact with LSCU advocacy staff in search of ways credit unions can be beneficial to their campaign.



Mike Rogers (AL – 3)

- Since his election to Congress in 2002, Congressman Rogers (R) has been willing to meet with credit unions in person, both in DC and in the district. However, in recent years, we have strengthened that relationship to where he is now considered a friend to CUs.
- Rogers was the AL Federal Lawmaker of the Year in 2019.
- He has been a vocal supporter of regulatory relief and reform, voting “yes” on S. 2155 in the last Congressional Session.
- He has demonstrated an ability to work directly with credit unions to resolve issues.
- He has been willing to work with credit unions to resolve issues related to PPP lending and SBA and Treasury communication.
- Supported the credit union tax exemption throughout the tax reform efforts.



Gary Palmer (AL – 6)

- Rep. Palmer (R-AL 6) has been very accessible to credit unions in the Birmingham area, attending several meetings and the legislative meet & greets.
- Hosted a private Capitol tour for credit unions from his area during the 2019 Fall Hike the Hill.
- Strong supporter of regulatory relief and voted “yes” on S. 2155 in 2018.
- Palmer has been a vocal supporter of the credit union tax exemption throughout his time in Congress.



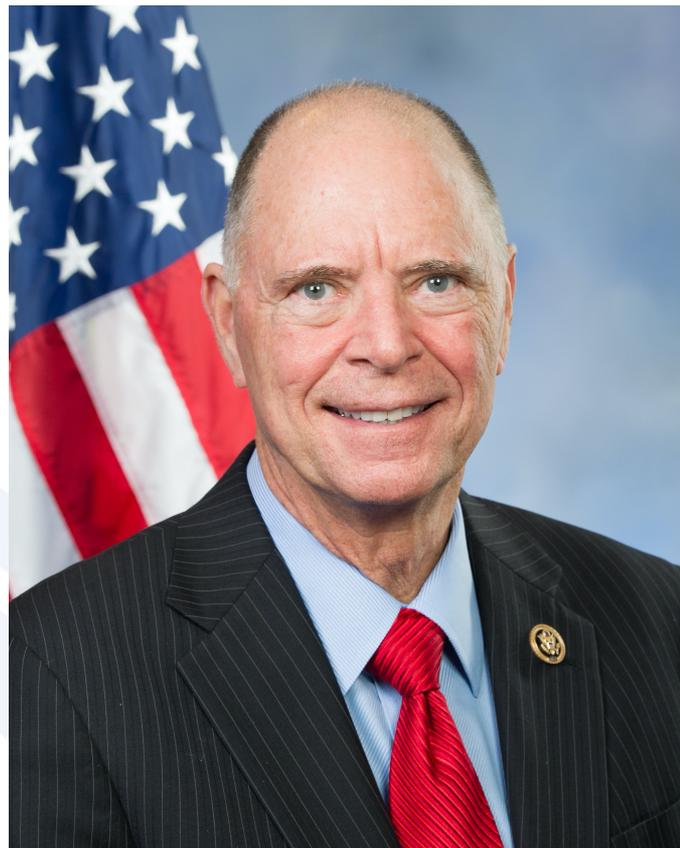
Al Lawson (FL – 5)

- Congressman AL Lawson (D) has been a strong supporter of credit unions since his days in the Florida State Legislature.
- He is a member of the House Financial Services Committee and was one of very few Democrats to support S. 2155 in 2018.
- Lawson has continuously expressed his support for credit union issues, including the tax exemption, expanded business lending, and as evidenced by the aforementioned vote, regulatory relief.
- Lawson continues to be extremely accessible to our credit unions and was named the 2018 Federal Lawmaker of the Year.



Bill Posey (FL – 8)

- Congressman Bill Posey (R) has been a strong supporter of credit unions throughout his time as a lawmaker, both in FL and in DC. He has been our Lawmaker of the Year on two occasions.
- Posey sits on the House Financial Services Committee. He has sponsored and co-sponsored numerous credit union supported legislation, including MBL cap raise, Supplemental Capital, RBC Delay, Dodd-Frank reform, and others.
- Posey continuously touts the credit union difference and is truly one of the best advocates credit unions have in D.C.
- He has also appointed several credit union CEOs to a financial services advisory panel he has back in the district.



Darren Soto (FL – 9)

- Congressman Darren Soto (D) has been a strong credit union advocate since his days in the Florida Legislature.
- In the FL Senate, Soto cosponsored financial literacy efforts and legislation to allow credit unions access to public deposits.
- Since his election to Congress, few have been as accessible and supportive of credit unions. He has served as a source of information when it comes to bank attacks on the credit union tax status and has been a big supporter of expanding credit unions ability to offer commercial loans.
- During the COVID-19 crisis, Soto specifically reached out to credit unions to host a townhall so that he could hear first-hand concerns of credit unions, while also praising credit unions for their tireless actions to help their members.



Val Demings (FL - 10)

- Congresswoman Val Demings (D) has been a credit union member (Orlando CU) nearly her entire life, dating back to her time as a Police Chief.
- LSCU was the first organization Demings sought support from when she announced a congressional run in 2016.
- She has been a strong supporter of the credit union tax exemption, efforts to increase data security, and expanded member business lending.
- Demings, who is also being considered as a Democratic candidate for Vice President of the United States, is widely looked at as a leader in the Democratic Party and is an influencer with Speaker Nancy Pelosi.



Ross Spano (FL – 15)

- Rep. Ross Spano (R), is running for his second term in the U.S. House, after winning his race to replace former Rep. Dennis Ross.
- Spano has been a strong supporter of credit unions dating back to his time in the Florida House of Representatives.
- Since being elected to Congress, Spano has continued to be a big supporter, voting in favor of regulatory relief efforts, vocally supporting the CU tax exemption, and supporting a raising of the member business lending cap.
- While Spano has had some difficulties in his campaigning with rumors of campaign finance concerns, those seem to be behind him.
- Spano does have a primary opponent and faces a tough Democratic challenger in State Rep. Adam Hattersley.



Dane Eagle (FL – 19)

- State Rep. Dane Eagle (R) faces a tough primary in Florida Congressional District 19. He is running to replace retiring Congressman Francis Rooney.
- As Majority Leader of the Florida House, Eagle was a strong supporter of credit unions, including support for allowing credit unions to serve as qualified public depositories and often pushing back against banker rhetoric and attacks.
- Currently he's in a 10-person GOP primary. Among his opponents is Byron Donalds, a self-proclaimed "Banker guy." Eagle and Donalds are considered the top two contenders.
- There are no run-offs in FL, so the top votegetter will win the primary and being a strong GOP district, likely the seat.



Drew Ferguson (GA – 3)

- Rep. Ferguson (R) is a strong credit union supporter and faces no primary opponent, though does have a general election opponent.
- Ferguson is a member of the House Ways & Means Committee and has been outspoken about his support for the CU tax exemption.
- He won his first election to Congress in a tightly contested race, with help from credit unions. Because of this, he has been a strong friend.
- Ferguson has been very accessible for credit unions and should be elected for another term.



Barry Loudermilk (GA – 11)

- Rep. Loudermilk (R) has been extremely supportive since his time in the Georgia Legislature. He serves as a member of the House Financial Services Committee.
- Authored a letter to the CFPB in support of continuing exemptions from onerous disclosure rules for international remittance requirements.
- Introduced legislation to make changes to BSA requirements – trying to modernize and adjust monetary reporting requirements that haven't been changed since inception of BSA. His bill was added to legislation that was introduced by Rep. Waters and passed the committee.
- Has been a strong advocate for credit unions involvement in the SBA's Paycheck Protection Program.



David Scott (GA – 13)

- Rep. Scott (D) has a primary opponent, but he is expected to win and face a GOP challenger in the general election.
- Scott is a member of the House Financial Services Committee and has been one of the most accessible members of that committee for credit unions.
- He is a strong proponent of protecting the CU tax status and also believes in expanding member business lending and reforming BSA.
- Scott has been our go-to Democratic member on the HFSC due to his close relationship with Chair Maxine Waters.

