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Washington, D.C. — The Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS) sent a **letter** to Senate Banking Committee Chairman Brown and Ranking Member Toomey supporting the Congressional Review Act (CRA) joint resolution (S.J. Res.15) to strike down the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency's (OCC) true lender rule.

John Ryan, CSBS president and CEO: "The true lender rule undercuts state consumer protection laws by extending national bank preemption to third-party nonbanks. The rule enables otherwise illegal interest rates on loans in which a nonbank holds the predominant economic interest by asserting that its national bank partner is the true lender merely because the bank's name was on the loan.

"The OCC's true lender test is so formalistic that it permits nonbanks to effectively lend at otherwise usurious interest rates and completely disregards the long-standing role of states to determine the interest charged to their citizens by nonbank lenders."

Letter: www.csbs.org/cra-resolution-true-lender

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