

February 25, 2015

The Honorable Richard Shelby Chairman Committee on Banking, Housing, & Urban Affairs United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510 The Honorable Sherrod Brown Ranking Member Committee on Banking, Housing, & Urban Affairs United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510 JOHN H. BUHRMASTER

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Dear Chairman Shelby and Ranking Member Brown:

On behalf of the more than 6,500 community bankers in the U.S., I write to express our support for the nomination of Mr. Amias Gerety to serve as Treasury Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions.

Mr. Gerety has distinguished himself in a number of posts at Treasury including Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Financial Stability Oversight Council, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary to Financial Institutions, and his current post, Acting Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions. Having met with Mr. Gerety, I can personally attest to his intelligence, knowledge of financial policy issues, and dedication to public service. He appreciates the critical role played by community banks in the national economy and has demonstrated his willingness to address the ongoing challenge of too-big-to-fail institutions and the threat they pose to our financial system and economy.

ICBA urges you to advance Mr. Gerety's nomination without undue delay.

Sincerely,

/s/

Camden R. Fine President & CEO

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