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COMMUNITY BANKERS ON THE HILL

Community Bankers of Iowa Groups to Visit the State Capitol

WEST DES MOINES, IA – The Community Bankers of Iowa (CBI), the statewide association exclusively representing Iowa’s community banks and bankers, will have two groups visiting the State Capitol building this week as part of ongoing advocacy efforts. CBI’s Board of Directors will visit the Capitol on Tuesday, Feb. 17, and the Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT) Group will hold their quarterly meeting at the Capitol on Thursday, Feb. 19. During their visits, both groups will be sitting in on legislative sessions and meeting with state representatives. CBI Lobbyist Jeff Boeyink will give a presentation about the current political climate in Iowa and CBI’s advocacy efforts for the 2015 session.

While at the Capitol the LOT group will also participate in the signing of a Proclamation declaring April as Community Banking Month by Governor Branstad. “For more than 140 years, independent community banks across Iowa have served as the heartbeat of their communities,” said CBI Executive Vice President and CEO Don Hole. “Declaring April Community Banking Month recognizes the significant role that independent community banks play in stimulating their local economies through economic development opportunities and by reinvesting their deposits within their communities through common sense commercial, agricultural, real estate, and consumer loans.”

Community banks stimulate rural economies in a multitude of ways, including creating off-farm jobs, maintaining the local tax base and facilitating development of the infrastructure and public services necessary to keep rural communities vibrant. As these Community Bankers of Iowa groups visit the Capitol, they are reminding everyone about the critical role community banks serve in supporting local Iowa communities.

About the Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT)

The Leaders of Tomorrow is a program created by the Community Bankers of Iowa to enhance the growth, leadership, and networking skills of future banking leaders. LOT establishes a network of leaders who serve and strengthen their communities and advocate for the community banking industry. For more information, visit the Community Bankers of Iowa website.

About CBI

The Community Bankers of Iowa exclusively promotes and defends the common interests of independently owned and locally controlled Iowa community banks whose services are vital to the preservation of economic diversity and rural America. More than 330 independent community banks are located in Iowa, representing more than 1,000 communities across the state and employing over 5,000 Iowans. CBI members have in excess of \$3.2 billion dollars in common sense loans to consumers, small businesses, and the agricultural community. For more information, visit www.cbionline.org.