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Local Community Banker Participates in ICBA Washington Policy Summit

Educates Lawmakers about Critical Issues Facing Community Banks

Washington, D.C. (May 3, 2011)—Glenn Deutsch, President and CEO of Prime Pacific Bank in Lynnwood, WA participated in two days of congressional visits as part of the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) Washington Policy Summit, which was held May 2-3 in the nation's capital. During the summit, Deutsch advocated the needs of Main Street and pertinent community banking issues that help drive economic stability and prosperity within south Snohomish and north King counties.

“Bringing ICBA member community bankers to Washington to talk one-on-one with their representatives is key to ensuring the community bank perspective is heard loud and clear on top community bank issues such as the Tester/Corker Interchange bill, the harsh regulatory examination environment, suffocating regulatory burden and reforming the housing-finance GSEs,” said Sal Marranca, ICBA chairman and president and CEO of Cattaraugus County Bank, Little Valley, N.Y., and a participant in the event. “The community bankers who attended ICBA’s Washington Policy Summit made a difference at this critical time for Main Street—proving once again that community banks truly are the financial foundation of our nation and the economic engines that drive prosperity and well-being on Main Street.”

Each year, the ICBA Washington Policy Summit brings community bankers from across the country to Washington to meet with their members of Congress and federal regulators and discuss a wide range of issues that affect community banking. This year, the nearly 1,000 attendees heard from Sen. Mary L. Landrieu (D-La.), Reps. Spencer T. Bachus III (R-Ala.) and Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-Mo.), Deputy Treasury Secretary Neal S. Wolin and Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City President Thomas M. Hoenig.

“Personal contact with policymakers is the most effective way for Prime Pacific Bank to educate our representatives in Washington about the issues facing community banks, our customers and our local community, which we so proudly serve each and every day,” said Deutsch “It’s vital for our community to have our voice heard in Washington so we can let our members of Congress know what issues we need addressed back home to make our community an even better place to work and live.”

For additional information about the ICBA Washington Policy Summit and ICBA’s policy priorities, visit www.icba.org.

About ICBA

The Independent Community Bankers of America, the nation’s voice for community banks, represents nearly 5,000 community banks of all sizes and charter types throughout the United States and is dedicated exclusively to representing the interests of the community banking industry and the communities and customers we serve. For more information, visit www.icba.org.