



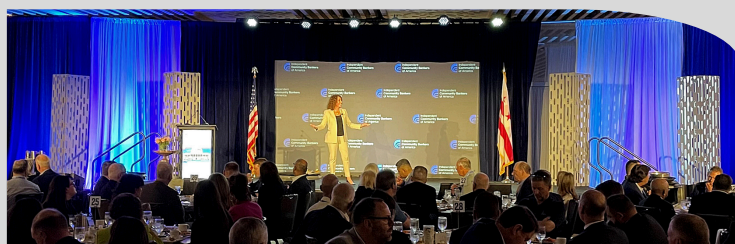
CBAI members joined with hundreds of community bankers and guests from across the country from April 29 – May 1, 2024, to deliver our important legislative and regulatory priorities to policymakers in Washington, D.C. Again, this year, CBAI's Call on Washington was held in conjunction with the Independent Community Bankers of America's (ICBA's) Capital Summit.

During the Call and Summit, community bankers heard an inspiring presentation from Dave Fishwick whose story of being the first community bank to be chartered in England in nearly 150 years was the subject of the highly successful Netflix movie [Bank of Dave](#).

Call and Capital attendees received briefings from the ICBA legislative and regulatory policy staff in breakout sessions covering Supervisory Issues, Regulatory Issues and Capitol Hill Priorities. A late afternoon session included a fireside chat with ICBA President Rebecca Romero Rainey, FDIC Chairman Martin Gruenberg and CFPB Director Rohit Chopra. The following morning, attendees heard from Congressman French Hill (R-Ark), Vice Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee.

Topping this year's priorities which CBAI members discussed during their Hill visits were:

- ✓ Support for rural America and the ACRE Act
- ✓ Stopping regulatory overreach
- ✓ Closing the Industrial Loan Company Loophole
- ✓ Restricting the sale of mortgage "Trigger Leads"
- ✓ Opposing credit card routing mandates
- ✓ Opposition to the Federal Reserve's issuing CBDC directly to consumers
- ✓ Reigning in credit unions and Farm Credit System lenders, and
- ✓ Support for a safe harbor for legal cannabis banking



The community bankers who participated in the Call on Washington enjoyed gatherings for fellowship at the ICBA's Welcome Reception, the final evening's gala at the Smithsonian's National History Museum, and CBAI's Appreciation Dinner which was made possible by the generous support of the following sponsors.



CBAI sincerely thanks all of those who attended and/or sponsored CBAI's 42nd annual Call on Washington. If you were not able to participate in this year's Call on D.C., please consider the opportunity in 2025.

Again, this year, CBAI sponsored the chair of the Career Development Division (CDD) to attend the Call and Summit. This has been a priority of CBAI for many years to encourage young bankers to get involved in advocacy for the benefit of themselves professionally, their community bank and the community banking profession. Delaina Zellers, vice president and compliance officer of German-American State Bank, German Valley, and the chair of CDD said of her experience in D.C.:

"This was my first year attending the Call on Washington and Capital Summit, and it did not disappoint! I have worked in community banking for the past 12 years, and you quickly realize the important role that community banks play within our local markets, providing critical banking services to small businesses, agriculture and customer service that other financial institutions cannot match. Advocating for issues that impact our banks and communities directly with our representatives and their staff can lead to meaningful changes in legislation and the regulatory environment. Organizations like ICBA and CBAI are advocating to ensure that community banks can continue to thrive and provide essential banking services. The passion of these community bankers is unmatched!"

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CBAI's Call on Washington and ICBA's Capital Summit: May 12 – 15, 2025

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