



# Action Alert

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## **Tell Congress to support consumers and families through a strong Consumer Financial Protection Bureau**

House considering bills to weaken Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Senators vow to block any CFPB Director nomination

Less than one year after historic financial reform legislation was signed into law, some lawmakers are trying to undermine and weaken the new [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](#) (CFPB). Some members of Congress want to prevent CFPB from carrying out its mission to ensure that American consumers and families are not harmed by unsafe or predatory mortgages, credit cards and other financial products.

**You can help ensure that CFPB is a strong, independent agency with the power to protect the financial interests of American households. Email your legislators and tell them that we need an effective CFPB.**

The House Financial Services Committee last week [approved three bills](#) that would [weaken](#) the new agency before it even has its full powers; CFPB does not have authority to issue regulations or take enforcement actions until July 21, 2011. The House leadership may now schedule the bills for debate and votes by the full House of Representatives.

Meanwhile, 44 of the 47 Republican Senators recently sent a letter to President Obama [vowing to block any nominee](#) to be the director of CFPB. This would leave the new agency in legal limbo at a critical time. If a director is not in place by July 21, CFPB will not acquire some of the powers granted under Dodd-Frank.

These tactics to undermine CFPB will harm working families. As Elizabeth Warren, the Harvard professor who proposed creating the agency, [said](#), "Many in Congress have made clear their intention to defund, delay and defang the consumer agency before it can help one family."

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