



News Release

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Local Community Banker Participates in ICBA Washington Policy Summit

Washington, D.C. (May 05, 2011)—Lonnie Iholts, President, Siuslaw Bank, Florence, OR 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, Iholts advocated the needs of Main Street and pertinent community banking issues that help drive economic stability and prosperity within Lane County.

“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,” 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 Siuslaw 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 Iholts. It’s vital for Lane County 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.”

Siuslaw Bank has 10 offices, all of which are in Lane County. The bank was recently recognized by the Portland Business Journal for the fourth year in a row as being one of the “Top 10” philanthropic companies in the state of Oregon for small companies.

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