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Community Banker Elected to the 2021 ICBA Federal Delegate Board

Local Leader Helps Deliver Community Banking Message to Nation's Capital

Washington, D.C. (October 5, 2021)—The Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) today announced that community banker Tyler M. Bender, President of Midwest Regional Bank, Festus, MO was elected to the ICBA Federal Delegate Board. ICBA is the nation's voice for community banks.

"I am honored to be elected to represent our industry and help ICBA communicate the positive story of community banking," Bender said. "As relationship-based lenders, committed to ensuring the financial health of local consumers and entrepreneurs, community banks are central to creating communities of prosperity nationwide."

In addition to helping shape and advocate ICBA's national policy positions and programs, Bender's duties include engaging in grassroots activities in Missouri and serving as a liaison between independent community bankers and ICBA staff and leadership in Washington, D.C. He will also work to recruit new members to ICBA.

ICBA is the only organization dedicated exclusively to promoting the interests of locally operated community banks and savings institutions. With trusted financial expertise and high-quality customer service as their hallmarks, community banks offer the best financial services option for millions of consumers, small businesses and agricultural enterprises.

"Tyler is a dedicated advocate for his community who is well-respected by his industry peers," said ICBA Chairman Robert M. Fisher, president and CEO of Tioga State Bank. "We are fortunate to have Tyler serve in this volunteer capacity in pursuit of creating an environment where community banks, and the communities they serve, continue to flourish."

About ICBA

The Independent Community Bankers of America® creates and promotes an environment where community banks flourish. ICBA is dedicated exclusively to representing the interests of the community banking industry and its membership through effective advocacy, best-in-class education, and high-quality products and services.

With nearly 50,000 locations nationwide, community banks constitute 99 percent of all banks, employ more than 700,000 Americans and are the only physical banking presence in one in three U.S. counties.

Holding more than \$5.8 trillion in assets, over \$4.8 trillion in deposits, and more than \$3.5 trillion in loans to consumers, small businesses and the agricultural community, community banks channel local deposits into the Main Streets and neighborhoods they serve, spurring job creation, fostering innovation and fueling their customers' dreams in communities throughout America. For more information, visit ICBA's website at www.icba.org.

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