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Tower Federal Credit Union is a Maryland credit union serving 120,000 members. We request that the Federal Reserve Board delay compliance with the 21 day notice provisions for open end lending plans other than credit cards set to take effect on August 20, 2009, under the Board's Interim Final Rule implementing the Credit Card Act of 2009. Compliance with the 21 day notice provision for all open end lending plans will be a serious operational challenge for Tower. Our consumer lending program consists of open end lending plans covering all types of loans, including automobile loans. It will be difficult to comply with the deadline of August 20, 2009, potentially forcing Tower to cease reporting to credit bureaus and cease or curtail collection activity on loans. Tower sends all members a consolidated statement at the end of each month detailing activity on all deposit and loan accounts with the exception of credit cards. Complying with the 21 day notice provision will require Tower to change the due date for all existing and future loans to a single day towards the end of the month. This change and any other potential alternatives will be viewed by our members as anti-consumer. Previously, our members had the option to select the specific monthly due date for each of their loans. Complying with the 21 day notice provision will eliminate this option and will be detrimental to the individual budgeting process of our members. We urge you to reconsider the timing of this provision. Thank you for your consideration of delaying the compliance date of the 21 day notice provision for open end lending plans, except credit cards.