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North Carolina Bankers Association Hosts White House Business Council-Community Bankers Roundtable

RALEIGH – On Thursday, April 5, 2012, the North Carolina Bankers Association in Raleigh hosted the U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Deputy Administrator Marie Johns for a White House Business Council-Community Bankers Roundtable with Ray Grace, NC Banking Commissioner, and 11 senior level leaders representing community banks throughout the state. Lenders provided feedback as to the importance of the impact of SBA programs on access to capital, the streamlining of those programs, and the significance of their effects on job creation in North Carolina. In fiscal year 2011, the SBA supported more than \$30 billion in financing to more than 60,000 small businesses across the United States.

The White House Business Council has held more than 500 meetings with business and civic leaders in all 50 states, Washington DC and Puerto Rico since April 2011. The purpose has been two-fold: to get feedback on what the SBA can be doing more of – or less of – to support job creation; and to ensure that local business leaders are aware of the SBA programs and resources that can help them grow, hire and succeed. The feedback from these sessions directly informs SBA policy and the President’s plan to create jobs. Tax cuts and hiring incentives for small business owners and entrepreneurs, investments in infrastructure, manufacturing, a ready and trained workforce, and the

streamlining of government regulations, programs and services are all a direct result of these conversations.

The North Carolina Bankers Association brings together all categories of banking institutions that best represent the interests of our rapidly changing state. The state's banks have provided support to their communities since 1864. Look for a current listing at www.ncba.com.

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