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## Before Congress, an Outpouring of Support for Money Market Funds

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Groups representing businesses and government officials from across the country recently sent a message to Congress: policymakers should preserve the fundamental features of money market funds. The occasion was last week's hearing, "[Oversight of the Mutual Fund Industry: Ensuring Market Stability and Investor Confidence](#)," held by the House Financial Services Committee's Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises.

Like others, the [Association for Financial Professionals](#) (AFP) underscored the vital importance of allowing money market funds to offer investors stable net asset values (NAVs). AFP, which counts a membership of 16,000 finance and treasury professionals at businesses and nonprofits, also warned of the economic risks of mandating floating NAVs.

"The move to a floating NAV would also create significant disruptions in the corporate funding market," said AFP in its [letter to Subcommittee Chairman Scott Garrett \(R-NJ\)](#). "Many organizations issue commercial paper to meet their short-term financing needs, such as funding payroll, replenishing inventories, and financing expansion."

Here is the full list of organizations that weighed in, either individually or as part of a joint submission. You can find statements for the hearing record at [www.preservemoneymarketfunds.org](http://www.preservemoneymarketfunds.org).

- Association for Financial Professionals
- American Public Power Association
- Association of Commerce & Industry (New Mexico)
- Business Council of New York State
- Colorado County Treasurers' Association
- Council of Development Finance Agencies
- Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities
- Dallas Regional Chamber
- Davenport & Company LLC
- Government Finance Officers Association
- Indiana Chamber of Commerce
- International City/County Management Association
- International Municipal Lawyers Association
- National Association of Corporate Treasurers
- National Association of Counties

- National Association of Local Housing Financing Agencies
- National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers
- National Association of State Treasurers
- National League of Cities
- New Jersey State League of Municipalities
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- U.S. Conference of Mayors

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