

# REPEAL IFPA NOW



## Key Message: Repeal the Illinois Interchange Fee Prohibition Act (IFPA)

- The IFPA unfairly burdens credit unions by prohibiting interchange fees on tax and gratuity portions of transactions.
- Unlike national and out-of-state banks, credit unions are not protected by the federal injunction, creating an uneven playing field.
- The law threatens the ability of credit unions to offer credit and debit card services, forcing members to rely on megabanks instead.

## Why This Matters for Credit Unions & Consumers

- **Severe Penalties:** A \$1,000 fine per transaction creates a financial risk credit unions cannot afford.
- **Operational Impossibility:** Current payment systems do not support the required calculation to separate tax and gratuity from interchange fees.
- **Loss of Card Services:** Many credit unions will be forced to discontinue card offerings, leaving millions of Illinois consumers without essential financial tools.

## The Real-World Impact

- Credit union members may be left without access to credit or debit cards.
- The law did not consider the complexities of the global payments system and disrupts a secure, efficient process that benefits both consumers and businesses.
- Instead of protecting Illinois consumers, this law pushes them toward large, out-of-state financial institutions.

## Call to Action

- **Repeal the IFPA** to protect Illinois credit unions and the 4 million consumers who rely on them.
- Preserve fair competition and ensure all financial institutions operate under equitable regulations.
- Support local credit unions in continuing to offer consumer-friendly financial products and services.