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RE: Travel Money and Gift Card Program

I am pleased to announce the Connecticut Bankers Association has recently granted its endorsement to the ABA Travel Money and Gift Card Program. This program offers Prepaid Currency Cards, the Gift Card program, and Foreign Exchange services exclusively to CBA Member banks. The program includes:

Prepaid Currency Cards: The prepaid MasterCard® currency card issued in Euros, British Pounds and US Dollars; and the Visa TravelMoney® Card issued in US Dollars are available through the program. Prepaid currency cards are instant-issue, point-of-sale debit cards with ATM capabilities. The cards are PIN and signature-protected and can be used to withdraw local currency at millions of ATMs worldwide and are accepted for purchases at merchants, including online vendors. The prepaid currency cards are reloadable and feature around-the-clock worldwide customer support.

Gift Card: The Gift Card is a prepaid Visa card that carries a fixed cash amount determined by the giver at the time of purchase. It can be given as a gift for any occasion and can be used both nationally and internationally at any Visa affiliated Debit merchant. Each time the gift recipient uses the card, the purchase amount is deducted from the available balance.

Foreign Currency Services: Travelex makes the purchase of foreign currency simple from any ABA member bank. Customers can order at the branch for pick-up or home delivery or right at home through the bank's Web site. Travelex's vast network ensures competitive rates for customers. Over 100 foreign currencies. Exotic currencies are also available.

Following a lengthy review of key providers in the marketplace, the ABA awarded its exclusive endorsement to Travelex based on a number of factors, including flexibility of its program, variety of prepaid card products available, ability to serve the bank marketplace, liability, legal and regulatory compliance, and pricing. Also important were such considerations as brand recognition, protections offered, and the scope of service.

If you would like to receive information about the ABA Travel Money and Gift Card Program endorsed by the CBA, please contact the CBA office or reply to this email.

Should you have any questions regarding the CBA Endorsement Program, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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