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LSCU Welcomes Christopher Hodge to the Advocacy Team

TALLAHASSEE, FL – The League of Southeastern Credit Unions (LSCU) is excited to announce that Christopher Hodge joins the League as the new Senior Director of Governmental Affairs in Florida.

“I look forward to joining the already distinguished LSCU Advocacy Team and being a champion for Florida credit unions in Tallahassee,” said Hodge. “Credit unions do incredible work in their local communities, from engaging in philanthropic work to offering the most affordable financial services to educating consumers and putting them on a path to financial success, and more. I am thrilled to highlight their work and impact on legislators in Tallahassee and look forward to propelling their legislative agenda.”

Hodge most recently worked as the Assistant Director of Government Affairs at the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS). During his tenure, Christopher played a vital role in engaging legislators for statewide research in artificial intelligence, resiliency, and the agricultural and higher education sectors at both federal and state levels. On the ground, he worked to help build grassroots stakeholder support throughout Florida for special budget projects that will have positive lasting impacts on Florida for years to come.

Before his position at UF/IFAS, Hodge served as a legislative aide to Representative James Buchanan in the Florida House of Representatives.

“Christopher's ability to navigate complex legislative landscapes and build strong relationships will undoubtedly drive positive change,” said Rep. Buchanan. “I have no doubt that, under his leadership, the LSCU and its members will thrive and flourish.”

Hodge's time in the Florida House was marked by his dedicated work on various significant issues, including statewide COVID-19 response, agricultural, environmental, and commercial policy. He has also worked on and managed political campaigns throughout Southwest Florida in both state house and congressional political races.

"We are delighted to welcome Christopher to our team as he brings incredible experience and relationships that will inevitably advance credit union priorities in the Florida Capitol," said Samantha Beeler, President of LSCU. "His prior work to uplift communities aligns perfectly with the work of credit unions, and we know he will be a tremendous asset to our members across the Sunshine State."

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