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Good morning.

We're reporting on a Bureau matter concerning 'disparate impacts'.

Let me lay out the story below.

I hope that you all can share some thoughts by the end of the day.

Call me anytime to discuss.

The Director does not believe that the Bureau may enforce 'disparate impact' claims as Cordray had done.

In legal lingo, the Director believes that 'disparate impact' claims are not 'cognizable' under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA).

The view is shared by folks like Brian Johnson who laid out some of the thinking in this memo from his days at Financial Services Committee.

The Director sought Mary McLeod's opinion on the matter. She let the Director know that she disagreed: that 'disparate impact' claims are 'cognizable' under ECOA.

The Director, through McLeod, sought a further opinion from the Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel (OLC).

The OLC agreed with McLeod's opinion on the matter: that 'disparate impact' claims are 'cognizable' under ECOA.

Regards,

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