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CONNEXUS CREDIT UNION NAMED 'BEST MORTGAGE LENDER FOR HELOCS' BY NERDWALLET

Wausau, Wis. (September 2, 2021) – Following a highly competitive and rigorous evaluation process of financial institutions across the country, Connexus is proud to be named 2021 Best Mortgage Lender for Home Equity Lines of Credit (HELOCs) by personal finance website *NerdWallet*.

"It's an honor to be named *NerdWallet's* 'Best Mortgage Lender' of the year based on our exceptional Home Equity Line of Credit features, including the fact that we offer user-friendly products and repayment options and never charge prepayment penalties," stated Eric Huseby, Chief Lending Officer at Connexus Credit Union. "We're perhaps even more proud to be recognized for our digital experience, rate transparency, personalization, and flexibility, all of which speak to Connexus' commitment to helping members make sound financial decisions and confidently choose solutions that promote their budget, lifestyle, and goals."

In their review, *NerdWallet* highlighted Connexus' competitive rates, low fees, and flexible product options, while specifically calling out their transparency in providing clear, personalized rate information to potential customers: "Connexus readily provides sample rate information for all of its mortgage loan products, as well as Home Equity Loans and HELOCs. Enter a few details, and you can get detailed, personalized rates for any of their loan offerings. Any assumptions made are extremely clear, with the biggest caveat being that the rates shown are for a borrower with excellent credit."

To select this year's honorees, *NerdWallet* reviewed the majority of the largest U.S. mortgage lenders that had an annual loan volume of at least a 1% market share and offered traditional mortgages, mortgage refinance, jumbo, FHA, VA and HELOCs. To choose a winner, *NerdWallet* pooled all reviewed lenders that offered HELOCs and rated them based on their origination fees, prepayment penalties, and discounts provided to customers.

This marks the fourth consecutive year in which Connexus earned a title on NerdWallet's <u>Best-Of Awards list</u>. The credit union previously won titles of Best Credit Union Checking in 2018, 2019, and 2020, as well as Best Credit Union Mortgage Lender in 2019. More details on this year's award and Connexus' mortgage offerings can be found on their <u>website</u>.

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About Connexus Credit Union – Serving more than 385,000 members across all 50 states, Connexus is a member-focused cooperative with over \$3.5 billion in assets. Connexus is proud to provide high yields for checking accounts and deposit products, as well as an industry-leading Digital Banking experience and competitive rates for personal, home, and auto loans. The Wausau, WI-based credit union has been nationally recognized for excellence by Forbes, CNN Money, NerdWallet, Kiplinger, and Bankrate.com. Connexus is committed to being a nationally relevant, trusted credit union, providing exceptional experiences and fostering prosperity for those it serves.