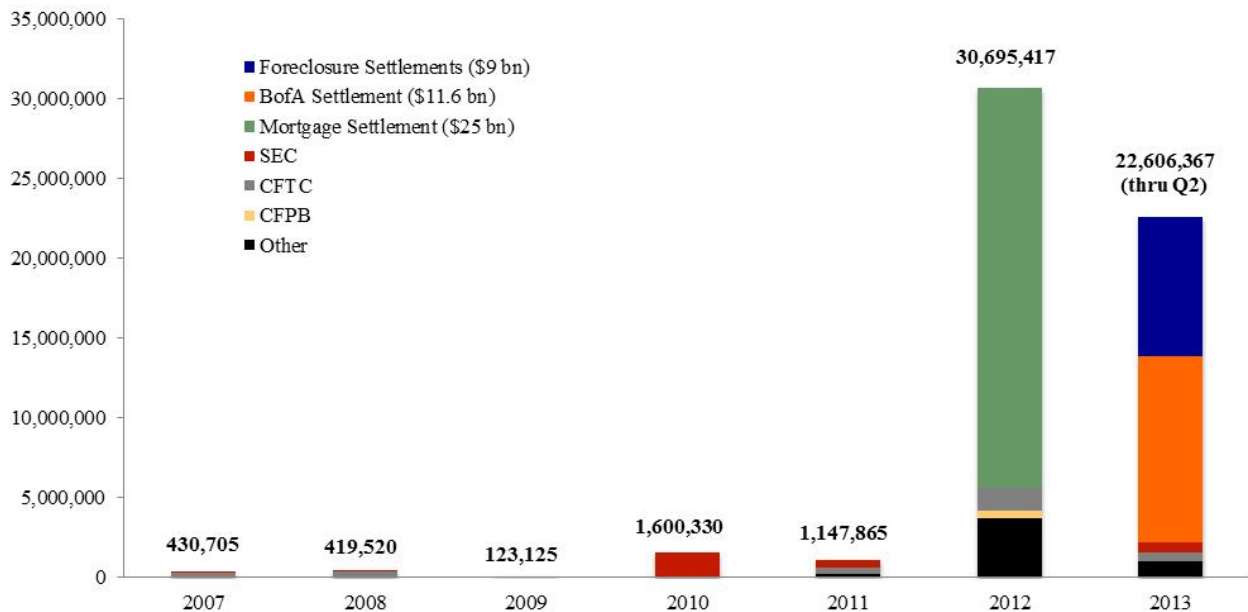


COMMITTEE RELEASES QUARTERLY
FINANCIAL PENALTIES DATA

CAMBRIDGE, July 19, 2013—The Committee on Capital Markets Regulation today released data on the total public financial penalties imposed on financial institutions in the U.S. for the first half of 2013. Public financial penalties include public class action settlements that arise from class action lawsuits brought by the government (*e.g.*, state attorneys general) and regulatory penalties that follow enforcement actions by regulatory agencies including the SEC, CFTC and others.

Through the second quarter, total public financial penalties have reached approximately \$22.6 billion with the second quarter adding \$755 million of penalties to the \$21.8 billion imposed in the first quarter. While this does illustrate a significant drop in penalties in the most recent quarter, the second quarter total is larger than the annual amount of financial penalties in each of 2007, 2008, and 2009. Early indications are that the third quarter will also witness significant penalty figures.

Chart 1: Public Settlements and Regulatory Penalties on Financial Institutions
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