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Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Re: Special Assessment

I am part owner and officer at a small bank in Iowa. We as community bankers are common-sense lenders that did not engage in the risky practices that have contributed to the current economic downturn. However, now we are being asked to pay for the sins of others. Too-big-to-fail institutions have always been a concern of the community bankers. Yet the FDIC and the government have condoned and at times promoted this growth policy. It is time to break up these too-big-to-fail banks and reduce the systemic risk they pose to the country.

The Special Assessment proposed by the FDIC is wrong. The FDIC should seek alternative ways to fund the shortfall so that this burden is spread more evenly over time.

I also recommend that the examination of community banks be turned over to individual State Banking Departments. Then the FDIC could spend more time in the large institutions and do a better job of risk assessment.

Respectfully,

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