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Dear Chairman Bair & FDIC Personnel:

I support your action to realistically address the safety and security of "our" FDIC fund by addressing the problems immediately with the proposed increases in FDIC premiums. I do not support any move that would require the FDIC to borrow from the Treasury. I know that this would send a terrible message to the public that our independent banking system is just another government agency bilking the American Public. I wish that our industry would stand up and be prepared to pay for the sins of our members and that Congress consider ways for every other industry to handle their woes as well. I certainly am committed to supporting our banking industry but I dread the thoughts of later also paying excessive income taxes to support the auto, insurance, investment brokerage, and housing industries as well.

Our bank needs FDIC insurance to retain and grow our funding base. We applaud the recent changes in categorization of CDARS reciprocal funds and the reasonable limitations on brokered funds. These sources are extremely important in rural America where core deposit growth is not overly positive. We believe that the source of funding is not the point of risk but rather the quality of the asset into which we deploy those funds. With the restraint in the credit markets we, as a community bank, are being looked to for funding on projects which have formerly been funded with the issuance of bonds. We need access to external funding sources to address the credit needs of our communities.

Understanding that the FDIC will consider the earning impacts that these premiums will have on performance of our banks and understanding that all banks will be affected the same proportionally, I believe that it is responsible to insure that we provide adequate and timely funding to our fund to avoid utilization of funding from the Federal Government.

Sincerely,

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