



JOURDANTON STATE BANK

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Robert E. Feldman
Executive Secretary
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
550 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20429

Re: Assessments

Dear Mr. Feldman:

Over many years, FDIC and community banks have existed for the mutual benefit of each other. It also seems that the major banks have thrown caution to the winds while they lusted for added income regardless of the risk. Now our government, at taxpayers' expense, has considered a trillion dollar plan to buy up the trouble assets and risky loans for those trouble banks. Simultaneously, the proposed increase in FDIC assessment on banks (20 basis points +/-) will only add to their limited profitability at a perilous time in our economy.

We believe the public wants the assurance of FDIC on their deposit accounts. We also feel that community banks are willing to help pay for that assurance, but are limited in their capacity. Perhaps the TARP funds should not only be used to help out the troubled banks, but should be used to replenish some of the FDIC funds used for the bail out. The sound banks should not be forced to pay in total for the poor management of those troubled banks.

Good business would dictate that those who have operated efficiently over the years be encouraged (lower rather than higher FDIC cost) to continue serving the customer base while providing a reasonable return for their shareholders.

Our bank, our management team, realize the complexity of today's economic condition, but it is asked that we not only rebuild the troubled banks but continue to encourage and support the well managed banks thus avoiding additional banking problems. This in part can be accomplished by reducing the (FDIC) cost as opposed to increasing same.

Respectfully,

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