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To: Comments  
Subject: 20 Basis Point Assessment

Dear Sirs:

I read with disappointment that the FDIC was levying a 20 basis point, one time assessment to all banks. Most Community banks did not create this mess and we are now helping bail out the Wall Street banks that took huge risks and lost.

We estimate that this increase combined with the already announced increases in quarterly premiums will cost our small bank \$346,000 more than last year. At our current capitalization rate it means \$4,152,000 less investments in our community in the form of loans and securities. Across Indiana it will be greater than half a billion less in new investments, this will certainly not help jump start the economy.

I do believe that the FDIC fund needs to be enhanced, but felt the additional \$125,000 that we were paying this year in additional premium was our fair share, especially since the dilemma we are in was not created by us. The additional \$225,000 that represents the one time assessment could come from several other sources including but not limited to the Wall Street banks and other high risk institutions that contributed to this situation. Another option might be to request temporary funding from the Treasury like so many other big institutions and GSE's have received; allowing more time to replenish the fund.

Taking earnings and capital away from community banks that are making loans, makes no sense.

Sincerely  
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