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I work for a family owned Community Bank that was established in 1906. I have worked here since 1980 and our bank has sound business practices and is very conservative. We have grown and branched out in the last 103 years. I want to know---Why are the community banks that have played by the rules expected to bailout other firms who didn't follow good, sound business practices? Small community banks can't stay in business if they are burdened with these taxes. We already feel the weight of this now, because we are preparing ourselves for this big tax hit. Community banks should be allowed to conduct business as usual to protect what we've worked so hard for all these years. Seems like this will have a negative effect on our struggling economy instead of building our country back up.

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