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As the President of a \$600 million dollar bank in South Dakota, I am shocked to see what is happening around this country in the banking industry. We are doing fine, as we held to our policies, and maybe gave up some growth and profits in the good times, we are glad to be where we are today.

We have seen the effect of the economy on our customers. We continue to increase our reserves, and although we were budgeting a more conservative year than last, we were completely blindsided by your proposal to increase FDIC premiums by 20 basis points. What this means to us is we need to find a way to absorb an extra \$918,000 expense!

Your policies of putting this on the small healthy community banks are just absurd. The way we will get out of this slump is by the community banks to continue to lend and provide a safe return to depositors. Your actions will negate this and put us years back.

Please rethink your position. We have never taken government funds, nor do we need to, but nor do we want to pay the price for the lack of regulatory negligence that has caused this problem.