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Mr. Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary  
Attention: Comments, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation  
550 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20429

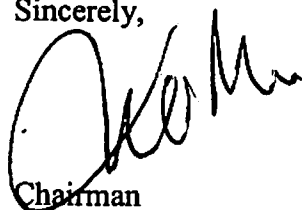
Dear Sir,

I urge you to reconsider the 20-basis point special assessment. It will have a negative effect on lending at a time when the Treasury is trying to stimulate it through various programs.

As an alternative, please consider using the expanded credit line with the Treasury to be repaid with increased bank assessment when the economy improves and Bank earnings are not under pressure.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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