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To: Comments
Cc: Donna Lawler; Drew Lewis; Larry Wolf
Subject: special assessment comments

Ms. Bair

the Hardin County Savings Bank wishes to make the following comments regarding the possibility of a 20 basis point one time assessment fee for financial institutions covered under the FDIC deposit insurance program;

Even if the assessment fee is reduced to 10 B.P. as further proposed, this will put a tremendous burden on banks, especially community banks who have not been a major source of the current insurance fund problems. We will already be paying about \$100,000 more in premiums this calendar year than in the previous year and the 10 B.P. assessment will add another \$110,000 to this. This means that we will be spending 2 months of this year's earnings to pay for the sins of the largest and most troublesome banks in the country.

While I agree with your assessment that we don't want a permanent bailout from the Federal Government, and we want to remain independent in our support of the insurance fund, I am hopeful that you will in some way, reduce the current cost and spread it over a longer period of time. I know you have several possible options in achieving this goal, and I hope you will use one or more of them to allow us to maintain a higher level of earnings, maintain our current capital levels and allow us to continue lending on a steady and consistent basis.

I appreciate your consideration of these comments and look forward to a more lenient solution for community banks in addressing this problem.

Sincerely, Jim Brown, Pres. Hardin County Savings Bank, Eldora, Iowa