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pursuant to 12 CFR Part 327

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March 24, 2009

Robert E. Feldman Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation 550 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20429

Dear Robert Feldman:

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the FDIC's interim rule that would impose a special assessment of 20 basis points in the second quarter.

The special assessment is a significant and unexpected cost to my bank that will devastate earnings.

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We will also be forced to look at ways to lower the cost of other expenses, which may limit our ability to sponsor community activities or make charitable donations - something that we have done year after year.

Sincerely, glenda koutz teller hastings city bank