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March 10, 2009

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

Dear Robert Feldman:

The implications for this significant FDIC charge will impact every corner of my community. It is patently unfair and harmful to burden a healthy bank like mine that is best positioned to help the economy recover.

We are already dealing with a deepening recession, accounting rules that overstate economic losses and unfairly reduce capital, regulatory pressure to classify assets that continue to perform, and a significant increase in regular quarterly FDIC premiums.

Each of these is a big challenge on its own - but collectively, they are a nightmare.

Sincerely,

Richard Tripp Compliance Officer Carolina Financial Corp.

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