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Subject: RE: FDIC assessments and insurance fee increases

Touche! Not to mention disallowing deposit diversification and increasing the cost of deposits by criticizing/limiting community banks ability to package and sell broker deposits. This stance is resulting in local mainstreet banks fighting for a smaller piece of the pie and overpaying for those deposits, thereby limiting funding sources, driving up the cost of loan rates and decreasing net interest margins/profits/capital and ultimately hampering the ability to lend. This is hitting areas that have seen growth, where loan/deposit ratios are higher, the hardest. These local economies were steady driving forces in times of prosperity and will be vital contributors in a recovery.

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From: Fred Bauer [mailto:fbauer@farmersbank-weld.com]
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To whom it may concern,

The "mixed messages" continue. As regulatory agencies, you have arbitrarily re-defined "well-capitalized" from 10% to 12% (thus decreasing our ability to make loans), are hiking our insurance premiums (less profit, less capital, less loans), have dropped the hammer on CRE loans (making us very hesitant to make further loans in one of the few areas left for us to lend to, i.e., credit unions make all of the consumer loans now, farm credit does most of the larger, well-capitalized farm lending, captive finance companies finance most of the cars (farm credit and credit unions at government subsidized rates, and car companies are now subsidized as well). Just how do you expect us to help with the recovery of the economy?????

Why stand on ceremony insofar using TARP money to replenish the FDIC fund? What is the difference between that and giving billions to the "to big to fail banks"? We are living with the end result of the housing bubble they caused in all of our communities and yet they are the first ones to be bailed out. It appears to me that you are sending a poor message to "Main Street" America.

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