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To: Comments

Subject: FDIC 10 or 20 basis point special emergency assessment

Importance: High

Dear FDIC:

This assessment will hurt community banking and will restrict our activities such as building new branches, hiring additional staff, pay increases for existing staff, etc. We have always run a conservative institution that is now being called to pay the sins of those who didn't. Please reconsider this special assessment for institutions such as ours.

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