

FORM LETTER A

As a community banker, I am very concerned about the FDIC's proposal requiring banks with \$10 billion or more assets, and some community banks of any size, to adopt corporate governance and risk management standards comparable to those expected of the largest banks.

Although the FDIC says the proposal is tailored to a bank's size and complexity, the proposal could apply to banks of any size. The proposal imposes new requirements and liabilities on bank board directors that exceed those of state chartering authorities. Additionally, FDIC-supervised banks will be subject to more onerous standards than banks supervised by the Fed or OCC.

The proposal will make it harder for community banks, particularly in rural areas, to attract directors, as it is already difficult to find qualified persons to serve on bank boards. The FDIC should substantially modify or withdraw this flawed proposal.