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Dear FDIC,

As a small business owner, I am worried about how an increase in capital requirements could have negative repercussions for small businesses and the overall economy. If banks are required to hold more capital as a buffer against potential losses, they will have less money available for lending. This means that small businesses, which often rely on loans to finance their operations, expansion, and investment, may find it more difficult to access the capital they need. This reduced lending capacity could curb the growth and development of small businesses, which are vital to economic activity in Arizona and nationwide.

In addition to making less loans available, increasing capital requirements would increase the cost of borrowing, meaning that small businesses would face higher costs even if they can secure financing. If small businesses face greater obstacles to accessing capital due to increased capital requirements on banks, the overall economic growth may suffer. Slower economic growth can have negative consequences for employment, wage growth, and overall prosperity.

The Biden administration has shown their support for small business post-pandemic, boosting them through federal aid. A proposal of this caliber threatens any success and improvement that our small businesses have seen in the past couple of years. It is vital that you reconsider an increase to capital requirements on banks, given the unfavorable conditions it would present to small businesses and our overall economy.

Mike Snitz