

From: [Chelsea State Bank]
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To: Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL MESSAGE] May 22, 2023 - Special Assessments Pursuant to Systemic Risk Determination - Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Comment Request (RIN 3064-AF93)

Mr. James P. Sheesley
Assistant Executive Secretary
Attention: Comments—RIN 3064-AF93
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
550 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20429

Dear Mr. Sheesley:

I write to you today to urge the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to use your authority under the Federal Deposit Insurance (FDI) Act to finalize the exemption of community banks under \$5B in assets from any special assessment levied on the banking industry to cover losses to the Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF) from the recent failures of Silicon Valley Bank(SVB) and Signature Bank of New York.

Chelsea State Bank, a \$420 million community bank, located in Chelsea, Michigan is the organization I proudly serve. Our bank has a 126-year rich history serving the needs of our community. Our customers are tremendously diverse, ranging from beginning savers to senior living residents, farmers to food manufacturers, and small businesses to public schools. We have earned their trust by maintaining financial stability, providing excellent customer service and unwavering community support. We can only deliver such trust and confidence by running our bank with conservative values, reasonable growth goals and a well-diversified balance sheet.

I applaud the FDIC's decision to exempt community banks over \$5B in assets from paying any special assessment for the large bank failures. Large banks are managed much differently than a small community bank, like Chelsea State Bank. If assessments were applied to our bank, the added expense would hinder our ability to provide a high touch personalized service model, stay competitive with new technology, and retain exceptional talent. Additionally, it would negatively impact the dollars we reinvest in our local economy.

I encourage the FDIC to make the right decision and not penalize community banks who aren't "too big to fail".

Sincerely,

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