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OC 06-151 ASSIGNED TO: LEGAL DATE: 05/04/2006

CORRESPONDENT: JEFF AUSTIN
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AUSTIN BANK
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JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS 75766

MR. AUSTIN WRITES TO COMMENT ON WAL-MART APPLICATION FOR AN ILC CHARTER.

THE ATTACHED CORRESPONDENCE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO LEGAL FOR INFORMATION.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS RELATING TO THIS ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE CORRESPONDENCE UNIT OF THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AT 898-7055.

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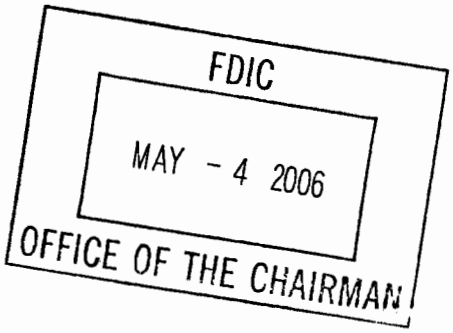

April 25, 2006

Mr. Martin Gruenberg
Chairman
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
550 17th Street NW
Washington DC 20429

Dear Chairman Gruenberg:

As a director and owner of four community banks in Texas, I am strongly opposed to Wal-Mart's potential entry into banking. This retail conglomerate does not need to enter the banking arena in order to accomplish what they want to do in the processing of credit cards, debit cards, and electronic checks. Nor should they be allowed to receive FDIC insurance protection.

Additionally, they should be prevented from abolishing the leases that they already have in place with banks in their current stores. The primary business of Wal-Mart is retail and not banking. Their continued efforts to move into banking will only hurt the community and small banks throughout the country such as ours.

Your ***firm opposition*** to their entry into the banking industry would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jeff Austin, III
Vice Chairman

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cc: Texas Bankers Association
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