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I am writing this letter in response to the FDIC's proposal to increase deposit insurance assessment rates.

Points West Community Bank is a \$824 million community bank chartered in Windsor, Colorado with 20 locations covering Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado.

I am concerned that the FDIC's proposal will negatively impact our bank and our customers in both the short and long term. The proposed increase in assessments will force our bank to pay a FDIC premium to hold deposits that is nearly double the assessment rate currently in place. Our bank will be forced to pass on higher assessment costs to consumers to offset this increased expense. This dramatic increased rate will become increasingly difficult to manage as we face an economic downturn between now and 2028.

Points West Community Bank took the lead in our markets in supporting customer's needs by participating in the PPP program. This and other government spending programs have caused significant deposit growth across US banking system. Banks should not be punished for this government stimulus with higher deposit assessments from the FDIC. These deposit levels have been decreasing over the past few months and we believe this decline will continue. Deposits will soon be back in line with historically levels. This continued decline in deposits will normalize the reserve ratio without the need for increased FDIC deposit assessment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my opposition to the proposed assessment increase. I appreciate your consideration to hold the FDIC premiums at the current levels.

Regards,

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Sr. Vice President