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Outrage! That is the only way to express our reaction to the recent notice of a 20 basis point special assessment on banks to rebuild the FDIC Insurance fund.

To this 80 year old Chairman of the Board, due to retire next month from a 60 year old community bank, it is unfathomable to me that this agency would pick this move at this time when most of the 8,000 Main Street banks are struggling to survive, rebuild capital and serve our customers. Where is the common sense in demanding this from the only banks that had nothing to do with the fiasco on Wall Street? We are the only chance for recovery and we are being sacrificed.

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