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I am writing to encourage you to carefully consider the various alternatives that have been put forth with respect to the deposit insurance fund (DIF). A special assessment will be particularly burdensome given the current economic climate and substantially higher DIF premiums that we are already facing.

Thank you for your consideration.

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