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To: Comments

Subject: FDIC Assessment

Dear Madam Chairman:

I am writing to you regarding your support of the proposed fee assessment on community banks.

As you are well aware, the community banks didn't cause the economic problems and they can be the engine to help pull us out of this recession. But not if the FDIC (the government) crushes community banks by imposing an additional fee.

The FDIC should ask for TARP money to replenish its fund. According to recent reports, insurance companies are next on the list for government money. The FDIC should be added to that list.

Besides, most people already believe the government, not a private company, insures deposits. If the the public thought the FDIC was a private insurer they would have already withdrawn billions from their banks by now!

Make the inter-agency transfer of funds and do not impose a new burden on the community banks and the communities they serve.

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