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A special assessment's drain on earnings and capital at this time, when the economy needs banks to be making more loans, is self-defeating. Funds paid to the FDIC cannot be leveraged to support new lending and could in fact reduce lending. This is totally counterproductive to the government's efforts to encourage more lending.

The FDIC is seeking to more than triple its credit line with Treasury to \$100 billion. All the more reason to use it. When we return to more normal economic climate then start the banks to pay for their insurance.

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