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Good afternoon:

I would like to take this opportunity to voice my concerns over the proposed aforementioned assessment. It and our normal assessment will cost us in excess of \$850,000 this year. For a \$270 million small bank in Northeast Florida that increase is exorbitant. From what I read, articles say that the FDIC has said they have no other option. This increase will more than likely wipe out or certainly take a big chunk out of our projected earnings for our little bank and all the while we are being "encouraged" to continue to lend in our communities, especially low and moderate income areas. Are the community banks the real culprits in the grand scheme of things?

It seems that The US Treasury is throwing money at the larger banks whether they want it or not and community banks that have been the real "community servicers" are being forced to stand in line or being denied outright.

As a 40 year veteran banker, having weathered bad economic times in the past, I am very concerned about the future of banking as we have known it, especially the true community oriented institutions. I urge you to seek more flexible legislation or U.S. Treasury involvement rather than "biting the hand that feeds you". I can't imagine that The fund has been depleted to that degree from banks our size that have had problems.

Thank you for your time.