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Gentlemen:

I am one of the organizers and a board member of [\*\*\*].

We understand the need to support the integrity of the FDIC funding during this difficult economic time. However, it is important that FDIC staff understands and is aware of the impact of the proposed FDIC premium assessments on a small community bank system in a rural area.

Under the budget for our banks, we simply cannot reduce the bank's income by the proposed amount without severely impacting the expected profit for 2009 and this assessment may well impair the bank's ability to maintain its operations and allow us to continue serving the community.

Please give some consideration to advocating a more moderate adjustment in the assessment rates for communitiy banks.