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I am president of a small community bank in Northern Illinois and your "special assessment" will have a huge negative impact on the capital position of the bank at the same time regulators are sending strong messages to maintain and improve capital. We do not have the luxury of size to absorb this type of extraordinary expense.

Our fees have increased from \$350K to \$640K and couple the special assessment of \$840,000 it will clearly take us to a negative earnings position for the year. We have made very difficult decision over the last 22 months in order to weather this downward climate; we restricted dividends in late 2007 and ceased dividends in early 2008, the employee have not earned an incentive bonus for 2 years (our plans had a claw back) and profit sharing contributions were canceled. While it is admiral to indicate we can't go to the taxpayers... they are at least getting a benefit from increased deposit insurance vs tossing a couple of more bucks to AIG.

There is plenty of blame to go around, but placing a \$27 billion expense load on financial institutions when the government is attempting to keep this market afloat is a clear path for failure. The special assessment has a large percentage chance of placing more banks in receivership and hence continue to deplete the fund.

President/CEO