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October 18, 2012

The Honorable Ben S. Bernanke
Chairman
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
20th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20551

The Honorable Martin J. Gruenberg
Acting Chairman
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
550 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20429

RE: Basel III

Dear Chairman Bernanke and Acting Chairman Gruenberg:

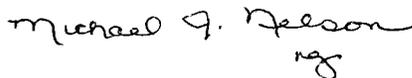
I am writing to request terminating consideration of Basel III being applied to the US banking system.

Our small community bank supports strong capital standards; however we are very concerned with a foreign and cumbersome rule.

The proposal would drive consideration of the types of credit we provide to our business and retail customer base. The possible restriction of credit, to qualified customers, at this time in our economic cycle would be negative for our bank and the US economy. Also we would be reconsidering the types of bond investments.

We have confidence the regulatory bodies have an able resources to set appropriate capital levels for the US banking industry without the adoption of Basel III.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Nelson
Chairman