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Robert E. Feldman
Executive Secretary
Attention: Comments/Legal ESS
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,
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Re: Basel III Capital Proposals

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thanks for the opportunity to provide comment on the Basel III proposals that were recently issued for public comment.

As a board member of a community bank, The Bank of the Pacific, I believe the policies of Basel III will have an extremely adverse effect on local banks and small businesses.

It would be very difficult for our bank to maintain excess capital just in case there is unknown fluctuation. This in turn would affect our local small businesses that need credit extended for business expansion. This credit would not be easily available.

As well, this proposal would not allow us to be flexible when there are times of economic stress.

Please reconsider the Basel III proposals as they will adversely affect our local bank and our local community.

Thank you,

Ed Ketel, DVM
Bank Board Member