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To Whom It May Concern:

I live in Champaign, Illinois, and I like to support small local businesses. Small local businesses enrich my life and my community.

I oppose the changes to the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) regulations proposed by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), for the following reasons:

The proposed changes will encourage banks to seek out large dollar community development deals to quickly get to a single total dollar volume metric and discourage loans to people with low- and moderate-incomes LMI and small businesses because the loans are much smaller, The system that gives credit to banks for having branches in LMI communities is weakened and will likely lead to massive branch loss in communities that are already underserved, The proposal would lessen the public accountability of banks by not accurately measuring its responsiveness to local needs., The proposal redefines community development to include large infrastructure projects like stadium improvements in LMI Opportunity Zones which further encourages banks to seek out larger deals over smaller loans to meet the ratio for the total dollar volume metric, The proposal would redefine small businesses and family farms with higher revenues again encouraging banks to focus on larger loans to bigger businesses instead of smaller community-style loans.

I'm white, and I grew up in a solid middle-class home that my parents owned. My husband is black, and because of the legacy of redlining in Chicago, his mother never had the chance to own a home. I want you to protect the Community Reinvestment Act from current attempts to gut it and reverse decades of anti-redlining policy. We need a stronger, modernized Community Reinvestment Act, not a weakened shell of it.

It is clear that the proposed rules would weaken CRA. The focus on LMI communities would be lost - the exact intent of CRA when it was signed in 1977. This backtracking would violate the agencies' obligation under the statute to ensure that banks are continually serving community needs. The FDIC and OCC need to discard the proposal, and instead work with the Federal Reserve Board to create an interagency rule that will augment the progress achieved under CRA instead of reversing it.

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