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Via Electronic Mail: regs.comments@federalreserve.gov

Secretary Ann E. Misback
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
20th Street and Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20551

Re: Federal Reserve Comment Submission for Docket Number: R-1813 RIN:
7100-AG64

Dear Secretary Misback,

Working families throughout Wisconsin continue to maneuver through a cloudy economic climate. We appreciate that the Federal Reserve has made significant efforts to bolster the economy and is working to reduce inflation. However, a recently proposed regulation to increase capital requirements for banks now threatens to derail Wisconsin's recovery.

Increasing these requirements would affect the community I represent in Racine, especially the African-American community. Wisconsin has persistent disparities in access to housing, education, and job opportunities along lines of race. Banks have provided necessary financial support to our communities throughout these times. These services could be significantly diminished under the new capital requirements by directly limiting access to credit, preventing businesses of color from obtaining capital to bring on new employees or addressing rising operational costs.

These requirements would also harm members of the African-American community seeking to purchase their first home. Decades of unfair housing policies locked communities of color out of the housing market and prevented them from growing generational wealth. Increasing capital requirements would make it even harder to break into the market, as banks may reduce the number of mortgages they provide.

For these reasons, I urge leaders to reconsider this proposal to take into account the potential economic harm it will cause working families. Instead, we must work together to find solutions

that promote financial stability while ensuring equitable access to credit and economic opportunities for all Americans.

Sincerely,



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66th Assembly District