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Mr. James P. Sheesley  
Assistant Executive Secretary  
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation  
550 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Washington, DC 20429

Subject: Request to Exempt Community Banks from Special Assessment

Dear Mr. Sheesley,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent failures of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) and Signature Bank of New York and the potential impact on the banking industry. As a constituent and an advocate for the local community, I am reaching out to urge you to take immediate action by utilizing your influence to request the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to exempt community banks from any special assessment imposed on the banking industry to cover the losses to the Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF) resulting from these failures.

Community banks play a vital role in fostering economic growth, supporting small businesses, and providing essential financial services to residents. These institutions are deeply rooted in our communities and possess a thorough understanding of the unique needs and challenges faced by the individuals and businesses they serve. They play a significant role in promoting financial stability and driving local economic growth.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge that the failures of SVB and Signature Bank of New York are isolated incidents and not indicative of the overall strength and stability of the community banking sector. Subjecting community banks to a special assessment to compensate for the losses incurred by these specific failures would be an unfair burden. This would hinder the effectiveness of community banks support to the local economy, extend credit to small businesses, and fulfill a critical role in the community.

I believe it is crucial for the FDIC to exercise its existing authority under the Federal Deposit Insurance (FDI) Act to exempt community banks from the special assessment. This exemption would ensure that these institutions can continue to allocate their resources towards serving their communities, supporting local businesses, and fostering economic growth.

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In conclusion, I respectfully request your assistance in advocating for the exemption of community banks from any special assessment imposed on the banking industry to cover the losses to the DIF resulting from the recent failures of SVB and Signature Bank of New York. By doing so, you will be safeguarding the vital role that community banks play in our local economy and ensuring their ability to continue serving their communities effectively.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this urgent matter. I have full confidence in your dedication to our community, and I am grateful for your ongoing commitment to advocating for the best interests of your constituents. I look forward to hearing about the progress made in addressing this concern.

Best regards,



Jack J. Shubitowski  
President and CEO