Subject: Prohibition under Section 19 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act

Dear Ms. Ellsworth:

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has become aware that on September 14, 2020, you entered into the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition program, a pretrial diversion program, in the Green County Court of Common Pleas, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, to resolve two charges of theft in violation of 18 Pa. C.S.A. §§3921(a) and 3927(a). Your entry into a pretrial diversion program in connection with a charge of theft is a covered offense under Section 19 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (FDI Act), 12 U.S.C. § 1829, and its implementing regulations at 12 C.F.R. §303.220 et seq.

Section 19 prohibits, except with the prior written consent of the FDIC, any person who has been convicted of any criminal offense involving dishonesty, breach of trust, or money laundering, or who has entered into a pretrial diversion or similar program in connection with a prosecution for such an offense, from becoming or continuing as an institution-affiliated party with respect to any insured depository institution; owning or controlling, directly or indirectly, any insured depository institution; or otherwise participating, directly or indirectly, in the conduct of the affairs of any insured depository institution. Because Section 19 is effective by operation of law, you are already subject to the law’s restrictions, including the prohibition on participating in the affairs of any insured depository institution.

Your attention is directed to Section 19(b) of the FDI Act, 12 U.S.C. §1829(b), which imposes criminal penalties of up to five years imprisonment and a fine of up to $1,000,000 for each day such prohibition is violated, upon any person who knowingly violates the restrictions of Section 19. The FDIC has also issued regulations at 12 C.F.R. §303.220 et seq. that provide additional background and information.

If you have reason to believe that your offense is not covered by Section 19 of the FDI Act, please provide a written response to this office within 30 days of your receipt of this letter by certified mail. After that time period, this letter will be posted and become publicly available on the FDIC website. Should you have a question regarding this matter, please contact Acting Special Activities Case Manager.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jessica A. Kaemingk
Deputy Regional Director

Cc: Richard Vague, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities