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Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Dear Sirs,

Please note I am a concerned citizen. This is not a computer generated message to which somebody just clicks a mouse button.

I urge you to strengthen the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) regulations so that banks do not reduce their levels of branches, and community development loans and investments to low- and moderate-income communities. Your proposal is an improvement from the one you issued last fall, but serious issues remain.

I am glad you dropped your earlier proposal to allow mid-size banks offer EITHER community development loans, investments or services. Banks must be expected to engage in all of these essential community development activities. The current exam structure of separate lending, investment, and service tests is the most effective structure for maximizing the level of community development financing. If you move to a new exam format, you must ensure community development financing does not decline. You could compare past levels of community development financing to future levels after any changes to the CRA exam structure so banks are penalized if they significantly decrease their level of community development activities.

Sincerely,
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