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Proposal: 1442 (RIN 7100-AD 87) Regs H, Q, & Y Regulatory Capital Rules
Subject: Regs H & Y Regulatory Capital Proposals

Comments:

To whom it May Concern:

Terms that so often were hear from our regulators are, "the best interest of the bank". These words are good and proper and for me have more than once pulled up the reins on our bank's operating behavior.

The current Basel III proposal needs to be tested against the words, "what is in the best interest of the community banks as an small business industry?"

The fundamental response as a banker that I have in what is in the best interest of our bank is about profitability, about retaining the FDIC and State Charter that have been granted to me and our owners. We hold the charter sacred, it is our life blood and certain a critical part of our local community's vitality.

Changing the minimum threshold numbers for capital are unnecessary for community banks. What did we do to deserve being tossed into the pool of big bank problems? We aren't in that mix. It is insulting that apparently you think that way. Should I operate my bank based on the philosophy that if several borrowers are not responsible the all other borrowers are too? Heavens no!

I support my community banking association, please listen to their wisdom and council.

Thank you.

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