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Mr. Russell Golden Technical Director Financial Accounting Standards Board 401 Merritt 7 P.O. Box 5116 Norwalk, CT 06856-5116

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Dear Mr. Golden:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the exposure draft "Accounting for Financial Instruments and Revisions to the Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities". I have been a stockholder of The Bank of Fayetteville since its inception. I grew up in the city of Fayetteville and as a citizen of a small community where the bank is located, I am very interested in the financial strength of my bank. I have attended stockholders meetings every year and study the bank's financials at least on a quarterly basis and the ability to read and understand my investment is important in my investment decisions. I have reviewed your proposal and am deeply concerned about the portion of the proposal that requires financial institutions to mark to market. If this proposal is implemented, it will make it difficult for me as an investor to analyze the financial strength of my bank.

As a stockholder of The Bank of Fayetteville, the financial condition of the bank and the ability of me as an investor to be able to review their financials and understand them are very important to me. I have been following the development of your proposal and have spent some time visiting with the president of the bank on the proposal. I am writing to express my concern and opposition to the portion of the proposal that requires all financial instruments to be marked to market. In my opinion, this will make the bank's financials more difficult to understand and in addition, it will increase risk on the bank's capital.

Your proposal requires banks to post loans on their books at market value. I spend a lot of time in my bank on deposit and loan transactions and have never heard market value of my loan discussed. As long as I continue to pay my loans as agreed, the market value should be equal to the carrying value or book value. It appears to me that the only time market value comes into play is when the bank is selling loans and my CEO assures me the bank has never sold a loan and doesn't intend to sell a loan.

I mentioned increased risk on capital earlier. Marking the bank's loans and other assets to market would cause unnecessary up and down swings in the bank's capital accounts and make it difficult for me as an investor to determine the value of my investment at any

given time. As an investor, the only time a bank's assets should be marked to market is when a sale of the bank occurs.

I also have a concern with the expenses that would be related to marking loans to market. Operational expenses such as accounting fees involved in assisting the bank in compliance would increase significantly negatively affecting the bank's capital.

Implementation of this proposal could also affect the way the bank will look at future lending opportunities. The bank could be inclined to move away from loans that might appear to have an unstable market value.

It is my recommendation for you to drop your proposal to mark loans to market. It will increase risk to the bank's capital; limit opportunities for the bank to grow and will not improve financial reporting.

Thank you for your consideration.

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