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To: Director - FASB
Subject: Comments on No. 1810-100, "Accounting for Financial Instruments and Revisions to the Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" Exposure Draft
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Dear Mr. Golden:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on FASB's Exposure Draft: Accounting for Financial Instruments and Revisions to the Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities.

I am writing to urge FASB to not go forward with the proposal.

Guaranty Bank & Trust is a locally-owned, community banks that has served the Cedar Rapids, Iowa area for over 75 years. We have over $200 million in deposits from our customers and have loans of $130 million primarily to small businesses in our area.

As the President and Chief Operating Officer of the bank, I can assure you, the accounting that would result from this proposal would greatly misrepresent the financial condition of our bank and other community banks.

The primary business of community banks is to hold financial instruments to collect contractual cash flows, not to trade them on a regular basis. Community banks fund their operations by taking deposits and holding loans for the long term. Most financial instruments this bank holds are not readily marketable.

These accounting changes will increase the volatility of bank balance sheets, forcing us to face higher capital requirements or decrease lending at a time when regulators are calling for more capital and our economy needs more, not less, credit availability.

Again, we thank your for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Sincerely,

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