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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:

I am writing to urge FASB to not go forward with the proposal. We are a community bank that takes local deposits and funds loans to local consumer and commercial customers. All of our financial instruments are held and are not readily marketable. Our loans are made to small business and agricultural customers. There isn't a readily available market for the sale of these financial instruments. It would be very difficult and costly to mark them to market.

We oppose the proposed accounting treatment for core deposits which calls for them to be regularly remeasured using a present value calculation. This would not provide accurate information and the calculations would be expensive and time consuming, particularly for smaller banks like ours that have limited staff resources to conduct the analysis.

These accounting changes will increase the volatility of bank balance sheets, forcing them 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 you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Sincerely,

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