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Comments regarding 2004-53 Community Reinvestment Act

All federally insured financial institutions should continue to be fully accountable under CRA for making investments and providing services. This requirement is a major factor in the success of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program and the revitalization of deteriorating urban neighborhoods. The proposed change would eliminate a major "selling point" used by our local loan officers and bankers in presentations to their loan committees.

I also oppose the OTS proposal to consider favorably rural community development activities that do not primarily benefit low-income people or communities.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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