From: John [jmsmith@valleyint.com]

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To: Comments, Regs

Subject: 2004-53 Community Reinvestment Act

Dear responsible official:

Thrift institutions should continue to be fully accountable under CRA for making investments and providing services. I oppose the OTS proposal to consider favorably rural community development activities that do not primarily benefit low-income people or communities.

The proposed rule change would have a detrimental effect on current investment and service activities in our county and region.

Sincerely,

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