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Do not let banks off the hook--CRA investment is vital to Low-Income Communities

All federally insured financial institutions should continue to be fully accountable under CRA for making investments and providing services. 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 hearing my comments.

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