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Dear Sir:

Risk-based capital for non-complex small banks (under one billion) would best be

calculated using the second proposed option. The most meaningful calculation

would be to use the leverage ratio only.

Sincerely,

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