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The Honorable Ben S. Bernanke
Chairman
The Board of Governors
of the Federal Reserve System
20th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW
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The Honorable John M. Reich
Director
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The Honorable Sheila C. Bair
Chairman
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The Honorable John C. Dugan
Comptroller
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
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Dear Chairman Bernanke, Comptroller Dugan, Chairman Bair, and Director Reich:

We are writing to you as banking organizations that would be subject to the Basel II capital framework in the United States.

Each of our organizations has long supported adoption of Basel II in this country. We continue our commitment to work with your agencies on the development of an appropriate Advanced approach for calculating regulatory capital requirements, but we believe that there are important reasons to offer all banks a choice among methodologies. Nearly every country participating in the Basel II Revised Framework permits such a choice. Consequently, we respectfully ask that the Basel II NPR or the Basel 1A NPR permit U.S. banking organizations of any size the option of adopting alternative methodologies, including the Standardized approach which is permissible under the Basel II Revised Framework.

Sincerely,



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