

February 17, 2009

Jennifer J. Johnson Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20551

RE: Docket No. R-1350

Dear Ms. Johnson:

I would like to offer my support in favor of amending Regulation D, Reserve Requirements of Depository Institutions, to authorize the establishment of limited-purpose accounts at Federal Reserve Banks for the maintenance of excess balances of eligible institutions.

Many of our client banks and thrifts are not members of the Federal Reserve System. As a correspondent banker with Great Lakes Bankers Bank, I believe the proposed amendment will help preserve and promote our relationship with our client banks in Ohio and Michigan. Through their relationship with us, our clients would be assured they were receiving a competitive market rate on their excess funds.

This action by the Federal Reserve System is timely and important in helping to restore the economy of the country and in maintaining the viability of financial institutions that are a critical component to this end.

Sincerely yours,

W. Scott Burke Vice President