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Attention: Comments/RIN 2590-AA39

Federal Housing Finance Agency

400 Seventh Street SW, Eighth Floor

Washington, D.C. 20024

RE: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Request for Comments-Members of FHLBs (RIN 2590-AA39)

Dear Alfred:

To my disappointment, this proposed government regulation is another negative curve ball towards small banks. This process is not broken, don't try to fix it. Like all other Banks in the Midwest, State Bank of Bottineau relies on the Federal Home Loan Bank for a funding source. And they do a damn good job of it I may add! Taking care of customers in our growing trade area is a must to keep our doors open and theirs. Do you follow me?

Is this the government's way of going to a banking system similar to Canada? Force the small ones out? No local ownership to react to the community needs? Sending profits to the eastern states rather than allowing ownership to donate some earnings to local projects that all customers and non-customers benefit? Sending House Loans to mortgage companies and large banks that created the 2008 financial crisis? I don't get it?

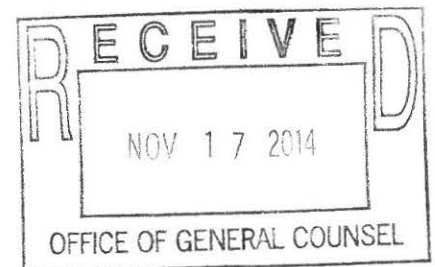
When the government does not allow State Bank of Bottineau to do a house loan internally, you are trying to hang us and other small banks from opening up other parts of individuals business.....checking accounts, vehicle loans etc. Building Mortgage relationships is the first steps in taking care of customer's needs....then comes the checking account, vehicle loans etc. Federal Home Loan Bank and the way business is partnered today with State Bank of Bottineau, is a must.....we don't need a government regulation change that makes no sense. I think we already have enough of them!

I would like to invite you out to Bottineau, ND. Please come out and witness how things work at State Bank of Bottineau and our common sense partner Federal Home Loan Bank. My door is open. Please feel free to contact me at pat.artz@statebankofbottineau.com or call at (701)-228-3601.

Sincerely,

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