



January 5, 2015

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Attention: Comments/RIN 2590-AA37
Federal Housing Finance Agency, Fourth Floor
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Request for Comments – Members of Federal Home Loan Banks (RIN 2590-AA39)

Dear Mr. Pollard:

On behalf of Commercial Bank, I am writing to express my concerns about the notice of proposed rulemaking. While we appreciate your apparent desire to provide for a strong Federal Home Loan Bank System that supports housing, we believe the rule undermines the goal of the proposal.

It seems to me this proposed regulation would circumvent the will of the Congress to exempt small institutions from a 10 percent asset test. It would subject institutions that are now below \$1.1 billion in assets to an ongoing 10 percent asset test should their assets grow beyond \$1.1 billion. Ideally an FHLBank member can manage its portfolio as it manages interest rate risk, market risks and the other attendant risks.

This rule has the potential to restrict access to liquidity at the exact point in time when more, not less, liquidity is needed in a recovering market. While many depository institutions are flush with deposits at the current time, most observers believe that this may change when interest rates inevitably rise.

My regulator requires a reliable source of contingent liquidity. For us, this has always been my Home Loan Bank. With this rule, I'm concerned my regulator will not consider the FHLBanks reliable and may require another, more expensive, liquidity source.

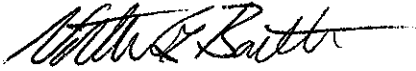
Based on our belief that the proposals could harm FHLBank members and generally weaken a System that has worked well for more than 80 years, we ask that the FHFA withdraw the September 12, 2014 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

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