

From: Thomas Wolf
Subject: Reg II - Debit card Interchange

Comments:

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Jennifer J. Johnson
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
20th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20551

Dear Jennifer Johnson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Federal Reserve System's proposed "Debit Card Interchange Fees and Routing" rule.

As President of Platte Valley Bank, a banking institution with \$xxxxxx in total assets, I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed rule. Our bank is a family owned, fourth generation, independent, rural bank in Eastern Nebraska. We have been serving our community since 1891(120 years) and are darn proud of that fact. We have 11 employees who do their very best 24/7 365 days a year to help our customers improve their lives financially. We do everything we possibly can to keep our community thriving and in this day and age, that is darn tough. This bill is another example of forced thru legislation without congressional hearings or informed consideration of the amendment's impact on consumers, the economy or banks.

This bill is another large nail in my small banks coffin. If passed, Platte Valley Bank would lose \$30,000.00 of income per year, which is 7% of our total net income. These numbers probably don't mean much to you folks, but it is huge to us. Now, multiple a minimum loss of 7% of income of all the community banks in this country, and you have a large problem.

If this bill is passed as presented, our fees and expenses would be greater than our revenue. How much longer do you think we can continue to do business at that rate. My bank is not the problem has never been a problem, yet Washington D.C. thinks the banks can pay for everything. I am getting older, more tired, and extremely more frustrated with the Regulatory Burden being placed on good, honest, hard working community banks.

For the reasons stated above we are opposed to capping interchange fees at 7 or 12 cents. It will have a significant impact on our bank, our customers and our operations.

We are also opposed to the adoption of Alternative B for routing debit transactions. Alternative A is a more practical approach.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Wolf