

September 30, 2012

To: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
Washington, DC 20551
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Re: Basel III Docket No. 1442

To Whom It May Concern;

As a small, rural community bank serving Southeast Georgia, Peoples Bank has strong concerns that the proposed Basel III capital requirements will negatively affect our bank's ability to meet the financial needs of both existing and future customers. Like most rural community banks, Peoples Bank not only provides financial services to the community we serve, but we also provide needed financial support for community improvement projects, schools, civic organizations, agriculture, tourism, and economic development. The proposed Basel III capital requirements will not only reduce our ability to lend to citizens in our rural community, but it will impair our ability to invest in the improvement of the quality of life for all our citizens present and future.

The causes of our Great Recession was not born in or near our small community bank market, but we have felt its intense sting because of the additional regulatory burden created by our legislative branch of government over the past 4 years. How can a capital plan designed for financial institutions with international and global investments and operations be equally applied to small community banks located in rural agriculture markets in the United States much less the state of Georgia. In summary, it cannot because it does not adequately assess, measure, or represent the risk profile of any small rural community bank like Peoples Bank.

On behalf of our bank's customers, employees, and board of directors, as well as, our community and education partners in our small rural community, I respectfully request that the Board of Governors not apply the proposed Basel III capital requirements to small community banks.

Sincerely,

Al D. Ross
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Peoples Bank