Meeting Between Governor Tarullo and the Ohio Bankers League
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Participants: Governor Daniel Tarullo (Federal Reserve Board member), Jennifer Gallagher, and Katie Ross (Federal Reserve Board staff)


Summary: Members of the Ohio Bankers League met with Governor Tarullo to discuss the impact of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Act”) on community banks. League members noted the cumulative burden on community banks of analyzing and complying with the many new and pending Dodd-Frank regulations from several different federal agencies. In particular, league members voiced concerns about the proposed rulemaking on regulatory capital requirements (Docket No. R-1442), which implements provisions of the Act and the Basel III regulatory capital reforms. They said the proposal was complex and onerous for small community banks and noted the challenges small banks have raising capital on the local level. League members said the new capital guidelines would ultimately restrict lending, and they cited the proposed risk weights for first and second mortgages as an example in which the new requirements would constrict banks’ ability to fund these loans.