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I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the future of the Federal Reserve Banks' check services.

While electronic payment options continue to expand, check usage remains a critical component of the U.S. payments system, particularly for certain consumers, businesses, and geographic regions. Many organizations—including small businesses, agricultural operations, local governments, and older or rural populations—continue to rely on checks for payroll, vendor payments, customer transactions, and remittances. For these users, checks are not merely a legacy instrument but a practical and, in some cases, essential payment method.

Federal Reserve check services play an important role in ensuring the safety, efficiency, and nationwide consistency of check clearing and settlement. The Reserve Banks provide a neutral, resilient infrastructure that promotes equitable access, competition, and operational reliability—especially for community banks and credit unions that may not have viable private-sector alternatives at scale. A significant reduction or winding down of these services could disproportionately impact smaller financial institutions and the communities they serve.

Additionally, the Federal Reserve's involvement supports risk management, standardization, and systemwide stability during periods of disruption or transition. As payment preferences continue to evolve, maintaining check services allows the payments system to remain inclusive and adaptable rather than forcing abrupt changes that could introduce operational, financial, or consumer risk.

For these reasons, continued investment in and support of Federal Reserve check services is necessary. Any future strategy should preserve a baseline level of service that ensures checks remain a reliable and accessible payment option while allowing the industry time to transition thoughtfully and safely.

Thank you for considering these comments as you evaluate the future of Federal Reserve Banks' check services.

Respectfully submitted,
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