Meeting Between Staff of the Federal Reserve, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Connecticut Department of Banking, Massachusetts Division of Banks, FHLB Boston, and Representatives of State Member Banks in the New England Region
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Summary: Staff of the Federal Reserve, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Connecticut Department of Banking, Massachusetts Division of Banks, and FHLB Boston met with representatives from state member banks in the New England region to discuss the Federal Reserve Board’s advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) on an approach to modernize regulations that implement the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). The discussion included the CRA ANPR’s proposals for deposit and lending thresholds for assessment areas, loan production offices, asset thresholds, financial literacy programs, and affordable housing under the CRA’s community development test.