

**Meeting Between Staff of the Federal Reserve Board and
Representatives of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association
September 28, 2018**

Participants: Jennifer Burns, Yao-Chin Chao, Joseph Firschein, Paul Wood, Megan Drefchinski, Koko Ives, Joshua Mazon, Margaret Miller, Kirk Schwarzbach, and Andrew Willis (Federal Reserve Board)

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Summary: Staff of the Federal Reserve Board met with representatives of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association to discuss recent and forthcoming regulations, including potential rulemakings under the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act of 2018 (EGRRCPA). EGRRCPA requires that the federal banking agencies establish a “community bank leverage ratio” at 8, 9, or 10 percent of total assets for banks that have less than \$10 billion in total consolidated assets and that meet a certain risk profile, to be determined by the federal banking agencies. Association representatives recommended that 8 percent be the ratio chosen, in order to maximize their banks’ abilities to meet the needs of their customers and communities. Association representatives also emphasized that the anticipated community bank leverage ratio regulation should seek to improve cost efficiency, transparency, and administrative efficiency for community banks.