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RE: Loans in Areas Having Special Flood Hazards; Interagency Questions and Answers Regarding Flood Insurance (Docket ID OCC-2020-0008; Docket No. OP-1720; RIN 3064-ZA16)

To Whom It May Concern:

The American Bankers Association (ABA)¹ deeply appreciates the collective action of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board), the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Farm Credit Administration (FCA), and the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) (“the Agencies”) to release the proposed Interagency Questions and Answers Regarding Flood Insurance (“proposed Q&As”).² The proposed Q&As are an important step in providing more guidance to banks and other lenders on interpretative issues that have arisen since the passage of the 2012 Biggert-Waters Act, the 2014 Homeowners Flood Insurance Affordability Act, and the 2019 Joint Final Rule on private flood insurance.

¹ The American Bankers Association represents banks of all sizes and charters and is the voice for the nation's \$13 trillion banking industry and its 2 million employees. ABA's extensive resources enhance the success of the nation's banks and strengthen America's economy and communities. Learn more at www.aba.com.

² <https://www.fdic.gov/news/press-releases/2020/pr20077a.pdf>

Given the Agencies' considerable effort to reorganize and revise the existing Questions and Answers, as well as introduce a number of new Question and Answers, ABA is requesting additional time to provide feedback on the proposal. The changes in the proposed Q&As are significant and require a comprehensive review to properly consider their impact. An additional 60 days after the current September 4, 2020 comment deadline would allow ABA to provide complete and carefully considered feedback on the proposed Questions and Answers.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Banks', written in a cursive style.

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