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Legal Division

March 21, 2023

Matthew Hardin  
Government Accountability & Oversight  
1725 I Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20006

Re: FDIC FOIA Log Number 2023-FDIC-FOIA-00314

Dear Mr. Hardin:

This is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking:

This request is designed to capture records relevant to the current public interest in the recent failures of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank, especially with respect to distraction by financial institutions, and regulators, with certain ancillary or political issues rather than focusing on their core responsibilities.

1) All emails dated at any time from March 9, 2023 through March 13, 2023, inclusive that a) were sent to or from or copy i) Martin J. Gruenberg, ii) Betty Rudolph, iii) Amy C. Thompson, and/or iv) Andy Jiminez, b) which also were sent to or from or copy i) Ami Bera, ii) Doris Matsui, iii) Mike Thompson, iv) Jared Huffman, v) Ro Khanna and/or vi) Sheila Bair;

2) All emails dated at any time from February 1, 2023 through March 8, 2023, inclusive that a) were sent to or from or copy i) Martin J. Gruenberg, ii) Betty Rudolph, iii) Amy C. Thompson, and/or iv) Andy Jiminez, b) which also were sent to or from or copy i) Ami Bera, ii) Doris Matsui, iii) Mike Thompson, iv) Jared Huffman and/or v) Sheila Bair, and c) include any of the following (not cases sensitive) i) diversity, ii) climate, iii) ESG, iv) pride month, and/or v) SVB; and.

3) All text (SMS or MMC), Signal, Telegram and/or WhatsApp messages dated at any time from March 9, 2023 through March 13, 2023, inclusive that a) were sent to or from or copy i) Martin J. Gruenberg, ii) Betty Rudolph, iii) Amy C. Thompson, and/or iv) Andy Jiminez, b) which also were sent to or from or copy i) Ami Bera, ii) Doris Matsui, iii) Mike Thompson, iv) Jared Huffman, v) Ro Khanna and/or vi) Sheila Bair.

Please be advised that your request for expedited processing has been granted.

You may contact me by email at [natsmith@fdic.gov](mailto:natsmith@fdic.gov) if you have any questions about this matter.

Sincerely,

Natasha Smith  
Government Information Specialist  
FOIA/Privacy Act Group