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Date and time of contact:	Name of the Employee(s) Contacted (Name and Title)	Brief description of the communication: (attach separate sheet if necessary)	
January 20, 2010 3:30-4:30pm	Secretary Tim Geithner, Fred Baldassaro, senior advisor, Office of Business Affairs and Public Liaison	Meeting to discuss general economic conditions of community banks that are part of the National Bankers Association. Discussion includes ideas around regulatory reform, small business lending and general economic conditions and overview.	
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Fred Baldassaro			January 19, 2010

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President's Statement

Mr. Secretary, first thank you for the opportunity to allow the National Bankers Association to share with you ideas that we believe will help the Obama Administration accomplish three broad goals:

1. Continuing to unfreeze credit markets;
2. Strengthening the capital position of our nation's community banks;
3. Increasing support for small businesses and creating more jobs...especially in the country's most economically distressed communities.

Mr. Secretary, the National Bankers Association is the preeminent voice in our country speaking for minority and women-owned banks. Our Association was formed in 1927 to provide access to financial goods and services to a community that was historically denied that access by majority financial institutions.

Our members are the lifeblood of the country's inner-cities which were most devastated by the recent recession. We continue to provide capital and liquidity to support lending, job creation, and other types of economic development in the communities that we proudly serve.

Today, Mr. Secretary, we come with suggestions that we believe will help to revitalize the nation's economy and restore hope where it is needed most.

Now, I would like to invite our bankers to introduce themselves to you as we begin this discussion of pertinent issues.

NBA Issues Presented To Secretary of the Treasury, Timothy Geithner

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Issues

- I. **TARP I** The first round of TARP funds accomplished the Administration's goal of stabilizing markets and making more credit available to some businesses and individuals. However, TARP I was expensive money and did not accomplish for many small and community banks the ultimate goal of significantly increasing the availability of credit.

For this reason, the NBA would like to join a chorus of other TARP recipients and request that the terms for TARP I be renegotiated to a rate that makes increased lending in our communities more likely.

- II. **TARP II** The President's initiative to inject capital into community banks for the purpose of increasing lending to small businesses, the creators of some 70% of new jobs.

Our request is that all minority and women owned banks receive the same favorable treatment that has been proposed for CDFI banks ... an interest rate of 2% with the terms of the loan being extended to eight years.

- III. **Toxic Asset Relief** Given the limited capital that our banks received from TARP – and 2/3 of them did not receive TARP Funds – we are requesting that Treasury would consider a PPIP – type program where public and private dollars could be matched to create a Fund for the purchase of toxic assets (whole loans included).

A few of our banks are presently exploring an opportunity through a pilot project that will involve Invesco, Goldman Sachs, Jackson Securities and ICP Group as private equity partners. If this pilot is successful, we would immediately report the results to Treasury.

- IV. **Creation of an Office of Minority Banking within Treasury** The NBA is presently collaborating with ICBA to help get legislation drafted that would create within the Department of Treasury an Office for Community and Minority Banking.

- V. **Other Issues**