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All of us here know one simple fact: The Federal Home Loan Banks equal liquidity.

What does that mean exactly? And especially, what does it mean to people beyond the Home Loan Banks and their members?

Well, it means Federal Home Loan Banks perform a very important service ... because liquidity equals access to credit. And only with access to credit do our communities get jobs, homes and economic growth.

Amanda Morris-Feldman is CFO and Treasurer at First Federal Savings Bank in Rochester, Indiana. Rochester has a population of 6,000 ... and First Federal has six branches in the area.

Amanda says that the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis is not only a key source of liquidity, but also one of their largest purchasers of mortgages. She told us ... and I'm quoting ... "Partnering with the Federal Home Loan Bank allows us to do what community banks should do: serve the community."

Timothy Ha is an Officer with Chemical Bank in Troy, Michigan with over 250 branches in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. Tim says ... and I'm quoting again ... "Federal Home Loan Bank advances provide very reliable funding at reasonable cost through a flawless process. And the Indianapolis Bank's community investment programs help us promote financing for low- and moderate-income families and neighborhoods."

Debra Mack is Chief Financial Officer of Dart Bank with seven branches in south Central Michigan. It's based on Dart Michigan. Population 8,000. Debra says ... quote: "Federal Home Loan Bank advances provide our bank with a funding source to support the management of

interest rate and liquidity risk. They also give us the flexibility we need to support our mortgage and commercial lending programs.”

These are just three real-life examples of the positive impact the Federal Home Loan Bank has in the Indianapolis District. I’m sure that each of you can easily tell similar stories in the communities that your Federal Home Loan Bank serves.

I share these thoughts because I know many of you will be going to Capitol Hill over the next couple of days to talk to Members of Congress about the Federal Home Loan Banks ... and how we make good things happen in their states and congressional districts.

Our elected officials appreciate hearing stories like Amanda’s, Debra’s and Tim’s. As we all know, the details of how Federal Home Loan Banks do what they do may sometimes come across as complicated and arcane. But Members of Congress “get it” ... when they hear how we help our *members* get credit into the hands of the families and businesses in their communities. They know that every community in America needs access to credit.

When you remind them that it’s liquidity that creates a vibrant local economy ... well, that’s a good message to share. And I know policy makers also appreciate knowing that when we provide those funds ... in a safe and profitable way ... it enables us to maximize the hundreds of millions of dollars that the Federal Home Loan Banks and their members grant every year to local partners through the Affordable Housing Program and other community investment initiatives.

We are at five and a half billion dollars and counting in funds granted ... making the AHP the largest single source of private capital flowing to affordable housing in the country. That’s real money... supporting real families... in real communities in need.

And I know policy makers and others look favorably upon us when Federal Home Loan Banks exceed our statutory requirements to develop high-impact programs for the communities we serve. Programs... from disaster relief ... to economic development efforts ... to matching grants for first-time homebuyers.

Taken together, *that's* what FHLBank funding and liquidity means. The Federal Home Loan Banks have played an important role in the American economy for nearly a century. Because Federal Home Loan Bank *members* are local lenders who invest in their communities to create good places to live. And Federal Home Loan Banks help provide the funds members need ... and those funds flow straight to neighborhoods, businesses and families everywhere across America.

The Federal Home Loan Banks equal liquidity. Liquidity equals access to credit. And access to credit equals jobs, homes and economic growth.

It's a story to tell with pride and commitment. Thank you. And thank you for all that you do in your communities.