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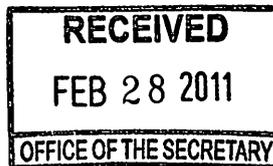
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Elizabeth M. Murphy  
Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20549-1090



Re: File Number S7-45-10

Dear Ms. Murphy:

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the notice of proposed rulemaking issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission to establish a permanent registration system for municipal advisors under Section 975 of the Dodd-Frank.

Section 975 establishes a system of dual registration with the Commission and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board that will require covered municipal advisors to comply with rules of fair dealing, ongoing education requirements, and a fiduciary duty to their municipal entity clients.

Wilson & Muir Bank is a Community Bank that provides mainly collateralized deposit products and services to our local municipalities. For example, we offer deposit and cash management accounts that are secured by pledged assets. Section 975 was intended to establish a regulatory scheme for unregulated persons providing advice to municipalities with respect to municipal derivatives, guaranteed investment contracts, investment strategies or the issuance of municipal securities. The SEC has expanded the definition of "investment strategies" to encompass any funds "held" by a municipal entity, regardless of whether such funds are related to the issuance of municipal securities or investment of bond proceeds. The SEC's interpretation would cover traditional bank products and services such as deposit accounts, cash management products and loans to municipalities, meaning banks would have to register as municipal advisors and add a new layer of regulation on bank products for no meaningful public purpose. This duplicate regulation will raise costs and ultimately limit the availability of financial services offered thus harming state and local governments. The Commission should state clearly that neither Section 975 nor its implementing regulation reach traditional bank products and services. Appointed members of a municipality's governing board should be deemed to be "employees" of the municipality and thus exempt from registration.

Many of our Bank employees volunteer their time and knowledge for the benefit of their communities. In very small communities, local bankers may be the only source of much-needed financial expertise for city or county officials. If these volunteers were to be required to register as individuals with the Commission and the MSRB, many well-qualified volunteers will not participate in volunteering to assist their local community governments.

Respectfully,

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