

CSBS Executive Vice President for Policy and Supervision Karen Lawson on FDIC Chair Nomination

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"By nominating an individual to the FDIC Board who lacks state bank supervisory experience, the White House, once again, has ignored the requirements of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

Congress insisted on state supervisory experience on the FDIC Board for a reason: states are the chartering authority and primary regulator for 79% of all U.S. banks. State supervisors understand the economic impact that state-chartered banks have on the families and small businesses in their communities. Federal supervision and regulation of banks should be guided by the important state and local perspective.

In considering this nominee, the Senate should fully explore her positions on critical matters affecting the dual-banking system and the importance of preserving the role of the states in our financial system."

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