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The Honorable Martin J. Gruenberg
Chairman
U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
3501 North Fairfax Drive
Building E, 5th Floor
Arlington, VA 22226

Dear Chairman Gruenberg,

Regard this letter as in concert with my November 29, 2023, letter regarding the gross sexual misconduct allegations leveled at your agency, to which you have not responded.

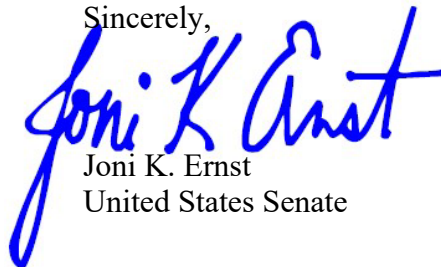
While the plights of working adult women of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) may not move you to respond to a congressional oversight request, perhaps an inquiry into an FDIC employee producing child pornography will.

As you should know, Mr. Mark Black pled guilty this week to coercing a prepubescent girl into engaging in sexually-explicit behavior online, while secretly recording her doing so, and then shared it with his co-conspirators.¹ To assist me in my oversight and legislative efforts, please answer the following questions no later than Friday, February 2, 2024:

1. Who at the FDIC opted to not utilize all available tools to expedite Mr. Black's removal?
2. What changes have been made to ensure all options for expedited removal are used in all instances in which FDIC personnel have committed crimes?
3. Is Mr. Black still eligible to receive a pension or any other financial benefit from the FDIC, including health insurance or retirement contributions? If not, when did he stop receiving financial benefits?

I look forward to your response to both this letter, and to my November 29, 2023, letter.

Sincerely,



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¹ Press Release, FDIC Attorney Pleads Guilty to Conspiring to Sexually Exploit Numerous Children, <https://www.fdicog.gov/news/investigations-press-releases/fdic-attorney-pleads-guilty-conspiring-sexually-exploit-numerous>.