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Dear Shareholder:

A few weeks ago you received our Annual Statement and Proxy material. To those of you who voted in favor of these matters and returned your proxy sheet, we thank you. We acknowledge that there is a lot of information to consider and more issues to vote on than in years past. We apologize for any confusion and understand that this may have spawned some rumors and misinformation.

THE LONG TERM GOAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MANAGEMENT IS TO KEEP YOUR BANK A STRONG, GROWING, LOCAL, INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY BANK. All of these proxy items were proposed for that sole purpose. There is NO hidden agenda!

As spelled out in the proxy materials, increasing the number of authorized shares and the intended 4 for 1 stock split will provide more shares to you and potentially increase the liquidity of our stock.

We now have nearly 2000 shareholders, many more than 20 years ago when our charter documents were last updated. These proposed amendments to our Articles of Incorporation and Code of Regulations will allow the Company to function more efficiently in the increasingly competitive financial services business while protecting our local independent community bank's goal as the number of shareholders increases. All of the proposed amendments were unanimously approved by the members of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee and members of the Board of Directors.

We believe that the adoption of the long term incentive plan will allow the Company and the Bank to attract and retain the best qualified Officers and Employees.

If you have not yet voted please complete your proxy sheet and return it to the Company. If you have misplaced your proxy or desire to change your proxy please call Lydia Huber at 419-446-2501 and she will be glad to help you. If you have further questions please contact Joe E. Crossgrove, Chairman of the Board; Paul S. Siebenmorgen, President and Chief Executive Officer; Edward A. Leininger, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; or Barbara J. Britenriker, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. They will be only too happy to take the time to explain to you the purpose for each of the provisions and why we feel strongly that you should vote in favor of each issue.

Our Directors, Officers, and Employees thank you for your continued loyalty and support.

Joe E. Crossgrove,	Paul S. Sibenmorgen,	Robert G. Frey,
Chairman of the Board	President & CEO	Chairman, Corporate Governance

& Nominating Committee