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RE: Purposed Amendment to TT&L Rate of Interest

At the present time, banks are heavily burdened and absorb the expenses of TT&L collection. If the TT&L account belonged to a private customer, it would earn considerably less, if any, interest based on the activity in the account. The idea of raising this interest instead of lowering it is simply "Gouging".

Our non-bank competition continues to out pace bank profitability and return on investment because they are not burdened with this type of cost absorption which banks are faced with in the TT&L account. We would suggest that a study be under taken showing the true cost of this account and the services performed and a fair rate of interest setup for the account. We all believe in fairness but it is very unfair of the US Treasury to impose additional burdens on the bank and its customers at the same time demanding higher rates of interest. The amount of money involved is in the bank such a short time that it has no useful purpose to the bank. We can not lend this money out. It is strictly a service to the customer and to the US Treasury. We hope you will review this proposal and be more realistic in your actions.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Joseph M. Monahan

Joseph M. Monahan
Chairman of the Board

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