

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

I want to emphasize my opposition as a concerned citizen and taxpayer to the proposed \$700 billion Wall Street bailout.

There is clearly no need for a panicked one week rush to enact this or any other legislation.

If there is a genuine danger that a near term credit "crisis" will prevent payment of payrolls or other vital functions, the Federal Reserve, Treasury, and U.S. government clearly have other more effective options to inject needed funds into the financial system than to purchase valueless assets from incompetent financial firms.

For example, the Federal Reserve can make available funds at the discount rate which can be lowered to 0% if necessary to those banks, credit unions, and other financial firms that have not made bad lending and investment decisions. These firms can then take over providing credit for payrolls and other vital functions. The Federal Reserve can also attach a "use it or lose it" requirement to such loans to ensure that they are used immediately to cover payrolls or other short term needs that may be in danger due to the screwup by large badly run investment banks.

Federal Reserve loans should be considered a privilege for well run banks and financial firms and not a right. There are undoubtedly many, often small, financial firms that have made prudent investments and avoided mortgage backed securities, sub-prime loans, and other junk.

There are, of course, other options such as a federal emergency loan fund to meet payrolls and so forth to avoid a near term credit collapse that do not involve the purchase of valueless assets and will ensure that the money is used to keep vital functions in operation and not further enrich incompetent financial executives.

Sincerely,

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