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CBA statement regarding the closure of FirstTier Bank

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“Bank closures can seem alarming, especially when several are announced at once or occur in a short time period. However, this bundling is common practice for the FDIC, and this efficient process benefits the customer, the community, the FDIC and the banking industry. The FDIC can utilize employees more efficiently, and can facilitate the purchase of the closed banks’ assets more expeditiously.”

“The vast majority of Colorado banks are stable and have the ample resources to handle any problems our recovering economy brings up. As an industry, Colorado banks are holding 150% of the capital traditionally required by regulators, and reserves to protect against loan losses have been bolstered to record levels.”

Quick Stats on Colorado Banking

Industry Assets - Colorado	Risk Based Capital	Loan Loss reserves excluded from Capital calculations
\$100 Billion	\$14 billion	\$1.5 Billion

“Sometimes FDIC is not able to find another bank to buy the failed one. Depositors will be paid promptly by FDIC, loans remain as agreed with the old bank, and our competitive market gives customers many choices for deposits, loans and other financial services.”

“We had no closures in 2010, in fact in 20 months. Other states weren’t so fortunate. Colorado banking is strong although a few individual banks have challenges. Bank closures happen sometimes and the competitive market among banks gives customers good choices. “

“The most important questions the community should ask when hearing about a bank closure are: ‘will the community have access to banking services,’ and ‘are my deposits protected?’ The competitive banking industry has grown to the point where Coloradans don’t just have convenient access to banking services, but have a choice of where to bank. One, or even a handful of separate closures, generally doesn’t affect that. Additionally, Coloradans can rest assured knowing that there is no stronger, more reliable guarantee than FDIC insurance. Our deposits are safe no matter what bank they are in, or what is going on in the economy.”

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The Colorado Bankers Association represents over 90% of the \$100 billion in assets within the 165 Colorado banks. On behalf of the 19,700 men and women who work in Colorado’s banks CBA works with government seeking a better banking industry in this rapidly changing environment. CBA also provides banking-specific information and education, offers bank insurance, anti-fraud efforts, and numerous other miscellaneous services.