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Via email to CommunityAffairs@occ.treas.gov and KeyBank at cra_comment_letter@keybank.com

Re: KeyBank's CRA Examination

Dear Mr. Poszywak:

I am pleased to offer comments regarding KeyBank's Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Exam conducted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) for 2019 through 2021.

Founded in 1982, The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts' mission is to feed our neighbors in need and lead the community to end hunger. We lead the region's emergency food network partnering with 160+ member agencies, including food pantries and meal sites, as well as operating 80 direct-to-household sites. Last year, we distributed over 12 million pounds of food to an average of 90,000 people facing hunger and/or food insecurity every month. In addition to distributing food, we also provide SNAP outreach and enrollment assistance. We also operate a Food Insecurity Screening and Referral Initiative in partnership with area health providers that includes not only food assistance, but also referrals for wrap-around social services to address the underlying causes of hunger and food insecurity.

KeyBank has been an engaged partner and recently provided a three-year grant to support the purchase of culturally-relevant food for our Mobile Food Bank. The Mobile Food Bank brings food, primarily fresh produce, to areas with high rates of child poverty, food insecurity, and limited access to full-service grocers or partner food pantries. This support demonstrates Key Bank's ongoing commitment to serving low- and moderate-income neighborhoods through philanthropy. Their local staff have also volunteered at one of our local sites and plan to volunteer again.

In 2019 through 2021, prior to our current grant, KeyBank regularly supported our Brown Bag: Food for Elders Program. Key's support ensured that this program could serve age-appropriate healthy foods to an average 6,000 low-income elders age 55+ every year.

KeyBank's commitment and actions to serve the needs of low- and moderate-income communities are clear. Our partnership has enabled The Food Bank to uphold our mission. We look forward to continuing our partnership with KeyBank as we work together to meet the needs of our community.

If you have questions, please contact me at 413-203-4801 or email me at:
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Sincerely,

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