



AMERICAN INTERSTATE BANK

Dear Valued AIB Customer,

The recent forced closures of Silicon Valley Bank in California, and Signature Bank in New York, has created understandable angst in the financial markets. The FDIC and Federal Reserve are going to provide coverage to all depositors in each institution regardless of their deposit balances. We at AIB want you to know that we are in no way involved with any of the problematic issues at those banks, or any others that may have financial difficulties. The challenges brought on by the Covid pandemic forced some banks to make unwise decisions in their investment portfolios while also becoming very involved with crypto currencies. The collapse of FTX, combined with the rapid increase in interest rates created by the Federal Reserve, made these two investment decisions prove to be very unwise thus putting those banks in financial peril. AIB has no exposure to crypto currencies, or loans to entities involved with crypto currencies, and have no investment losses that impact our bank whatsoever.

We maintain one of the highest levels of capitalization in the state, while operating under a very conservative operating philosophy which ensures, to the best of our proven ability, that catastrophic situations will never occur in AIB – “Elkhorn’s Bank since 1915”! We greatly appreciate our relationship with each of our customers and will continue to provide the high level of service that each of you have come to expect, and deserve!

Feel free to contact us with any questions, or concerns, that you might have as the financial regulators continue to work to correct the issues created in a very small portion of institutions.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Palmquist', is written over the printed name.

Daniel Palmquist
President