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First Senior Deputy Comptroller Julie L. Williams Discusses Misunderstandings and Mischaracterizations of New OCC Rules

WASHINGTON – Julie L. Williams, Chief Counsel and First Senior Deputy Comptroller, today delivered the attached <u>speech</u> to a Government Affairs Conference held by America's Community Bankers.

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The OCC charters, regulates and examines approximately 2,100 national banks and 52 federal branches of foreign banks in the U.S., accounting for more than 55 percent of the nation's banking assets. Its mission is to ensure a safe and sound and competitive national banking system that supports the citizens, communities and economy of the United States.