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This was a dramatic week for a normally staid banking industry. Crypto currency bank Silvergate announced its self-liquidation on Wednesday. On Friday, California-based Silicon Valley Bank, which focused on banking for high-tech companies, failed. Silicon Valley Bank experienced a run on deposits and was taken over by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) in less than 48 hours. Silicon Valley Bank started the week as the 16th largest bank in the country, with \$209 billion in assets, making it the second largest bank failure in United States history.

To be clear and to allay any fear, these events have no effect on Martha's Vineyard Bank.

These failures involved banks that operate very differently from Martha's Vineyard Bank. Indeed, their collapse emphasizes the importance of entrusting your deposits with a bank that provides the maximum possible protections.

Martha's Vineyard Bank is ***one of only a few banks in the country with full deposit insurance for 100% of all deposits*** and is the only bank on Martha's Vineyard with this protection. This is made possible through the Depositors Insurance Fund and the FDIC.

Furthermore, Martha's Vineyard Bank has a ***5-Star rating for financial strength*** (the highest Bauer Financial rating) and an ***"Outstanding"*** Community Reinvestment Act rating from the Federal Reserve (again, the highest rating). With a strong capital position, robust liquidity, a traditional business model, and pristine asset quality, Martha's Vineyard Bank is prepared for whatever the future may bring.

If you are concerned about the security of your deposits, Martha's Vineyard Bank is your safe harbor. We are committed to act as responsible stewards of our 114-year-old institution and to serve our customers and community into the next century.

We look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

James M. Anthony
President and CEO