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OTS STATEMENT ON GOODWILL DECISION

OTS (Office of Thrift Supervision) supported the congressional mandate embodied in FIRREA to strengthen thrift capital requirements, eliminate supervisory goodwill and restructure the regulatory apparatus overseeing the thrift industry. Partly as a result of these changes, the thrift industry today has been restored to financial health.

The Supreme Court's decision is not about whether Congress' action in raising capital requirements was correct, but whether the government breached contracts with certain institutions that were adversely affected by the statutorily mandated revision to the capital standards.

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The Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), a bureau of the U.S. Treasury, regulates and supervises the nation's thrift industry. OTS' mission is to ensure the safety and soundness of thrift institutions and to support their role as home mortgage lenders and providers of other community credit and financial services. For copies of news releases or other documents call PubliFax at 202/906-5660, or visit the OTS web page at www.ots.treas.gov.