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### **FHLBank of Seattle Announcement on Risk-Based Capital**

Yesterday, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle announced that ongoing turmoil in the capital and mortgage markets has caused a continued decline in the market value of its private-label mortgage-backed securities, and as a result, the Bank will likely report a risk-based capital deficiency at December 31, 2008.

The FHLBank of Seattle has filed a Form 8-K regarding this matter, which also contains a letter to Bank members. This filing can be viewed by searching the EDGAR database.

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