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Washington, D.C. - CSBS President and CEO Brandon Milhorn remarked on the benefits of the dual banking system today in a keynote address at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's annual banking outlook conference.

Federal policy should respect local decision making and enable smaller institutions to serve their customers and communities. Milhorn called for federal policy that would reflect these principles, noting that there are 2,000 fewer community banks today compared to a decade ago.

Milhorn also addressed recent reporting that discusses consolidating all federal regulation and supervision into a single, all-powerful agency, noting it would have a devastating impact on the dual banking system, community banks, and local economies.

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