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Ricky Ray First Bank of Boaz 124 South Main Street Boaz, AL 35957

Dear Mr. Ray:

Congratulations! First Bank of Boaz has once again received a financial strength rating of "A+" or "Excellent" from Weiss Ratings, the nation's leading independent provider of ratings and analyses of financial services companies, mutual funds, and stocks.

This rating recognizes First Bank of Boaz as an outstanding bank offering excellent financial stability for its customers, vendors and employees. Please know that fewer than one percent of the nation's banks and thrifts meet Weiss Ratings' criteria for exceptional financial strength, making this distinction truly one to be proud.

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On behalf of Weiss Ratings, it is a privilege to acknowledge your company's exceptional financial strength!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Melissa A. Gannon Vice President

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