

Dear Valued Client,

Thank you for banking with Bank of Belleville. We are writing to inform you about how we can work together to protect your accounts from increasing fraud, particularly check fraud.

Check fraud occurs when checks are stolen or improperly discarded, then altered and deposited fraudulently. At Bank of Belleville, we use advanced technology and a dedicated team to combat fraud. However, your participation is crucial.



Recommendations to Protect Your Accounts:

- **Avoid Writing Checks:** We strongly recommend discontinuing check writing to prevent your information from being compromised.
- **Be Cautious with Account Information:** Only share your account Information with trusted vendors.
- **Review Accounts Frequently:** Check your accounts regularly for suspicious activity and contact us immediately if you see anything unusual.
- **Enable Digital Banking Alerts:** Set up email or text alerts for transactions, balances, checks and more.

Alternatives to Checks:

- **Bill Pay:** Use Bill Pay via digital banking to avoid sharing account information and reduce costs.
- **Debit Cards:** Use debit cards with our card management tool to turn your card on and off via digital banking.

Staying vigilant and proactive is essential for preventing fraudulent access to your accounts. Bank of Belleville is committed to helping you and the bank stay safe.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Ron Stephens
President & CEO