



AIB GROUP STATEMENT

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The following statement has been issued by AIB Group in response to this evening's announcement by the US Attorney's Office in Maryland.

AIB Group and Allfirst welcome the Grand Jury's decision to indict former employee John Rusnak on charges of bank fraud and false entry in bank records. AIB stated at the outset that it believed it was the victim of a complex and sophisticated fraud and these charges endorse that conclusion.

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