

## **Insurers on Insurers Not an Economic Systemic Risk**

PIA National reports that seven insurers are working together to persuade Federal Reserve officials and other regulators that insurance companies are not risky like big banks and should not be subjected to the same rules for determining capital levels. Federal officials are working on new rules for insurance companies designated systemically important or for those that own banks.



The insurance coalition is mobilizing against capital rules that may force life insurers, like big banks, to hold billions of dollars in extra funds as a thicker buffer in times of market stress. Insurers and state regulators have repeatedly said the companies have enough capital under long-standing state requirements and that a bank-focused approach ultimately will — in particular — drive up the price of life insurance products.

Absent from the coalition is AIG. It's CEO Robert Benmosche has said repeatedly that heightened oversight was a given for his company.