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To the Editor:

5-Star Washington Financial Bank Investing in the Success of People and Communities Since 1899

Washington, Pennsylvania - June 2024: Washington Financial Bank, Washington, PA, is a proud recipient of BauerFinancial, Inc.'s highest, 5-Star Superior rating for financial strength and stability. This marks the 139th consecutive quarter that Washington Financial Bank has earned a recommended rating (5-Stars or 4-Stars) from the rating firm. This latest rating was assigned in June 2024 based on March 31, 2024 financial data and signifies that Washington Financial Bank continues to be one of the **strongest banks in the nation**.

Karen Dorway, president of BauerFinancial, the Nation's Premier Bank Rating Firm, had this to say about Washington Financial Bank, "Life has changed dramatically over the past few years, but the commitment of community banks, like Washington Financial Bank, has never wavered. These banks understand that a customer's worth is much greater than the size of their bank account. They believe in relationships that help grow and maintain communities, and they work together to nurture both those relationships and communities. They take pride in helping customers thrive."

Washington Financial Bank has been helping customers achieve their financial goals, both personal and business, for 125 years. Its employees appreciate all opportunities and challenges thrown their direction. They want to be the best banking partners in the community because they know, when their customers succeed, so do they.

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