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Pentucket Bank Establishes Fund to Assist with Merrimack Valley Gas & Fire Disaster Relief Efforts

(Haverhill, MA) Pentucket Bank has established the **Merrimack Valley Gas / Fire Relief Fund** with a **\$25,000 contribution from the Bank** to assist members of the North Andover, Lawrence and Andover communities who have been impacted by the gas explosions on Thursday.

“Our hearts go out to the residents, families and businesses that have been impacted in any way as a result of the gas explosions this week,” stated Scott Cote, CEO/Chairman of the Board at Pentucket Bank. “The Pentucket Bank family is committed to assisting our neighbors in the North Andover, Lawrence and Andover communities as they begin to make sense of this disaster and work towards recovery.” He continued, “We feel that providing assistance is not only part of our mission as a local, community-minded institution, but it is our obligation as human beings to help one another during a time of need.”

Pentucket Bank is inviting individuals and businesses in and around these communities to join them in these efforts by making a tax deductible contribution:

**The Merrimack Valley Gas/Fire Relief Fund
c/o Pentucket Bank
1065 Osgood Street
North Andover, MA 01845**

The monies collected through this Fund will be dispersed to the Essex County Community Foundation who will administer the funds to Greater Lawrence area agencies supporting those impacted by this disaster on behalf of Pentucket Bank and all of our contributors. Donations may be made at any Pentucket Bank Branch location. For more information, visit www.PentucketBank.com.

Pentucket Bank, with assets of approximately \$749 million, offers six full service community banking offices; three in Haverhill, MA, one in North Andover, MA and one in each Hampstead and Salem, New Hampshire. In 2017 Pentucket Bank expanded their Executive Offices to the fourth floor of the new Pentucket Bank Plaza building at Harbor Place in Downtown Haverhill. Pentucket Bank is a subsidiary of Pentucket Bank Holdings, MHC. For more information on Pentucket Bank, please visit www.pentucketbank.com.