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## **New twist on phishing scam being circulated**

We received a new twist on the old phishing scam that OBA wants to share with our bankers statewide. The e-mail purports to be from Citibank and is not full of the usual misspellings and typical fraudster clues for which we advise your customers to be watchful.

This e-mail expresses concern about the U.S. financial situation and offers to protect their money by moving it to their Citibank *"servers located abroad in countries that do not have any connections to the American financial system."* This time, they are requesting not only complete account information, but also a scanned copy of your driver's license. The process of draining your customers' bank accounts and completely stealing their identity is accomplished in one fell swoop!

To see the entire text of this e-mail, [click here](#).

The carrot at the end of the message is clearly your customers won't have any problems accessing their money from anywhere in the world – an assurance that is clearly on the minds of Americans who feel unsettled with the recent economic events. If someone clicks on the link in the e-mail and gives account information, their account could be drained even before you would have an opportunity to sit down with them and assure them that nothing is safer than money in the bank!

Please continue to educate your customers on scams and let us know here at OBA what we can do to help. We would be glad to talk with your local papers or media to get the word out to deter these fraudsters. In the meantime, the OBA Fraud Division has contacted Citibank Fraud, forwarded the e-mail and asked them to shut down this site as soon as possible. They will continue to be watchful now that they are aware of this financial scare phishing scam that is likely to catch even some of your more cautious customers.

Thanks to Jim Shelton, OSB, Vinita for sharing this -email with OBA in a timely manner! .