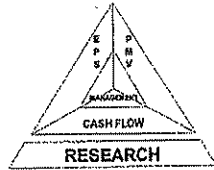


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Mr. Richard M. Lavers
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Dear Rick:

Laura Linehan, one of our portfolio managers, has recommended the following to me:

"After careful consideration, we find it difficult to vote for a blank check preferred stock issuance. Our discomfort arises from the fact that we feel we lack hard numbers, especially regarding the scale of potential contingent liabilities from the legacy RV business. We are left with no choice but to vote against the preferred offering."

Sincerely,

Mario J. Gabelli

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