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**Via Email Only**  
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Securities and Exchange Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20549-1090

**Re: SR-FINRA-2017-009**  
**Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to Expediting List Selection in Arbitration**

To the Office of the Secretary:

I am a partner at Aidikoff, Uhl and Bakhtiari, a law firm devoted to the representation of individuals and institutions in disputes with Wall Street and the financial service industry. I am a former President of the Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association (PIABA) and the current Chairman of FINRA's National Arbitration and Mediation Committee (NAMC).

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Securities and Exchange Commission with comments on the above referenced rule proposal. The proposed rule expedites the arbitrator appointment process and enables the parties to have an initial pre-hearing conference scheduled at the earliest possible time. The practical effect is to facilitate a more expedient process in selecting arbitration hearing dates. The proposal represents an improvement to the FINRA arbitration forum. I urge the Commission to approve the proposed rule on an expedited basis.

Very truly yours,

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