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Honorable William H. Donaldson Chairman U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission 450 First Street NW Washington DC 20549

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Dear Chairman Donaldson:

It has come to my attention that a revised rule would be a positive step in protecting the pension funds, municipal, as well as, state. I am particularly interested in promoting this concept as a member of the legislature and the Alabama Banking Committee.

Reforming the ITS trade-through provision is a sensible step. Reforming trade-through will improve investor freedom and preserve investor protections.

I would therefore like to commend you and your fellow commissioners for the efforts you are making to improve our securities market. This change has the potential to significantly benefit investors in Alabama and around the country.

Sincerely,

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