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Jack H. Watson, Esq.
Secretary to the Cabinet and
Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Relations
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Watson:

We have heard rumors from time to time that representatives of various large accounting firms and of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants have contacted your office in support of legislation which would give the Securities and Exchange Commission extensive regulatory authority over securities transactions by state and local governments. We feel it would be of interest to you to learn that the AICPA committee dealing with state and local governments has adopted a unanimous policy of nonsupport for such legislation. An article regarding this committee action is enclosed.

At a time convenient to you, we would appreciate the opportunity to discuss such legislation so that you may be aware of our policy, and of the unanimous policies of the other state and local public interest groups, in opposition to any such legislation.

Yours very truly.

Robert W. Dory General Counsel

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Enclosure