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Dear David:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the New York Times editorial, "Municipal Bond Abuses Return." The dealer community acted boldly several years ago in adopting the voluntary ban. Under your leadership, the MSRB worked hard to get G-37 in place and put teeth into our efforts to end pay-to-play. This is an achievement in which you and the dealer community should take great pride.

I think you and I both know that this type of achievement is not sustained on its own, but requires continued resolve so that it does not diminish over time. I would be glad to hear your further thoughts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "AL", written over a vertical line.

Arthur Levitt