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The Honorable David S. Ruder
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 Securities and Exchange Commission
 450 Fifth Street, N. W.
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Dear Chairman Ruder:

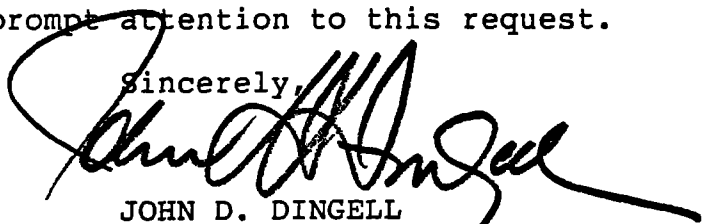
This letter is with reference to your letter of February 29, 1988 to Senator Proxmire and your General Counsel's letter of February 17, 1988 to me, concerning Commission staff negotiations with the bank regulatory agencies and amendments to the federal securities laws to address their applicability to full-scale bank entry into the securities business.

Upon review, I strongly oppose the compromise between the Commission and the federal banking agencies. The Commission's support for amendments scaling back investor protection regulations for bank broker-dealers is inconsistent with your statutory mandate and is contrary to sound public policy and the safety and soundness of our financial system.

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, and our continuing oversight of the federal securities laws and markets, it is requested that the Commission provide the Committee by the close of business on Friday, March 25, 1988, with proposed amendments to implement the Commission's fundamental position as originally presented to the Senate Banking Committee in your December 3, 1987 testimony. Please provide us also with an explanation of the differences between the SEC/banking regulators compromise and the Commission's recommendations.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,



JOHN D. DINGELL
 CHAIRMAN

cc: The Honorable Edward J. Markey
 The Honorable Norman F. Lent