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Dear Mr. Ernewein:

**Re:** Affiliated Persons – Trusts – Suspended Loss Rules

I enclose, for your information, a copy of my letter of even date to Mr. Rick Biscaro of the CCRA relating to the position taken by the CCRA that two trusts with the same trustee are considered to be affiliated. This position has numerous inappropriate consequences for our industry, some of which are described in our letter. We also believe that there is no requirement that the CCRA take this position nor do we believe that it corresponds with the intention of your department. We will follow up with you in due course when we receive a response from the CCRA.

Yours truly,

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John Mountain Vice President Regulation