

## asset management group

June 13, 2018

Mr. Brent J. Fields Secretary U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, NE Washington, DC 20540-1090

Re: File No. 265-28; Recommendation of Market Structure Subcommittee of the Investor Advisory Committee; Select Enhancements to Protect Retail Investors in Municipal and Corporate Bonds

Dear Mr. Fields:

The Asset Management Group ("AMG") of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association ("SIFMA")<sup>1</sup> has reviewed the June 5<sup>th</sup> draft Recommendation<sup>2</sup> of the Market Structure Subcommittee ("Subcommittee") of the Investor Advisory Committee to be considered at its meeting on June 14, 2018. Both AMG and the Municipal Division of SIFMA, representing the buy and sell sides, respectively, commented last year on the proposed amendments to Rule 15c2-12.<sup>3</sup> While the Municipal Division will file a separate letter detailing its comments on the June 5<sup>th</sup> Recommendation, AMG will simply reiterate our comments from our previous letter dated May 15, 2017.

If you have any questions about our previous letter or would like additional information, please contact me at (202) 962-7300 or

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Available at: <a href="https://www.sec.gov/spotlight/investor-advisory-committee-2012/iac061418-market-structure-subcommittee-recommendation.pdf">https://www.sec.gov/spotlight/investor-advisory-committee-2012/iac061418-market-structure-subcommittee-recommendation.pdf</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> AMG Letter dated May 15, 2017, available at: <a href="https://www.sec.gov/comments/s7-01-17/s70117-1752924-151891.pdf">https://www.sec.gov/comments/s7-01-17/s70117-1752924-151891.pdf</a>; SIFMA Letter dated May 15, 2017, available at: <a href="https://www.sec.gov/comments/s7-01-17/s70117-1753185-151945.pdf">https://www.sec.gov/comments/s7-01-17/s70117-1753185-151945.pdf</a>;

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Sincerely,

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