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From: Smith, Jim [mailto:JSmith@WebsterBank.com]

Sent: Monday, April 16, 2007 12:24 PM

To: Cox, Christopher

Subject: NYSE - Symbology Plan

Dear Chairman Cox:

Webster Financial Corporation supports the New York Stock Exchange's Symbology Plan to improve and strengthen existing allocation practices for selecting and using ticker symbols.

We are traded on the New York Stock Exchange as "WBS." Having one of the one, two or three digit ticker symbols identifies Webster as a member of the prestigious New York Stock Exchange and underscores our adherence to its high corporate governance and financial standards. We would not want to see the brand strength of NYSE membership diluted by the introduction of ticker symbols of similar length by other stock exchanges.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and hope that you will support the distinctive characterization the NYSE has earned and seeks to expand in the global marketplace through its Symbology Plan.

Sincerely,

James C. Smith
Chairman and CEO
Webster Financial Corporation