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Ms. Mary Schapiro
Chairman
Securities & Exchange Commission
SEC Headquarters
100 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20549

SUBJECT: ETF BEAR RAIDS, THE UP TICK RULE AND MARK-TO-MARKET ACCOUNTING

Dear Madam Chairman:

First let me congratulate you on being appointed Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Your wisdom, integrity and the deep respect you have earned over the years is in great contrast to your predecessor. Chris Cox and his staff were completely out of touch and history will judge them harshly. Unfortunately because of their ineptitude your challenges are extremely magnified.

The ETF Bear raids that have been taking place in the financial sector of the equity markets are nothing short, pardon the pun, of what took place during the Great Depression. Allowing the ETF’s shorts to leverage $1.00 into $3.00 makes the playing field extremely unfair and denigrates the traditional role that short selling brings to the market. Simply put, long investors stand no chance and that is not equitable. Couple this with the absence of the Up Tick rule and Mark-to-Market accounting and we are exacerbating an already depressed financial sector and the general overall market. This will have severe long term physiological and monetary implications, which will make it extremely difficult to restore that crucial ingredient of INVESTOR CONFIDENCE.

Please reinstate the Up Tick Rule, suspend ETF shorting and Mark-to-Market accounting. You are in a position to do a great deal to calm our markets, bring back confidence and restore faith in our capitalistic system. I find it appalling that the likes of George Soros and Nouriel Roubinis of the world are doing their best to undermine our financial system.
I have attached a couple of articles that I believe to be germane. Please act on behalf of private investors like myself and do so quickly. For disclosure purposes my family trust is long J.P. Morgan, Wells Fargo, Bank of America and General Electric.

I am hopeful that you will share this with the Treasury Secretary and his staff.

Respectfully,

E. James Hannay
President

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