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Securities & Exchange Commission
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Re: Naked Shorting

Attention: Mr. Christopher Cox, Chairman

I have nothing against the act of short selling. I do believe it plays a role in our financial markets. However, I become livid when I hear about stock being shorted without having in-place the borrowed shares. That is tantamount to creating money! I though the U.S. Treasury Department was only authorized to print currency. Evidently not, through your lack of enforcement of naked short selling you, and your agency, have in effect given permission to these people to produce money.

Naked shorting is an illegal act, why is it that you have allowed naked short selling to exist to the extent it has? Do you realize what havoc this can play, especially with smaller capitalization stocks? The activity of naked short selling undermines the integrity of the market.

My firm is an Investment Counselor registered with the SEC. We have to abide by SEC rules and regulations that have been placed on me. It doesn't matter how onerous and paper intensive these regulations are—we comply. You should do the same. You have a responsibility to "police" short selling—do it!

Regulation SHO is lax and loosely regulated—it is a joke? We need better solutions and those solutions should be permanent and transcend financial stocks and include all securities.

Sincerely,



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