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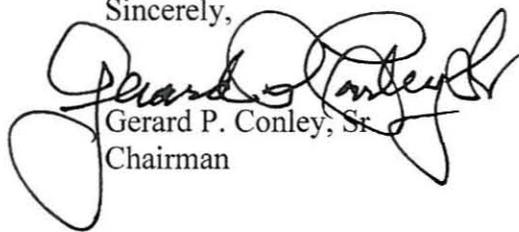
Ms. Elizabeth Murphy
Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20549-1090

Re: File Number S7-45-10

Dear Secretary Murphy:

I am writing on behalf of the board and staff of the Maine Turnpike Authority to urge the SEC to remove the provision of its proposed rule subjecting appointed board members of municipal entities to the proposed requirement that they be registered with and licensed by the SEC as "municipal advisors." The MTA agrees with the comments submitted by the International Bridge Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank on this proposal, especially the points made by those organizations regarding the accountability of appointed board members and the "chilling effect" that the proposed requirements could have on the willingness of talented individuals to serve on boards like the Maine Turnpike Authority, which require significant investments of time from these individuals for little or no compensation. The Maine Turnpike Authority respectfully requests that the portion of the proposed rule subjecting appointed board members to these new and onerous requirements be removed.

Sincerely,



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