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Chairman Christopher Cox
United States Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20549-0213

Dear Chairman Cox:

I am writing on behalf of State Street Corporation (NYSE: STT) to voice our support for the New York Stock Exchange's request that it retain exclusive privilege of issuing one- two- or three-character symbols to its listed companies.

Since 1867 when the first ticker tape was introduced, the companies that list on the New York Stock Exchange have benefited from the distinction of having a ticker of three characters or less. The NASDAQ has used four- or five-character symbols for its listed companies, hence making it easy and convenient for investors to recognize the exchange on which they are traded.

Companies that list on the New York Stock Exchange must meet the highest corporate governance and financial standards and the one-, two- or three-character symbol carries those distinctions for the issuers.

I urge you to act to preserve these distinctions and rule in favor of the New York Stock Exchange request.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Resch
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cc: R. Logue, State Street Corporation
The Honorable Edward F. Kennedy
The Honorable John F. Kerry
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