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Vanessa Countryman, Director  
Office of the Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Room 10915  
Washington, D.C. 20549-1090



**Re: In the Matter of the Application of Gregory Acosta;  
Administrative Proceeding File No. 3-18637**

Dear Ms. Countryman:

We are counsel for Mr. Gregory Acosta in the referenced matter. Mr. Acosta seeks a Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") order on the jurisdiction issue and/or to proceed with his Application for Review of Action immediately.

Mr. Acosta filed his Application for Review of Action taken by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") on August 13, 2018, approximately one year ago. Mr. Acosta filed the Application for the purpose of preserving any rights he may have to a review and appeal FINRA's determination that he was subject to statutory disqualification. On September 17, 2018, former Secretary Brent J. Fields issued an order directing the parties to submit briefs on the issue of whether the Commission has jurisdiction over the Mr. Acosta's appeal. Thereafter, Mr. Acosta submitted his Brief in Support of Application for Review on October 19, 2018. FINRA filed its Brief on Jurisdiction on November 16, 2018. Mr. Acosta filed his Reply Brief in Support of Jurisdiction on November 20, 2018.

Thereafter, in response to the briefs, the Commission issued an order requesting supplemental briefing on the issues on March 6, 2019. Mr. Acosta subsequently submitted his Response to the Order Requesting Additional Briefing on March 25, 2019. FINRA filed its Brief in Response to the Commission's Order Requesting Additional Briefing on May 6, 2019. Mr. Acosta filed his Reply Brief in Response to Order Requesting Additional Briefing on May 21, 2019.



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As of the date of this correspondence, the Commission has not made a determination as to the basic question of jurisdiction. As a result, Mr. Acosta's appeal is currently stalled. His due process rights are being adversely affected by this undue delay. The matter was filed over a year ago and it should proceed to Review or the Commission must issue its decision on jurisdiction.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,



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