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Subject: Conflict of Interest Rule Hearing

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to request to testify at the upcoming hearing on the Department of Labor's proposed conflict of interest rule and related proposed prohibited transaction exemptions.

I have been closely studying the Department's efforts in this area for several years. In 2013, I co-authored an analysis on the potential costs and benefits of the Department's 2010 proposal to eliminate third-party incentive payments, such as 12b-1 fees. This study was published in the *Journal of Retirement*.

My testimony on the current proposal would focus on its potential economic effects on investors and financial service providers and on the provision of investment advice.

Thank you for considering my request. You can contact me via email at webbaa@bc.edu or via phone at 617-552-8782 (work) or 646-662-7254 (cell).

Faithfully,

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