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General Comment

Hello,

I write to oppose any regulations that discourage financial advisors from considering ESG criteria. One important objection is that this would limit an individual's freedom to be presented with options that may align with their own values or that, in the financial advisor's judgement, offer worthwhile investments. A second major objection to limiting the consideration of ESG criteria is that these criteria in fact reflect current real world conditions that are likely to affect specific investments' performance. To ignore a company's exposure to environmental liability or its potential public reputation should it value its employees poorly based on race, sex, or other characteristics is to open oneself up to making poor judgements. Leave financial advisors to do their job.

Thank you,
Sara Gronim