I strongly believe options trading should be allowed for ordinary investors in all, including registered, brokerage accounts.

I have taken the time to learn how to buy and sell options and believe these instruments have a place in many portfolios. Simple option strategies utilizing covered calls and puts have added both income and lowered volatility in my personal portfolio.

These conservative strategies are not hard to learn and apply. Those who do not understand the technique need not utilize them. Options are a tool useful for certain applications. I would hate to have a tool kit with only hammers and no saws.