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General Comment

While the rule change might result in more consumer protection, it will also place additional constraints on the ability of consumers to conduct certain self-directed investment actions. One important consequence of this rule change would be to prohibit a consumer from placing self-directed stock options trades. This would place a strongly negative impact on all individual investors' ability to enhance the performance of their respective portfolios.