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Ms. Jean Webb
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Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20581

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Re: Cantor Financial Futures Exchange Meeting

Dear Ms. Webb:

I write this letter to request to participate in the public meeting on the Cantor Financial Futures Exchange ("CFFE") application to be held by the CFTC on August 11.

As the Commission is aware, I previously submitted a comment letter in support of the CFFE's application to become a contract market. It was and is my belief that an electronic exchange like the CFFE provides important value to the marketplace for futures trading. Specifically, it provides an enhanced regulatory environment, it improves financial integrity and promotes competition and economic efficiency.

As reflected in my attached personal summary, I believe that I have a breadth of experience in the futures industry. As a former Chairman of the Futures Industry Association and a member of two CFTC Advisory committees, I observed rapid changes in our industry. Now, as a public director of the Board of Trade of the City of New York and a principal of Diversified Investment Management, L.L.C, an investment advisor, I am viewing marketplace innovation from a different perspective.

If given an opportunity to present at the public meeting on August 11, I would propose to address the issues raised by CFFE and electronic trading from the perspective of end-users of the futures markets. The benefits of information and trading technology embodied in CFFE have the potential to greatly improve the

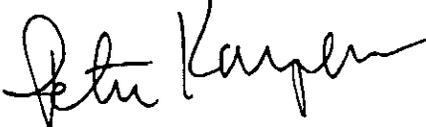
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efficiency of futures trading. The opportunities presented by the interrelationship of cash and futures trading constitute another benefit of CFFE. In addition to the end-user perspective, I would hope to be able to address the broader benefits and potential of CFFE from the various vantage points that I have observed over the last decade.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit this request and look forward to the opportunity to making a presentation at the public meeting on August 11.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Karpen".

Peter F. Karpen

(Enclosure)

Peter F. Karpen is a principal of Diversified Investment Management, L.L.C., an investment advisor and the general partner of Diversified Capital Investment Fund. His previous business experience includes management, trading and sales positions at CS First Boston and John. W. Henry and Co. He has been chairman of the Futures Industry Association, a governor of the New York Cotton Exchange, a member of two advisory committees to the CFTC and an advisor to the Board of Trade Clearing Corporation on technology issues. Mr. Karpen is a public board member of the New York Board of Trade, an arbitrator for the National Futures Association and actively involved with several charitable organizations.