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October 9, 2009

Mr. David A. Stawick
Secretary
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, NW
Washington, DC 20581

Re: **Joint Audit Committee**

Dear Mr. Stawick,

The Futures Industry Association ("FIA") is writing to request an extension of time in which to file comments in response to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's ("Commission's") request for comment with respect to the proposed amendments to the agreement submitted by the Joint Audit Committee. Without an extension, the Comment period will end on October 14, 2008.

FIA's regular membership is comprised of approximately 30 of the largest futures commission merchants in the U.S. As such, they are directly affected by the terms and conditions of the Joint Audit Committee Agreement. FIA member firms have not had an opportunity to give the proposed amendments the attention they clearly deserve. The notice was published on September 11, 2008 and three of the last four weeks have been marked by unprecedented financial market turmoil. We respectfully request another 30 days, until at least November 14, 2008, to submit a comment letter.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 466-5460.

Sincerely,

Tammy Botsford
Assistant General Counsel

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