

**MEMO# 4946**

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## **CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ON MUTUAL FUND INDUSTRY: AN OVERVIEW**

July 2, 1993 TO: BOARD OF GOVERNORS NO. 59-93 SELECTED SENIOR CONTACTS RE: CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ON MUTUAL FUND INDUSTRY: AN OVERVIEW

On July 22, the Telecommunications and Finance Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold an overview hearing on the mutual fund industry. I will be testifying on behalf of the ICI. Other witnesses are: Robert Egelston, Former Chairman The Capital Group, Los Angeles Edward C. Johnson 3d, Chairman & CEO Fidelity Management and Research, Boston Thomas R. Powers, Chairman of the Board Transamerica Fund Management, Houston Arthur Zeikel, President Merrill Lynch Asset Management, New York If confirmed, SEC Chair-designate Arthur Levitt will also testify. This hearing will be the first on the mutual fund industry in over twenty years. In anticipation of this most important hearing, I am asking that you write and/or call the Member(s) of the House Energy and Commerce Committee whose name(s) appears on the attached list and communicate, in your own words, the following: 1. your knowledge of the hearing on July 22; 2. that your firm is headquartered or has a presence in the Member's state (see attached "State Profile"); 3. the positive contributions of the mutual fund industry to middle- class investors and the American economy; 4. the industry's commitment to a sound SEC regulatory system that keeps pace with industry growth; - 2 - 5. the industry's commitment to maintaining shareholder trust and confidence; 6. your personal willingness to discuss industry issues with the Member of Congress or his/her staff; 7. a request to meet in the state (where appropriate) with the Member of Congress and/or talk with him/her directly prior to the hearing. The growth and success of our industry in recent years naturally brings with it increased attention and scrutiny. The record of the industry should be a point of pride for all of us, and a letter to your Member of Congress conveying the accomplishments of the mutual fund business in your state would be appropriate and helpful. For your additional guidance, we are attaching, as a model, an earlier letter to Chairman Markey from an Institute Governor. Please send Julie Domenick, Senior Vice President, Legislative Affairs, blind copies of your correspondence and advise her of any response to your communication. Also, if your firm is represented in Washington (e.g., by a Washington office or law firm) will you please let Julie know. Should you wish to discuss this further or require additional information, please call me (202/955-3510) or Julie (202/955-3544). We very much appreciate your assistance in connection with this most important endeavor. Matthew P. Fink Attachments

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