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Subject: Proposed ruling to permit direct purchase plans, 32-501

Dear Sir

I am very excited to read this encouraging news about a possible rule change that will have a profound benefit for small time investors who wish to self direct their own investments without paying exorbitant fees that essentially deplete any gains in the stock market. There are good companies that I would like to purchase but cannot afford the fees or board lots required by brokers.

Please keep us in mind when you deliberate on this ruling.