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Dear Sirs and Madames:

Re: CSA Staff Notice 31-401 Registration Forms Relating to the National Registration Database

The Canadian Bankers Association (CBA) appreciates this opportunity to provide you with our comments on the Registration Forms Relating to the National Registration Database.

We welcome the development of the National Registration Database ("NRD") by the CSA. We expect that the NRD should make filing of registration forms more efficient, speed the registration process across the country and reduce the administrative costs that are associated with the process.

Given the administrative cost savings that that are likely to accrue to securities regulators as a result of the implementation of the NRD, we sincerely hope that the CSA will reconsider the proposal to require users of the NRD to pay annual fees in order to access the NRD, in addition to the registration that are being charged.

Yours truly,

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