

Hello, Mr. Stevenson,

I am just new to investing but recently this proposed bill came to my attention and I felt I had to say something.

I would just like to say that I don't believe that I should have to provide the vast majority of my financial information before I'm allowed to invest in an "exempt market security". If I have the funds that are required that should be enough. My money is mine to do with what I please. When someone walks up to a slot machine in a casino with their savings is there someone standing there asking them if they could provide financial information before they proceed?

Providing someone with all of my financial information opens me up to a whole lot of vulnerabilities. Not to mention once they look at my finances, they get to "decide" if I can or can't invest! It is no one's business what my assets are unless I'm asking them for money. If this bill is for that purpose, then I understand but that's not what I was informed with.

I understand that people are losing their life savings in poor investments but providing these companies with my financial information is a violation of privacy. Investing is a choice and I don't want someone telling me that my financial picture doesn't look good enough or ripping me off because it looks too good.

Anyway, I won't take up more of your time, I just wanted to voice my concerns.

Sincerely,
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