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Re: CSA Proposed Amendments Relating to the Offering Memorandum Exemption

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I do not believe that the Alberta Securities Commission (ASC), or any other securities regulator has any right to limit or even suggest giving advice as to how I as an individual investor ought to invest. I work hard, and with the advice and education that my financial advisors give me I have the right to choose as little or as much into any given investment that I choose.

I am subject to a rigorous and thoughtful series of suitability and education that my advisors give me in order to make an informed and safe decision as to how to allocate my financial resources, and the exempt market provides my portfolio with a level of protection and diversity which would be impossible to achieve at the \$30,000 suggested cap limit for eligible investors.

I have needs that I can guarantee you have not thought of because you likely do not spend time educating yourselves on the benefits of the Exempt Market, and through this poorly thought out proposed legislation, have in fact harmed myself, and my family. You have struck a devastating blow to small business across the country, and taken something from the middle class: choice.

I choose to invest in this market because I believe Exempt Market products will help me achieve my Financial Goals, I plan to live a long time, and without the level of diversity, and limited correlation this market provides I fear that I will run out of money due to persistent public market volatility, the Exempt Market provides me with investments that can withstand and even persevere in adverse market conditions, and provides me with the protection and confidence I believe the middle class

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