

This is a comment on the proposed rule allowing a new employer to determine whether or not you can keep an account that was opened prior to being associated with the new firm. No one should have the right to tell you that you cannot keep an account open or trade that existing account. I agree with having the ability to say that **after** you are employed, the firm's policy is NOT to allow opening an account with another firm.

Some accounts may be family accounts, trusts, estates, inheritance, or even just joint accounts where the other partner does all the trading and wants the account where it is. This is supposed to be a free country. The fact that the new firm will get duplicate statements should be enough to safeguard whatever is needed to be safeguarded.

An existing account is just that and should be sacred. No one should have that kind of power over you.

Thank you.

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