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As a licensed insurance professional and registered representative I am writing to you because I strongly object to expanding FINRA's suitability obligations to recommendations that do not involve securities.

I believe that people who promote unsuitable sales and engage in misleading sales practices should be aggressively prosecuted and subject to meaningful sanctions. However, FINRA does not have jurisdiction over products and services which are not securities, and neither FINRA nor broker/dealers have the resources or product-specific expertise necessary to oversee non-securities transactions. FINRA's authority should not be expanded to include non-securities products and services.

There is a current debate over the issues concerning the standard of care which broker/dealers and investment advisors owe to their clients and considering whether such standards should be expanded or changed going forward. It would be inappropriate for FINRA to expand or revise current suitability requirements while this debate is underway, since further broader-scale changes may be made within a matter of months.

For the reasons stated above, I urge you not to expand FINRA's suitability obligations to include recommendations that do not involve securities. Thank you for considering my views on this issue

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