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Mr. Farris Bryant
P. O. Box 1773
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Dear Mr. Bryant:

The Board of Governors of the Florida Security Dealers Association has directed that a letter be written to each gubernatorial candidate setting forth the views of the Association on three functions which we believe to be of considerable importance to the citizens of Florida in general and the investing public and members of our profession in particular. Accordingly, below are listed the three topics, followed, in each case, by the position taken by our Association. We respectfully request that you express your views on these subjects by letter to the writer.

1. Reduction of the intangible tax from the present \$2.00 per \$1,000 value to the original level of \$1.00 per \$1,000 value.

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This is a subject on which most candidates have expressed themselves, the majority favoring such reduction. Members of our profession are almost certainly closer to the people directly affected by this tax than any other single business group in the State. Instance after instance has been reported by various of our members wherein very wealthy individuals on the verge of taking up residency in Florida have considered the two mill tax a major factor in finally making a decision against such a move. Objections are: (a) two mills is higher than in many other states and (b) there appears to be no assurance that the tax will not be further increased. We believe a reduction to one mill and a more rigid enforcement would be in the best interest of the State and its citizens.

2. Material increase of appropriation to the Florida Securities Commission.

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The Florida Securities Commission administers Chapter 517, being the Florida Securities Law. The law is quite satisfactory, but the Florida Securities Commission does not have the funds available to adequately administer the same. This has resulted in actions on the part of some dealers known by the Florida Security Dealers Association to be willful violations of the Securities Law. Through misrepresentations, misleading advertisements, and many other improper practices, a goodly number of Florida citizens are being defrauded annually. This, obviously, is

undesirable, and it also reflects adversely on legitimate dealers. If the Florida Securities Commission were to receive ample appropriations, they could increase their staff enough to greatly curtail the activities of irresponsible dealers and salesmen. In view of the fact that in 1958-59 the budget for the Florida Securities Commission was \$98,486, the actual expenditures were \$85,778, yet the income to the State from fees and licenses of security dealers and salesmen, stock registrations, etc., amounted to \$251,989, it is apparent that funds from within our profession are available for proper administration of our Securities Law.

- 3. Effect close working relationship between Florida State administration and Florida municipal bond dealers in accomplishing extraordinary financing.

In the past, for the most part, it has been common practice of the administration, in the financing of such major projects as turnpikes, toll bridges, and expressways, to deal directly with New York bond houses. In such situations, these dealers, in turn, determine which Florida dealers shall participate in the financing and to what extent.

Florida bond dealers give major support to the Florida municipal bond market by bidding on bonds and revenue certificates issued by all political subdivisions of the State as and when they come to market. Consequently, the Florida bond dealers have reason to believe they collectively have better market knowledge of Florida bonds than any other group of bond dealers anywhere. He believes the administration should consult with representatives of Florida firms in the matter of such major financing, which firm or firms would recommend methods and procedures to be followed. To be sure, the major bond houses in New York and in many other states would be invited to participate in the financing, and such participation would be essential. This basic system is followed in the majority of the states in the United States, including California, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia.

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Very truly yours,

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