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The Honorable Thomas P. DiNapoli New York State Comptroller 110 State Street Albany, NY 12236

Dear Comptroller DiNapoli:

Accelerate Investors is proud to support the Office of the New York State Comptroller and the New York State Common Retirement Fund (NYSCRF) team at its 17th Annual Emerging Manager and MWBE Conference.

Accelerate Investors is accelerating outperformers who disrupt the status quo. As part of our ethos, we value and support accelerating diversity and inclusion within institutional investment management. Our approach:

- Create educational programming for investment professionals
- Develop a robust network of the best investment professionals
- Support access to capital for differentiated investment firms
- Be a strategic partner to asset owners

A diverse and inclusive investment management industry will provide the returns investors seek, mitigate risk by helping avoid groupthink, and positively impact our diverse communities. Our educational programs support investment staff and trustees at asset owners, and investment managers to make a real impact in critical areas such as fiduciary duties and investment returns.

We are proud to note that our October 5, 2023, MW + West Coast Summit in Chicago featured diverse investor speakers. The speakers were 67% female and 33% male, and the ethnic/racial breakdown was 15% Asian, 19% Black, 29% Latino, and 37% White.

We are excited to continue growing our partnership so the investment management industry can better reflect our diverse population. Through our partnerships with influential asset owners like NYSCRF, we can advance our goals, and we thank you for your commitment to this vital initiative.

We also look forward to NYSCRF participating in our May 15 - 16 Annual + Women Investment Leaders Summit in New York City. We wish you a successful and productive conference.

Sincerely,

Betty Salanic

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