

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

Dear Comptroller DiNapoli,

On behalf of the membership of the National Association of Investment Companies (NAIC), we are honored to support the 17th Annual Emerging Manager & MWBE Virtual Conference. We appreciate how you leverage this conference to share with a wide audience how diverse and emerging investment managers have significantly contributed to the performance of the New York State Common Retirement Fund (NYSCRF) and superior performance for institutional investors globally.

Each February, your conference attracts some of the country's most talented investment managers, along with leading advisors and capital allocators. The informative sessions you host provide key insights into NYSCRF's investment strategies and meaningful opportunities to engage with the investment team and emerging manager investment partners. The Annual Emerging Manager & MWBE Conference has become a must-attend event for our members. We look forward to the opportunity to reengage with you, the NYSCRF investment staff, and your investment partners and learning more about the NYSFCRF investment portfolio.

As diverse managers continue to represent the best performing segments of the asset management industry, it is our pleasure to work with you to support your mission and efforts to advance the highest standards of engagement with diverse and emerging managers.

Warmest Regards,

Joseph Haslip Chairman

Robert L. Greene President & CEO