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Ann E. Misback, Secretary
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
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Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary
Attention: Comments/Legal ESS
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To Whom It May Concern:

SIFMA¹ is pleased to comment on the recent interim final rule on “Liquidity Coverage Ratio: Treatment of Certain Municipal Obligations as High-Quality Liquid Assets” (the “Rule”) published by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (together the “Agencies”).

SIFMA believes the Rule represents a sound regulatory implementation of Section 403 of the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act (PL 115-174, the “Act”). Section 403 of the Act requires the Agencies to amend their Liquidity Coverage Ratio rules to provide Level 2B High Quality Liquid Asset (“HQLA”) treatment for municipal securities that are investment grade and liquid and readily marketable. The Rule effectively carries out this provision without applying any restrictions on municipal securities as HQLA that do not also apply to other Level 2B HQLA. We believe the Rule is consistent with congressional intent and effectively implements the new statute. SIFMA fully supports the interim final Rule and we thank the principals and staff of the Agencies for their work on this issue.

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We again appreciate the opportunity to comment. Please do not hesitate to call or write if you have any questions.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Decker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Michael Decker
Managing Director