

## Option and Spread Trading in a Self-Directed IRA

RE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Account Number

To Introducing Broker:

This letter will confirm that as the beneficial owner of the above referenced account, I intend to purchase and/or sell options and/or establish option spread positions in my account despite your general policy of discouraging options trading in a self-directed IRA account.

Options trading normally shall not constitute a large portion of my retirement assets and represent only a part of an overall investment strategy for this account. I am aware of the risks that I may lose my funds and take responsibility for all those trades.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Options Clearing Corporation's publication, *Characteristics and Risks of Standardized Options* and have carefully considered the risks of trading options in this particular account. I further acknowledge that trading options in this account is of my own accord having reached this investment decision without you or your clearing broker, Penson Financial Services, Inc., providing me with any investment advice or recommendation to trade options in this account. As such, I agree to indemnify and hold both you and Penson Financial Services, Inc. harmless against any and all losses that may incur as a result trading options in my account.

Sincerely,

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Signature

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Date

cc: Penson Financial Services, Inc.