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**Senator or Representative _____
Address**

Dear Senator or Representative _____:

I am a victim of the Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities, LLC (“BLMIS” or “Madoff”) Ponzi scheme and have been personally devastated by this catastrophe.

Although the Investment Securities Protection Corporation (“SIPC”) will provide relief to BLMIS “direct investors”, SIPC does not currently recognize “indirect investors” (those of us who invested in hedge funds, that invested in “feeder funds”, that then invested in BLMIS) and, accordingly, does not provide relief for the Indirect Investors.

BLMIS Direct Investors received monthly statements from and knew they were investing with Madoff, and could have conducted some due diligence into their investments. Hundreds of [State] citizens were caught in the Madoff Ponzi scheme and most of us had never heard of Mr. Madoff before the scandal broke in December 2008. Indirect Investors like us had no practical way of doing any due diligence into the matter. Yet our losses are just as real and just as large as those of the Direct Investors.

In our case, our money was invested in [Fund Name], a “fund-of-funds” manager. We were never promised exorbitant returns and we thought we were being prudent investors. Our fund invested our hard-earned savings in [Feeder Fund Name], a “feeder fund,” which invested in BLMIS.

We have now lost a substantial portion of our entire life savings and we need Congressional help to modify the SIPC statute to eliminate the “form over substance” discrimination against-Indirect Investors.

Please understand that this is not merely an unsuccessful investment (for which we would accept personal responsibility) – but instead life savings that were stolen by a criminal who defrauded thousands of honest people in an outright crime of unimaginable proportions.

Because the Securities and Exchange Commission admitted that it knew about the fraudulent nature of Mr. Madoff’s activities for many years and chose to ignore the warnings, we believe the government now owes every victim of this scandal immediate, full and equitable restitution.

We urgently need you and your fellow members of Congress to modify the SIPC statute to include financial relief for Indirect Investors. We request the following:

- a. That the SIPC definition of “customer” be expanded retroactively to include Indirect Investors in BLMIS and other Ponzi scheme victims covered by SIPC.
- b. That SIPC provide \$500,000 cash restitution instead of \$100,000 cash and \$400,000 securities (since BLMIS has no securities) pursuant to existing regulations.

[Fund Name] Investor Profile

Investors in the “funds of funds” managed by [Fund Name] lost approximately \$[amount] million in the BLMIS Ponzi scheme. We believe our investor group is representative of hedge fund investors across the country.

[Fund Name] victims are typically prudent, responsible and respected members of their communities. We have worked hard our entire lives, saved diligently, played by the rules, contributed to charities, and, we thought, invested wisely to provide for retirement and be able to leave some assets to our children and charities. We are mostly middle- class Americans, small business owners, doctors, lawyers, engineers, farmers, and business executives, and are nothing like the “fat cat” hedge fund investors portrayed by the media. We have lost a substantial portion of our entire life savings primarily because of the Madoff Ponzi scheme.

Most middle- aged [Fund Name] victims can no longer afford to send their children to college and must start over to rebuild their retirement funds. The retired victims, many in their 70s and 80s, have gone overnight from a comfortable and well planned retirement to trying to live on social security and re- enter the work force at an advanced age. Many, if not most, of us will have to sell their homes, land, and other possessions, just to make ends meet. Like the victims of other Ponzi schemes, we have been devastated and are facing financial ruin - - through no fault of our own.

[Add a short personal story if desired.]

Summary

Time is of the essence because the investors in BLMIS and all other Ponzi schemes are beginning to run out of our remaining savings.

In addition to helping correct the wrongs brought on the Indirect Investor Ponzi scheme victims, we believe the actions requested above will assist in reinforcing the safety and value of the US investment market for our own citizens and the world. This reassurance is very much needed at this time of high economic uncertainty.

Only “an Act of Congress” will rectify these unfair practices. Please help restore the American Dream for ALL Americans by ensuring just and equitable compensation for ALL victims of these unconscionable Ponzi thefts.

Thank you in advance for your time and effort dedicated to this all- important issue. I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Sincerely,

**(Name,
email address,
physical address,
phone number)**