

January 15, 2019

The Honorable Jay Clayton
Chairman
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20549

Dear Chairman Clayton:

Today's vote in the Parliament of the United Kingdom on the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement presages greater uncertainty for global financial markets. While the potential for a prolonged or uncertain Brexit could prove challenging, a no-deal Brexit could be disruptive. As you noted in remarks on December 6, 2018,¹ adverse effects surrounding Brexit may have significant implications for U.S. investors. It is my understanding that the Commission continues to work with its counterparts in the United Kingdom and European Union to better understand such effects and deal with them appropriately.

I am therefore requesting an update on how the Commission plans to mitigate risks that may arise from yesterday's vote, particularly as they relate to the following:

- U.S. investors and securities markets,
- Risk disclosures,
- Derivatives markets,
- Market utilities and infrastructure, and
- Any equivalency considerations.

Sincerely,



PATRICK McHENRY
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Maxine Waters, Chairwoman, U.S. House Committee on Financial Services

¹ Jay Clayton, Chairman, Sec. & Exch. Comm'n, SEC Rulemaking Over the Past Year, the Road Ahead and Challenges Posed by Brexit, LIBOR Transition, and Cybersecurity Risks (Dec. 6, 2018).