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## General Investment Letter



Custodian, A South Dakota Trust Company 401 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200 R Sioux Falls, SD 57103

1 Account Information						
Your Name:			Account Number:			
Email Address:			Phone Number:			
How would you like this transaction processed? Standard Processing (3 business days) Express Processing (48 hours) (\$95 express fee) All documents must be received by noon or processing will be next business day.						
2 Investment Details						
Entity Name:						
Address:			City, State, Zip:			
Total Investment Amount:						
	ng Instructions Please send					
For WI	IRE(\$30) or ACH(\$10) – Please		For CHECK – Please complete the info below			
Attaching Wire Instructions provided by the attorney	Bank Name:	ABA Routing Number:	Make Check Payable To:			
	Bank City and State:		Mail Check to:			
	Account Holder Name:	Account Number:	Address:			
DO NOT COMPLETE	Address:		City, State, Zip:			
NEXT SECTION IF	City, State, Zip:		Send Check Via: Certified Mail (\$10) Overnight Ma	ail		
ATTACHING			(\$20+Shipping Costs) Certified Check (\$50 includes overnight in			
5 Special Instructions						
			naintain your minimum required balance, and to cove juested amount. If there are insufficient funds to cov			
any investment-related fees or any unpaid fees before sending your requested amount. If there are insufficient funds to cover the minimum balance and/or fees, your request will be put <u>on hold</u> until sufficient funds are available.						

## **6** Signatures and Acknowledgement

By my signature below, I, the Depositor, confirm that I am directing New Vision Trust Company, a State Chartered South Dakota Trust Company, its officers, directors, shareholders, employees, successors, agents and/or assigns ("Custodian"), by and through American IRA, LLC, a North Carolina Limited Liability Company, its officers, directors, shareholders, employees, successors, agents and/or assigns ("Administrator"), to complete this transaction as specified in this Investment Letter.

I understand that my account is self-directed, which means that I take complete responsibility for any investment I choose for my account, including the investment specified in this Investment Letter. I understand that neither the Custodian nor Administrator sells or endorses any investment products, and that they are not affiliated in any way with any investment provider.

I understand that the roles of the Custodian and/or Administrator are limited, and their responsibilities do not include investment selection for my account. I acknowledge that neither the Custodian nor Administrator has provided or assumed responsibility for any tax, legal or investment advice with respect to this investment, and I agree that they will not be liable for any loss which results from my decision to purchase the investment set forth in this Investment Letter.

I understand that neither the Custodian nor Administrator has reviewed, nor will they review, the merits, legitimacy, appropriateness or suitability of this investment, and I certify that I have done my own due diligence investigation, including all reviews a prudent investor would undertake, prior to instructing the Custodian and/or Administrator to make this investment for my account. I understand that neither the Custodian nor Administrator determines whether this investment is acceptable under the Employee Retirement Income Securities Act (ERISA), the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), or any applicable federal, state, or local laws, including securities laws. I understand that it is my responsibility to review any investments to ensure compliance with these requirements.

I understand that in processing this transaction the Custodian and/or Administrator are only acting as my agent, and nothing will be construed as conferring fiduciary status on either the Custodian and/or Administrator. I understand that neither the Custodian nor the Administrator is a "fiduciary" for my account and/or my investment as such terms are defined in the IRC, ERISA, and/or any applicable federal, state or local laws. I agree that the Custodian and/or Administrator shall not be liable for any investment losses sustained by me or my account and/or my beneficiaries, agents and/or assigns resulting from or related to this transaction or any other transaction initiated by me or my authorized agents.

I understand that if this Investment Letter and/or any other required documentation is not received by Custodian and/or Administrator, or, if received, in the opinion of the Custodian and/or Administrator, is unclear, and/or there is insufficient Undirected Cash in my account to fully comply with my instructions to purchase the investment and to pay all fees, the Custodian and/or Administrator may not process this transaction. I understand if there are insufficient funds in my account, the transaction will not be processed until sufficient funds are received into my account. If fees are being deducted from your account, the full amount of the transaction plus fees must be available before my transaction can be processed. My failure to provide the necessary funding, completed and proper documentation and or requested clarification will result in a delay of my investment. I understand the Custodian and/or Administrator shall have no liability for loss of income or appreciation as a result of such a delay.

I understand and agree that neither the Custodian nor the Administrator review and/or approve any articles of incorporation/organization, subscription agreements, certificates of good standing, operating agreements, corporate resolutions, by-laws, limited or general partnership agreements, or any other similar agreements and/or documents regarding the purchase and/or the validity or operation of any entity or investment I want to invest in. I am solely responsible for making sure that the entity was properly formed, compliant with all federal, state and local laws and/or will operate in a way that does not, or may not, lead to a prohibited transaction under Internal Revenue Code Section 4975. Furthermore, it is my sole responsibility to confirm the party executing the investment documents on behalf of the entity is authorized by the entity to enter into the transaction.

I understand and agree that I am solely responsible for making sure that my investment account has adequate funds for any future mandatory capital calls, and I shall indemnify and hold harmless Custodian and/or Administrator against any liability associated with a loss and/or diminution in value of my account and/or investment in the entity I have invested in because of my failure to meet a future mandatory capital call.

I understand that my investment in the Entity may be subject to the Plan Asset Regulations (29 C.F.R. § 2510.3-101) and Interpretive Bulletin 75-2 (29 C.F.R. § 2509.75-2) issued by the U.S. Department of Labor. If these regulations apply to this investment, the Entity is disregarded for purposes of the prohibited transaction rules of IRC §4975, and officers, directors, managers and the like may become fiduciaries of my account. I represent that I understand the Plan Asset Regulations and Interpretive Bulletin 75-2 or I have consulted with competent legal counsel regarding these regulations and their potential application to the Entity prior to making my investment decision.

I represent that I have done my own due diligence on the Entity. I understand that neither the Administrator nor the Custodian makes any attempt to evaluate the Entity or the individuals involved with the Entity. I understand that I am solely responsible for evaluating the Entity, its operations and its investment potential.

I agree to release, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Custodian and/or the Administrator from any claims, including, but not limited to, actions, liabilities, losses, penalties, fines, damages, expenses (including all reasonable attorneys' fees) and/or claims by others, arising out of, or related to, this Investment Letter and/or this investment.

I understand that my account is subject to the provisions of Internal Revenue Code (IRC) §4975, which defines certain prohibited transactions. I acknowledge that neither the Administrator nor the Custodian has made or will make any determination as to whether this investment is prohibited under §4975 or under any other federal, state or local law. I certify that making this investment will not constitute a prohibited transaction and that it complies with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and requirements. In addition, I have read Internal Revenue Service Regulation Title 26, Section 4975 and am familiar with the prohibited transactions listed and the penalties which will be assessed by the Internal Revenue Service in the event that I engage in any prohibited transaction(s).

I understand that my account is subject to the provisions of IRC §§511-514 relating to Unrelated Business Taxable Income (UBTI) of tax-exempt organizations. If this investment generates UBTI, I understand that I will be responsible for preparing or having prepared the required IRS Form 990-T tax return and any other documents that may be required. I understand that neither the Administrator nor the Custodian makes any determination of whether or not investments in my account generate UBTI.

I understand that the assets in my account are required by the IRS to be valued annually as of the end of each calendar year. I agree to provide the prior year end value of this investment by no later than January 31st of each year on a form acceptable to the Custodian and/or Administrator, with substantiation attached to support the value provided.

I understand that with some types of accounts there are rules for Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from the account. If I am now subject to the RMD rules in my account, or if I will become subject to those rules during the term of this investment, I represent that I have verified either that the investment will provide income or distributions sufficient to cover each RMD, or that there are other assets in my account or in other accounts that are sufficiently liquid (including cash) from which I will be able to withdraw my RMDs. I understand that failure to take RMDs may result in a tax penalty of 50% of the amount I should have withdrawn.

I understand, that once funds are distributed in accordance with my Investment Letter, it shall be my sole responsibility to verify that the funds were correctly invested. I shall also bear sole responsibility for obtaining all collateral documentation evidencing my investment, including but not limited to, subscription agreements, operating agreements, by-laws, deeds, promissory notes, deeds of trust, mortgages, and UCC filings and to send the original documentation to the Custodian and/or the Administrator, evidencing the investment. In the case of a promissory note investment, I shall be responsibility to represent to ensure receipt of such documentation.

I understand that all communication regarding this transaction must be in writing and must be signed by me or by my authorized agent on my behalf, and that no oral modification of my instructions will be valid.

I understand that no person at the office of the Administrator or the Custodian has the authority to modify any of the foregoing provisions, unless in writing signed by an Officer of the Custodian and/or Administrator. I certify that I have examined this Investment Letter and any accompanying documents or information, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is all true, correct and complete.

If any provision of this Investment Letter is found to be illegal, invalid, void or unenforceable, such provision shall be severed and such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect. I, as the Custodial Account Holder, confirm that this purchase does not include any illegal or impermissible investments under South Dakota, North Carolina or Federal law.

As the Depositor and investor, I do hereby confirm that neither the Custodian nor Administrator (or any of its subsidiaries or continuing entities) have given any advice on this investment or asset. As the Depositor and investor, I acknowledge that I have not received any advice from Custodian and/or Administrator on this investment and most importantly, I have not relied on any statements made by Custodian and/or Administrator in making this investment decision.

By my signature below, I confirm that I have read and consent to the terms of this document and I further acknowledge that I have read and consent to the terms of the New Account Application, Custodial Agreement (Form 5305, 5305-A, 5305-RA, 5305-SA, 5305-SEP, 5305-C or 5305-EA, as application, "collectively referred to as "5305" or 401K Plan Agreement ("Sponsored Plan") as applicable, Fee Schedule, Account Disclosure Statement and any other documents that govern my Custodial Account or Sponsored Plan, as such documents are currently written, or as they may be amended from time to time, (the "Documents"), which are incorporated by reference herein. (In the event of a conflict between the Documents and the 5305 and/or Sponsored Plan applicable to my Custodial Account, the 5305 or Sponsored Plan shall govern).

	Date:
Signature:	Print Name: