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Dear Comptroller DiNapoli,

Accelerate Investors is honored to support the Office of the New York State Comptroller and the New York State Common Retirement Fund (NYSCRF) team at its 18th Annual Emerging Manager and MWBE Conference.

At Accelerate Investors, we seek to accelerate outperformers who disrupt the status quo. Diversity and inclusion are part of our ethos — they are core to our belief that a stronger, more innovative investment industry leads to better outcomes for all.

Here's how we're driving this mission forward:

- **Educational investment content** with high-quality, impactful programming
- **Building a robust network** of top-tier, forward-thinking investors
- **Unlocking access to capital** for differentiated and high-performing investment firms
- **Developing strategic partnerships** with asset owners to amplify impact

A diverse and inclusive investment management industry drives stronger returns, mitigates risks like groupthink, and delivers meaningful benefits to the communities asset owners serve. Our educational programs aim to empower investment staff, trustees, and investment managers to align fiduciary excellence with impactful results.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to have NYSCRF participate in our **May 14 Annual Summit** and **May 15 Women Investment Leaders Summit** in New York City. These summits will provide opportunities to strengthen our shared commitment to transformative change and impactful outcomes.

Thank you for your steadfast leadership and dedication to advancing these critical initiatives. We wish you a successful and productive conference and look forward to continuing this journey together.

Sincerely,



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