



## U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney  
Northern District of New York

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April 22, 2009

**Re: Petitions for Remission or Mitigation of Non-Owner Victims  
28 C.F.R. §§ 9.1 et seq.**

Dear Sir or Madam:

The United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York ("USAO") filed a civil action seeking forfeiture of funds seized from Jeanne Maher's proceeds of wire fraud.

The USAO seeks forfeiture of the seized funds for the purpose of returning those funds to defrauded investors. This requires a favorable ruling by the Court regarding the forfeiture case; a resolution is anticipated in the near future.

Assuming a favorable decision by the Court, return of the seized funds requires completion and review of a *Petition for Remission* (the "*Petition*"). The *Petition* is the vehicle by which the USAO returns forfeited funds to defrauded investors. Moreover, remission will be limited to those investors who have been defrauded by the defendant during the period from on or about 2003 and continuing to on or about March, 2006. Finally, the amount remitted will be based on each investor's net investment, as determined by AFMLS, and the total funds forfeited.

It is only after all of the *Petitions* have been returned that the Department of Justice will be able to calculate what amount each investor should receive based on the number of *Petitions* returned. Thus, timely completion of the *Petition* is essential to a resolution of the remission process. Accordingly, please fill out and return the original *Petition*, no later than May 22, 2009, to the United States Attorney's Office, Attention: Angela M. Speziale, P.O. Box 7198, 100 South Clinton Street, Syracuse, New York 13261-7198 and a copy to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Attention: Jane Connelly, 200 McCarty Avenue, Albany, New York 12209. *Petitions* are available on our website <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/nyn/vw/cases>. Click on Studiopay.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (315) 448-0672.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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/s/  
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Enclosures: Petition for Remission  
28 C.F.R. §§ 9.1 to 9.9