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Sent: Friday, December 04, 2009 1:43 PM
To: Harold Wong
Cc: Frank, Marian; Maryniak, Paul: Editors of The AZ Republic
Subject: Re: Joseph Young letter of testimony about Dr. Wong's column on money

Dear Mr. Wong:

I cannot express how surprised I was when you answered the telephone number listed at the bottom of your article, "separating fact from myth for investing in an annuity."

I have been reading financial commentary since I was in high school and have regretted for many years that I had not majored in business rather than in art history. And, in spite of my attention to numerous financial publications, I have been troubled by the lack of attention (or so it seemed to me) to variable annuities. When I read your article this morning, I did not realize that it was part of a series on annuities. I called to suggest that you deal with variable annuities as well.

I just read your series of articles on annuities that you forwarded to me. I particularly mean to commend you on providing clearly written and informative articles. Having been a professional art critic, writing for major national and local publications for approximately thirty years, I am especially appreciative of your lucid, jargon-free writing.

With best wishes,

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