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## **This Could Yield Life-Changing Gains**

President of the United States Donald Trump, Secretary Treasury of the United States Steven Mnuchin, and the head of the Federal Finance Housing Agency (FHFA), Mark Calabria, are seeking a prompt resolution to end the conservatorships of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Just as importantly, these all-important figures are in alignment to recap and release the GSEs.

This could yield life-changing gains in the GSE shares.

President Trump and FHFA director Mark Calabria have recently come out with public statements about their resolutions, and the most important statement released to date was from Mark Calabria in an interview on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

"If we do a public offering common shares will continue to trade," Calabria said. "They were never wiped out.... Certainly, in the current environment, *leaving conservatorship*, with or without a public offering, *the existing shares are going to continue to trade.*"

In laymen terms, this means no receivership and a recap and release utilizing the publicly traded shares already in existence. The stocks jumped on this for good reason.

I have always stipulated that a speculation in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac was a binary outcome: either heads and we win big; or tails and we lose everything in the shares (which is why some accounts don't own any).

I believe the recent statement by Calabria, all the statements by Secretary Treasurer Steven Mnuchin since he took office, and now Trump wanting a "timeline" for resolution to end the conservatorships, all make the shares far less binary since the government took full control of the entities in 2012.

Fannie Mae is up 173% YTD while Freddie Mac is up 175% YTD. I believe the market is starting to hear and see what I am: there is no viable alternative to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

I have said that to respect the rule of law, contract law, private property rights, and to do the right thing for our country there should only be one outcome: a recap and release of the shares. It seems the market and the key people involved are coming around to my viewpoints.

If true, and if I'm right, the gains in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will be substantial.

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