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OUR COMPANY MANUFACTURES RESIDENTIAL LIGHT FIXTURES THAT ARE SOLD TO INDEPENDENT RETAILERS ACROSS THE U.S.A AND CANADA. ONE OF OUR LARGEST COSTS IS GETTING OUR PRODUCTS TO OUR CUSTOMERS, ANOTHER WORDS "FREIGHT"

WE UNDERSTAND THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD IS EVALUATING THE CONTINUATION OF THE ANTITRUST EXEMPTION FOR THE NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE. WE ARE ASKING YOU TO DENY THE CONTINUANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT.

WE FEEL IT IS WRONG TO CONTINUE THE COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT ACTIVITY OF THE NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE IN TODAY'S DEREGULATED ECONOMY. FREIGHT COST SHOULD BE DETERMINED IN THE OPEN MARKET BETWEEN SHIPPERS AND TRUCKING COMPANIES.

I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE ALWAYS TWO SIDES TO A STORY AND IF YOU DECIDE THE NCC SHOULD CONTINUE IT SHOULD BE MADE UP OF EQUAL MEMBERS OF SHIPPERS AND TRUCKING COMPANIES.

COMPLETION HAS ALWAYS BEEN GOOD FOR THE COUNTRY, TOLTEC SEE'S NO REASON WHY IN THIS CASE IT WON'T PRODUCE A BETTER MARKET PLACE FOR ALL PARTIES.

THANK YOU

WILLIAM GREGORY
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