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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
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Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW
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Dear Mr. Williams:

Our company is in the Lighting Manufacturing business. One of our largest costs is for freight.

We understand the Surface Transportation Board is evaluating the appropriateness of extending continued antitrust exemption for the National Classification Committee. We urge you to deny the continuance of this collective agreement.

We believe it inappropriate to continue the collective agreement of the National Classification Committee in today's deregulated economy. Freight costs should be determined in the open market with agreements/contracts determined between individual shippers and truckers.

If there is some overriding reason why the NCC should continue, then it should be reorganized with its make up 50% shippers and 50% truckers.

Sincerely,



Susan Solomon Auerbach
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