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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
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Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing to discuss the issue of extending the continued antitrust for the National Classification Committee.

Wilshire Mfg. is a manufacture of decorative lighting with distributors located throughout North America, subsequently freight is one of our largest expenses.

As a result of increased freight prices, it has become more difficult for us to effectively compete.

At this time we believe that it is inappropriate to continue the existing collective agreement activity of the National Classification Committee. We believe that in a free trade economy, prices should be negotiated between the freight providers and manufacturers directly. A third party should not be allowed to negotiate and set prices to which others will have to adhere.

In the event that the NCC continues its activities, we believe that a fairer representation would comprise of 50% shippers and 50% freight providers.

Please feel free to call me directly if you would like to discuss this matter with me further.

Thank your for your time and consideration in this matter, we look forward to a fair and quick resolutions to this matter.

Sincerely,
Robert Segill
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