

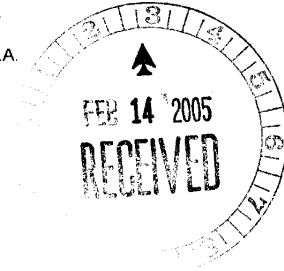


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Dear Mr. Williams:

Crystal Clear Lighting has been in the Lighting Manufacturing Industries for over forty years. Of all the cost increases we have incurred over the years none have gone up more than our freight costs.

We understand the Surface Transportation Board is evaluating extending the antitrust exemption for the National Classification Committee. We urge you to reject the continuance of this agreement. With today's deregulated economy, this agreement is totally unreasonable. All freight costs, agreements and contracts should be determined between trucking companies and shippers.

If there is some overriding reason why the National Classification Committee should continue, then it should be reorganized fairly with a makeup of 50% individual shippers and 50% trucking companies.

Sincerely,

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