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Dear Secretary Williams

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The Surface Transportation Board's decision served May 7, 2007, took the unprecedented step of terminating the Board's approval of the National Classification Committee's classification-making agreement (case numbers EP 656-0 and EP 656-1) that has governed the activities of the NCC for over 50 years. On May 18, 2007, the National Motor Freight Traffic Association and the NCC requested the STB to extend the effective date of its decision from September 4, 2007, to November 4, 2008. I understand that not only the NMFTA's motor carrier members but also many shippers depend upon the NMFC as a core component of their transportation-related systems and operations.

The NMFTA and NCC have indicated their interest in revising the classification-making process as necessary in order to operate without antitrust immunity. In view of the importance of the NMFC to the transportation community, and in order to avoid unnecessary disruption to their members and customers as well as the many other users of the Classification while the fundamental changes are made, I would urge you to give full and fair consideration to the NMFTA and NCC's request for an extension.

It is important to note that the Board's decision does not find that the NCC's classification-making activities, as conducted under its Section 5a Agreement, have ever harmed the public interest. I also believe that caution and deliberation should be exercised when changing a status quo of 50-year duration. An extension would enable the NMFTA's 1100 member carriers to develop their new structure and operating procedures while continuing to fulfill their statutory responsibility of maintaining a reasonable classification. It is my opinion that the amount of time requested by NMFTA is appropriate in view of the magnitude of the task that is to be accomplished.

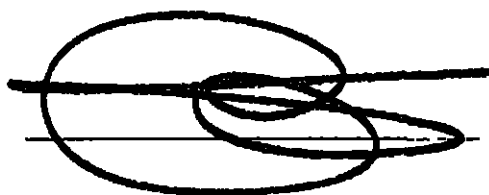
I look forward to your ongoing consideration in this matter and request that you include these concerns in the public record of this case. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance in this matter.

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With warm regard, I am




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