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Honorable Bryant L Van Brakle
Secretary
Federal Maritime Commission
800 North Capitol Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20573

RE: **Petition** of National Customs Brokers and Forwarders
Association of America, Inc. for a Limited Exemption From
Certain Tariff Requirements of the Shipping Act of 1984

Petition No. P5-03

Dear Secretary Van Brakle:

I am Ragnar Dalen, Branch Manager of the Miami office of **ClearFreight**, Inc dba Liberty Container Line dba Gamma Freight Forwarders.

ClearFreight, Inc., OTI-2995NF, is a Los Angeles based Customs broker and freight forwarder **ClearFreight** is a globally focused organization offering complete logistical solutions to its clients. In addition to Los Angeles, the company has offices in San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Chicago, Detroit, New York, Miami, Amsterdam and Rotterdam.

Tariff maintenance is costly, labor intensive and serves little or no actual purpose in today's logistics. First, our company spends a significant amount of time approving and reviewing tariff filings. The opportunity costs are significant and should be spent on more productive aspects of our business. Second, our clients do not utilize the tariff for rate look-up since rates are offered on a shipment by shipment basis. 98% of rates are negotiated for each given shipment, Thus, the tariff **filing** becomes an administrative burden only. Third, the savings from not having to file and maintain tariffs will make our company more viable and will allow us to provide more competitive rates and improved logistics solutions to our clients

I, Ragnar Dalen, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Further I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this verified statement.

Executed on September 30, 2003, 2003.

Ragnar Dalen
Branch Manager