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RE: Petition P#-03

Dear Commissioners:

It is my understanding that UPS has filed for an exemption from the prohibition on Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers (NVOCCs) from entering into confidential contracts with their customers.

The state of the U.S. shipping industry has changed dramatically since the passage of OSRA. Due to the operational characteristics of UPS and recent developments within the ocean shipping marketplace, the regulatory scheme governing NVOCCs should be reviewed for possible revision. I am confident the FMC will give fair consideration and render an equitable decision to the pending UPS petition.

Sincerely,

Chris Cannon
Member of Congress

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