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Congress of the United States
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September 19, 2003

Federal Maritime Commission
800 North Capitol Street, NW
Washington, DC 20573

Dear Commissioners:

I write in regard to Petition P3-03, which was filed by United Parcel Service (UPS) concerning their ability to contract privately with customers.

I urge the Commission to give this petition full and fair consideration.

In considering this petition and making its decision, the Commission should carefully weigh changes in vessel ownership and the structure of the shipping industry that have taken place in the years since enactment of the Ocean Shipping Reform Act.

UPS' petition asks the Commission to utilize exemption authority provided for in this Act. The Commission should use this authority, granted to it by Congress, if the merits of the case warrant such action. The Commission was empowered with the ability to make these determinations so that such questions could be answered in a flexible and timely manner, without the necessity of legislative action by Congress.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Doc Hastings
Member of Congress

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