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Hon. William H. Donaldson Chairman U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission 450 First Street, NW Washington, DC 20549 57-10-04

Dear Chairman Donaldson:

First, I want to commend you for the tremendous work you are doing at the SEC and thank you for the efforts made thus far to modernize the U.S. financial markets. I am in complete agreement with you and many of the other commissioners in that the system needs a complete overhaul in order to bring the system into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I also understand that anything of this magnitude takes persistence and patience and that it will not happen overnight.

I want to express my support for changing the "trade through" rule, which was originally created to help investors obtain the best price when buying or selling stocks; however, it is apparent that the opposite is taking place. It would be a tremendous benefit to be able to opt out of this rule thus allowing investors choice and freedom.

In closing, I encourage you to continue your efforts as you move through this process and make the system more efficient for the technology of the times.

Sincerely,

CC:

- Cc: **Commissioner Paul S. Atkins**
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