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The Honorable Christopher Cox
Chairman, United States Securities & Exchange Commission
100 F Street, NE
Room 10700
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Chairman Cox:

I am writing to urge the Securities & Exchange Commission to (i) make permanent the current emergency order prohibiting naked short selling and to extend such order to cover all publicly traded companies and (ii) re-impose the Uptick Rule.

Our company, along with many other publicly traded companies, has been adversely affected by the recent bout of abusive short selling and rumor mongering which has been focused largely on financial companies. These abusive practices can only be resolved through appropriate regulatory action. The Commission's efforts to provide relief to 19 large financial services firms should be extended to all public companies as a matter of fairness. We encourage the Commission to address this real problem as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

George Gleason
Chairman/Chief Executive Officer