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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:

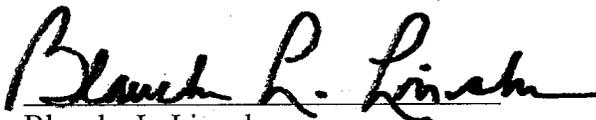
We are writing in strong support of the Securities & Exchange Commission's latest efforts to combat naked short-selling and we respectfully request your continued vigilance in the fight to curb misleading distortions in the functioning of our securities markets.

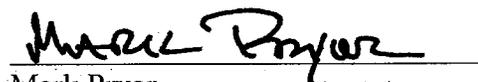
The Commission's July 15th emergency order, intended to enhance investor and institutional protections against naked short-selling in the securities of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and several other large commercial and investment banks, sends a strong initial signal to market manipulators that they will not be allowed to circumvent regulatory protections.

It is our hope that the Commission will build on this initial step and implement additional safeguards to protect against naked short-selling. In particular, we request that you consider the impact naked short-selling may have on smaller companies. Our small businesses have fewer shares and, therefore, their market price may be more susceptible to this form of market manipulation. In addition, any emergency protections granted to a limited class of firms may result in abusive naked short-sellers looking for other targets. As a result, it is imperative that any new protections should be implemented on a market-wide basis.

We look forward to hearing from your office with respect to this important issue and appreciate your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,


Blanche L. Lincoln


Mark Pryor