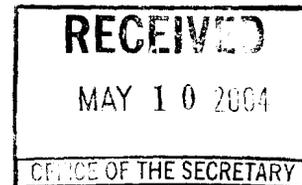


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**The Honorable William Donaldson
Chairman
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street N.W.
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Re: The Trade Through Rule

57-10-04

March 17, 2004

Dear Chairman Donaldson,

I am a small but active investor and I am writing to express my deep concern over the SEC proposal to weaken the "Best Price or Trade Through rule".

This rule is a cornerstone of the equities markets in this country. Why in the name of all that is holy would you consider eliminating or even weakening a rule that insures individual investors the best price available at any given time? This effort defies common sense! Is this another example of our government caving in to the "special interests" (i.e. Fidelity and others)? It is obvious to me that the large institutional investors care far more about their operating costs than they do about best price.

With everything that has happened lately to shake investor confidence in the markets, I find it outrageous that Washington would want to weaken this important investor protection.

**Why should investors ever receive anything
other than the very best price available?**

Very truly yours,



W. H. Sullivan Jr.

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