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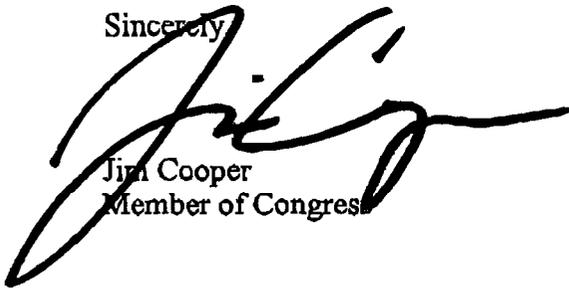
Dear Secretary VanBrakle and Commissioners:

It has come to my attention that United Parcel Service has filed for an exemption from the prohibition on Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers from entering into confidential contracts with their customers.

Since Congress passed the Ocean Shipping Reform Act revisions in 1998, there has been unprecedented change in the ocean shipping industry, which has lead to vessel operators creating logistics companies that directly compete with Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers such as UPS.

Because these changes have made the playing field between Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers and vessel operators uneven, I would like to express my support for the United Parcel Service's petition. Your utmost consideration in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Jim Cooper  
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