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Mr. William Donaldson  
Chairman  
U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street N W  
Washington, DC 20549

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CHAIRMAN

Dear Chairman Donaldson: RE: Abolition of "Trade Through Rule"

It has come to my attention that the S.E.C. might abolish the above captioned rule  
At the behest of large banking and investment firms.

I strongly urge you to vote against any such abolition of the "Trade through Rule"  
As without it how is the small investor like me going to know he got a fair and honest  
Purchase or sale?

I am a retired veteran of World War II, having served four years in the U.S.M.C. and  
living on Social Security, a small pension and some securities that have furnished  
some income. If this rule were abolished I would be very reluctant to invest any  
Further in the stock market, as it would indicate a conspiratorial take-over and possible  
Illegal attempt to control the securities market.

Please make every effort to retain this rule and thereby buttressed an already shaky  
Belief in the integrity of the exchanges.

Respectfully,



Melvin F. Lee

