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January 16, 2002

The Honorable Harvey L. Pitt Chairman United States Securities and Exchange Commission 450 5<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20549

Dear Chairman Pitt:

The Committee on Governmental Affairs and its Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, pursuant to their respective jurisdictional authorities and responsibilities, are conducting inquiries into a number of aspects of the recent collapse of the Enron Corporation and the performance of its auditor Arthur Andersen.

Committee and Subcommittee staff have met and discussed this matter with SEC staff preliminarily, and SEC staff have been cooperative and helpful. We understand that a number of aspects of this case involve nonpublic information and documents that SEC staff are not currently authorized by the Commission to share with our staffs under the Rules of the Commission.

We request that the Commission authorize its staff (1) to brief Committee and Subcommittee staff regarding nonpublic aspects of the Commission's activities stemming from the Enron collapse and the performance of Arthur Andersen, and (2) to provide the Committee and Subcommittee and our staffs with access to related documents as we pursue this matter. We understand that the nonpublic information to be provided is confidential and sensitive. We have agreed, under the circumstances, not to make such information public without prior consultation with the SEC.

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We look forward to working with you on this important matter and appreciate your cooperation. Should any questions or concerns arise, please do not hesitate to contact us or to have your staff contact Cynthia Lesser on the Full Committee staff at 224-4974 or Bob Roach on the Subcommittee staff at 224-1957.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Fred Thompson, Ranking Member, Governmental Affairs Committee Senator Susan Collins, Ranking Member, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations