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Dear Sirs:

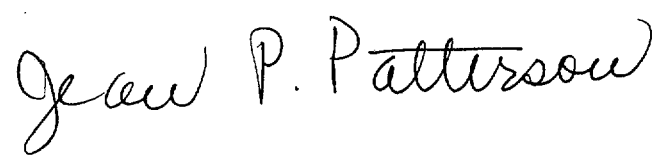
I am deeply disturbed that the possibility of radioactive materials of any kind might enter the consumer marketplace. Under these circumstances I demand that you establish rules that make clear that NO radioactive materials must enter the consumer maklet place..

I have learned that the U. S. government is planning to release into the economy potentially radioactive scrap metal from nuclear facilities. Scrap metal originating at Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensed nuclear fuel facilities and Department of Energy facilities must be restricted to appropriately regulated landfills or for recycling or recovery at dedicated, licensed facilities so that it CANNOT be recycled into consumer products.

Fortunately U. S. producers of specialty steel have adopted a "zero tolerance" policy in regard to potentially radioactive scrap metals. Because of the possible threat of nuclear contamination producers of specialty steel have installed and maintained sophisticated, highly sensitive radiation detectors to monitor every shipment of incoming scrap metal used for producing specialty steel. Producers of specialty steel will continue to monitor and reject all materials that violate their "zero tolerance" policy.

Consumers join the manufacturers of specialty steel in their adamant opposition to NRC plans to set clearance standards for the unrestricted release of potentially radioactive scrap metal from nuclear facilities.

Sincerely,



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