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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ROB PORTMAN

SUBJECT: RECOMMEND THAT FORMER CONGRESSMAN BILL GRADISON BE CONSIDERED TO CHAIR THE PUBLIC COMPANY ACCOUNTING OVERSIGHT BOARD

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October 1, 2002

Dear Rob:

On the President's behalf, thank you for your recent letter recommending former Congressman Bill Gradison for consideration as the chair of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

The President appreciates your contacting us and offering your endorsement on behalf of Congressman Gradison. I have shared your correspondence with Mr. Clay Johnson in the Office of Presidential Personnel for careful consideration.

I hope you will understand that due to mail screening procedures, I have only recently received your letter. I appreciate your patience in awaiting this response.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Nicholas E. Calio
Assistant to the President and
Director of Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Rob Portman
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Bcc for appropriate action: Office of Presidential Personnel, 1800 G Street

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Rob Portman

Member of Congress

August 18, 2002

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The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500-0003

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to strongly recommend that former Congressman Bill Gradison be considered to chair the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, which is to be appointed by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the newly signed Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, Public Law 107-610.

I have known Bill for more than twenty years. I hold him in the highest regard, and look to him as a mentor. Throughout his eighteen years in Congress, Bill was one of the most highly respected and thoughtful members of the House. His long and distinguished career in the public and private sectors provides him with a special perspective on the fiduciary responsibilities of the government to the taxpayers as well as the fiduciary responsibilities of a corporation to its investors.

Bill's integrity, professional credentials, and dedication are of the highest caliber. I can think of no better qualified person to protect the interests of investors and further the public interest than Bill Gradison, and his appointment as chair will set the right tone for the important work that the Board must conduct. In accordance with applicable laws and regulations, I ask that every consideration be given to Bill for this important position.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Rob Portman

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WILLIS D. GRADISON, Jr.

Education

Cincinnati public schools
Yale University, B.A., 1948
Harvard Business School, M.B.A., 1951, D.C.S., 1954

Business Experience

Investment broker, Gradison & Co., Inc., Cincinnati, Member, NY Stock Exchange
Chairman, Board of Directors, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, 1970-1974
Corporate Director,
 Midwest Indemnity Company
 Gradison & Co., Inc.
 Concentra Managed Care, Inc.

Government Experience

Assistant to the Under Secretary of the Treasury, 1953-1955
Assistant to the Secretary of Health, Education & Welfare, 1955-1957
Member, Cincinnati City Council, 1961-1974
Mayor of Cincinnati, 1971
Representative in Congress, 1975-1993
 Ranking Member, House Budget Committee
 Ranking Member, Health Subcommittee, Ways and Means Committee
 Member, Banking Committee, 1975-1976
 Member, Ways and Means Committee, 1977-1993

Experience since leaving the Congress

President, Health Insurance Association of America, 1993-1998
Senior Public Policy Counselor, Patton Boggs LLP, 1999 to date
Director, Project HOPE; Member of Audit Committee
Director, Medic Alert Foundation
President, Helen Steiner Rice Foundation
Senior Scholar, Graduate School of Business Administration, Duke University

Service on health related commissions

Vice Chairman, US Bipartisan Commission on Comprehensive
 Health Care (the Pepper Commission)
Member, Pew Health Professions Commission
Member, Commonwealth Fund Commission on Women's Health
Vice Chair, Commonwealth Fund Task Force on Academic Health Centers
Member, March of Dimes Public Policy Advisory Council
Member, Healthcare Advisory Group, Commission on Servicemembers
 and Veterans Transition Assistance