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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Colleague:

In the interests of the American consumer, the proposed Consumer Protection Act of 1971 (H. R. 10835) must be amended to provide for at least a reasonable extension of the Consumer Protection Agency's authority.

The bill would now limit the Consumer Protection Agency's authority to represent consumers in adjudicatory proceedings so as to exclude the Agency's participation in most of the adjudications before Federal agencies. We recommend that the limitation in Section 204 of the bill apply to only "those parts of the proceedings relating directly to the decision to impose any criminal fine, penalty, or forfeiture."

When any Federal agency fails or refuses to take action in the interest of the consumer on problems falling within the rule-making or adjudicatory powers of the agency, we believe that the Consumer Protection Agency should have the right to investigate such problems for the purpose of submitting information, findings, and recommendations to Congress.

If this Congress is to provide a genuine and effective means for the protection of the consumer interests of the Nation, these extensions in the authority of the Consumer Protection Agency must be made, at the very minimum. We urge that you join us in supporting the accompanying amendment to H. R. 10835.

Sincerely,

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AMENDMENT TO H. R. 10835, AS REPORTED

Page 15, strike out lines 2 through 6, inclusive, and insert the following:

adjudicatory proceeding (other than those parts of the proceeding relating directly to the decision to impose any criminal fine, penalty, or forfeiture for an alleged violation by any defendant or respondent therein of a statute of the United States or any rule, order, or decree promulgated thereunder).

(b) The Agency, as a matter of right, may undertake reviews and investigations, and require information from Federal agencies, including that provided for in subsection (h) of this section, for the purpose of submitting information, findings, or recommendations to the Congress regarding any matter affecting the interests of consumers concerning which a Federal agency has the authority but fails to initiate a rulemaking or adjudicatory proceeding as provided in subsection (f) of this section.

And redesignate the succeeding subsections of section 204 accordingly.