

## **Business Week**

1221 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10020  
Telephone 212/997-3855

Lewis H. Young  
Editor-in-Chief

January 30, 1980

The Honorable James H. Scheuer  
Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Room 3275  
House Office Building  
Annex No. 2  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Congressman:

I appreciate your letter of January 22<sup>nd</sup> with your viewpoint about BUSINESS WEEK's editorial on the Securities and Exchange Commission which appeared in our January 21, 1980 issue.

The thrust of the editorial was that after an extensive investigation, the SEC brought up a complaint that was trivial. Litigating this in courts is a waste of everybody's time and money, including the taxpayers.

I don't know of anybody who would suggest that corporations receive immunity from law enforcement. In the area of financial reporting, the auditing profession is supposed to be – and is – the first defense against wrongdoing by a publicly owned corporation.

I am very disappointed that you as a member of Congress don't seem to have any concern about an employee of the federal government using his power to bully those institutions he's designated to regulate. The wrong is particularly damning when the sole purpose is to enhance the federal agencies' prestige and the individuals' reputation and power.

Congressman James H. Scheuer  
January 30, 1980  
Page Two

If one reads history, one quickly comes to the conclusion that it is not the private sector people have to worry about if one is concerned about the misuse of power, it is the public sector. It is tyrants who use the power of their public position to enhance their own standing that are the most destructive force in society.

At any rate, I appreciate having your view.

Sincerely yours,

Lewis H. Young  
Editor-in-Chief  
Vice President