

EXECUTIVE

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 18, 1979

Dear Congressman Mottl:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of May 3 requesting the President's intervention to nullify the Securities and Exchange Commission's pending proposal to close its Cleveland office on October 1.

I recognize that Cleveland ranks third behind New York and Chicago in its number of corporate headquarters, and I share your view that the Cleveland SEC office has played a useful role in serving the needs of Ohio and Kentucky residents.

However, the President lacks the statutory authority to intervene to nullify such a decision by an independent regulatory body. The SEC has taken the position that this office has only opened one case over the past decade, and that closing this office would be cost-effective.

Please let me know if there is any other way in which we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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