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RE: DOCKET NO. 2275-2013

Dear Mr. Townsend:

We understand from media coverage of yesterday's workers compensation hearing that the parties are engaged in negotiations regarding the DCRB's pending rate proposal. We are writing to encourage you not to agree to a rate increase that exceeds the rate found reasonable by your actuary (which we understand to now be lower than that indicated in his original pre-filed testimony). To negotiate upwards from Mr. Schwartz's findings would reward the DCRB for providing incomplete information to rate-setting authorities, and would impose an unnecessary and unjustified burden on the Delaware businesses who must ultimately pay these rates.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Delaware State Senator Patricia Blevins
Delaware State Representative Ruth Briggs King
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