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The Honorable Donald L. Evans
Secretary of Commerce
Attn: Import Administration
Central Records Unit, Room 1870
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14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

**Re: NOTICE OF INITIATION OF INQUIRY INTO THE STATUS OF LITHUANIA AS
A NON-MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRY.**

Dear Mr. Secretary:

RG Interiors, a small interior design firm in New Hampshire, has recently undertaken the establishment of business relations with several Lithuanian companies involved in the design and manufacture of interior accessory pieces. This activity comes about because of the opportunity my firm now has to make available to the US marketplace artistic products of high quality.

To date our experience has been good. We have been able to identify capable Lithuanian entrepreneurs, including several outstanding women entrepreneurs who have shown themselves to be responsive world-class businessmen. Relying on their own skills, they are prospering in a competitive free marketplace, by offering outstanding products and attentive services.

There has been no unusual government involvement or interference in our trade efforts. Quite the contrary, we have been aided in our efforts through the superior services of the Lithuanian Development Agency, who actively encourage investment and free trade relations between Lithuania and foreign countries. We have found the banking and finance environment to be fully equivalent to what we deal with here in the United States. Currency exchange is free and not impeded by government controls or restrictions.

The continued imposition of the designation of “non-market economy” is an undue burden on Lithuanian businessmen and women and the artisans who deserve the best cooperative efforts of the leading free market economy in the world, the United States.

I encourage the Secretary to lift this burdensome designation from Lithuania and to take all possible steps to facilitate free and open trade and investment between our countries.

Sincerely yours,

(Sign)

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