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(f) Confidentiality of information submitted to Federal agencies, such as EPA, OSHA, etc.; and

(g) Advocate and support the development of a joint database of regulatory information issued by Federal agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert C. Kline, Chairman
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Outline of Comments for July 11, 1978

Capital gains hearings - background, statement and Committee's recommendation.

Brief review of taxation affairs during 1978 to date.