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Mr. Richard S. Slowes
Court Commissioner of the
Supreme Court of Minnesota
Minnesota Judicial Center
25 Constitution Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55155

Via Facsimile and U.S. Mail

Re: In Re Twin Cities Harley-Davidson Litigation
Case No.: C1-01-008
Our File No.: 12736/20139A

Dear Mr. Slowes:

At the February 12, 2001 informational meeting, you indicated that in the event the Court orders the declaratory judgment actions assigned to a single judge for some aspect of the pre-trial proceedings, such an order would *not* address or affect the issue of consolidation for trial. Twin Cities Harley Davidson continues to be of the view that assignment to a single judge is not appropriate in these matters. However, to avoid any confusion or misunderstanding, we respectfully request that in the event assignment to a single judge for some aspect of the pre-trial proceedings is ordered, that the order specifically state or clarify that it does *not* affect the issue of consolidation for trial.

Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please call Michael Unger or myself. Thank you.

Sincerely,

RIDER, BENNETT, EGAN & ARUNDEL, LLP

By _____

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