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Dear Ms. Murphy,

In a time of a devastating and struggling economy, the government needs to stop and think about ways to make the economy bloom. More and more businesses are closing their doors because their financial burden is too great. The government really needs to stop interfering and allow us to come out of this recession. Changing the shareholder proxy rules is definitely not going to help the economy improve.

In 1986, my husband Bill and I opened our family owned business, which has been at a standstill over the last few years. Our company could be a lot more profitable if the governments would stop increasing our taxes and other expenses. We started this company in the back of our Sears store and then moved to our own building, and now run it strictly from home. Due to the struggling economy we are not gaining any business. Our suppliers are very reliable and always get our goods to us quickly and at a decent price. With these new changes, it could cause our suppliers to close some of their warehouses which could cause us to wait longer for our merchandise. Closing them would, of course, hurt our business. Needless to say it would also mean loss of jobs. Also, prevents us from hiring due to all the extra taxes we would have to pay.

Changing these rules will surely have a negative impact on all businesses; leading to more layoffs and foreclosures. Certainly, this is not the future that Washington really wants for us, is it? With that being said, it is imperative that the government stays out of the corporate boardroom and the decision making process for American companies.

I will leave you with my favorite saying "The more we make, the more you take"

Sincerely



Bill & Donna Lupien

