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Mr. Christopher Cox, Chairman
Securities And Exchange Commission
100 :F: Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Propsed Rule Change
For Rule 14a-8

Dear Mr. Cox:

I am advised that the SEC may be considering a change in Rule 14a-8 that would require sponsors of stockholder resolutions to be voted upon at company annual meetings to have prior approval of at least 5% of all outstanding company stock.

Such a rule change would for all practical purposes eliminate the vast majority of future stockholder resolutions. It would nullify an existing very important stockholder right to raise issues of corporate governance for stockholder scrutiny.

Furthermore, such a rule change would tend to make officers and boards of directors significantly less responsive to any stockholder suggestions.

SEC rules should enhance rather than limit stockholder rights in raising issues of importance for stockholder consideration.

I urge you to resist any action by the SEC to limit shareholder rights. For the record, I am a substantial shareholder in many publicly traded corporations and obviously have a vested interest in preserving shareholder rights.

Sincerely yours,

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