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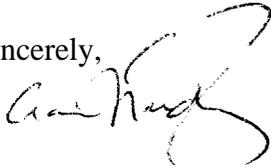
October 20, 2003

Dear Chairman Donaldson,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed rule changes concerning shareholder access to the proxy.

Shareholders should be able to act as the owners they are. The current director nomination and election process, in particular at large companies, limits shareholders to approving CEO-sponsored, uncontested nominees or feebly expressing displeasure by withholding their votes. This process is ineffective and only serves to entrench CEOs in their positions regardless of their abilities or company performance at the expense of shareholders. Please allow shareholders some measure of company oversight and ownership influence by giving them the chance to nominate directors under certain circumstances.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Niedermayer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Aaron Niedermayer