



September 10, 2014

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Elizabeth M. Murphy, Esq.
Secretary U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20549

Re: Petition for Rulemaking and the Issuance of a Policy Statement Regarding Certain Aspects of the Dodd-Frank Whistleblower Program

Dear Ms. Murphy:

Pursuant to Rule 192 of the Rules of Practice of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, I write on behalf of The Other 98%, and 14,254 of our members to respectfully request that the Commission clarify and strengthen certain aspects of the SEC Whistleblower Program.

Attached, please find the names, email addresses and zip codes of 14,254 of our members who have endorsed the Government Accountability Project's SEC File No. 4-676 with the following statement:

"I co-sign the Government Accountability Project letter (SEC File No. 4-676) to SEC Chair Mary Jo White - because it's time to protect the whistleblowers who protect us all from corruption and abuse."



The full petition text is included below, and is also available at:
<http://other98.com/its-time-to-protect-whistleblowers-who-expose-corporate-corruption/>

We request that these 14,254 signatories be counted under [the tally listed on your website for File No. 4-676](#)

Respectfully submitted,

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Alexis Goldstein

Communications Director, The Other 98%



Enclosures

cc: Mary Jo White, Chair
Luis A Aguilar, Commissioner
Daniel M. Gallagher, Commissioner
Kara M. Stein, Commissioner
Michael S. Piwowar, Commissioner
Andrew J. Ceresney, Director of the Division of Enforcement
Sean McKessy, Chief of the Office of the Whistleblower

The Other 98% full “It’s Time to Protect Whistleblowers Who Expose Corporate Corruption” Petition Text:

In the shadowy world of Wall Street, whistleblowers are often the only witnesses to abuse and lawbreaking – so Wall Street is looking for new ways to threaten and silence whistleblowers.

Corporations are intimidating employees by forcing them to sign nondisclosure agreements – gag-orders – that violate existing whistleblower protections.

It's not all bad news: The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Whistleblower Program has already imposed more than \$500 million in fines against financial institutions that have engaged in misconduct and fraudulent activities.

But corporate retaliation is on the rise – and the SEC needs to step up.

The Ethics Resource Center recently found that the number of corporate employees who faced retaliation after reporting misconduct had nearly doubled from 2007 to 2013. More than one-third of those who declined to report misconduct pointed to fear of retaliation as the reason for their silence.

Join us as we demand that the SEC create new rules to make sure whistleblowers are protected.

Last week, a coalition of organizations, led by the Government Accountability Project, urged the SEC to ensure companies can no longer engage in these unscrupulous maneuvers. We join the coalition's call for new rules, and endorse the recommendations they made in [SEC File No. 4-676](#), to:

- Clarify and strengthen protections available to those who report possible misconduct internally or externally;
- Hold hearings around the country to discuss the challenges of disclosure and retaliation in the workplace; and
- Create an Advisory Committee on Whistleblower Reporting & Protection, enabling those with expertise to contribute to the discussion and devise solutions.



Wall Street has the power to shake the economy—and whistleblowers exposing fraud and deceit at the nation’s biggest banks must be protected. No less than our entire economy is at stake. **Join us in telling the SEC it’s time to protect whistleblowers.**

I co-sign the Government Accountability Project letter (SEC File No. 4-676) to SEC Chair Mary Jo White - because it’s time to protect the whistleblowers who protect us all from corruption and abuse.