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**Subject: Petition for Rulemaking – 13(f) Modernization (File No. 4-825)**

Dear Ms. Countryman:

The undersigned, representing the members of the Capital Area Chapter of the National Investor Relations Institute (NIRI), appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Petition for Rulemaking filed by the Society for Corporate Governance, the National Investor Relations Institute, and the New York Stock Exchange on April 19, 2024. This Petition requests that the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) initiate a rulemaking to modernize Section 13(f) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. We are writing in support of this Petition.

The undersigned individuals represent members at 16 publicly held companies headquartered in the Washington, DC area, including Maryland and Virginia. These companies, listed on the New York Stock Exchange and the NASDAQ Exchange, have a combined market capitalization of approximately \$269.5 billion. We also represent investor relations counselors who advise publicly held companies across the country.

Unlike companies in the United Kingdom and other international markets, U.S. companies do not have access to a share registry that lists their investors. For this reason, companies in this country rely on the data contained in these 13F filings to learn which investment managers own their shares and the size of their positions. Similarly, institutional and individual investors rely on these filings to monitor developments in the capital markets and to make investment decisions.

These rules were developed in the 1970's and have not been modernized. A 45-day disclosure window after the end of each calendar quarter does not permit market participants to receive accurate information in a timely manner about the equity positions of large investment managers. For example, the acquisition of an equity security in early January of a new year would not have to be disclosed in an SEC filing until May 15 of the same calendar year.

The SEC has modernized and updated filing deadlines for many other disclosure requirements under the securities laws, to ensure that the capital markets receive accurate and timely information about important developments. Examples applicable to public companies include: (1) the Form 4 filing deadline for executive stock trades (2 business days); (2) the Form 8-K filing deadline (4 business days); and (3) the requirement to disclose the preliminary vote results from an annual meeting (4 business days).

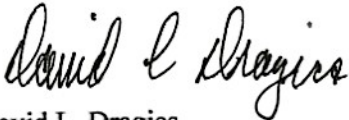
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The same underlying rationale for providing more accurate and timely information to the marketplace through accelerated disclosures should apply to Form 13F. The SEC should initiate a rulemaking to modernize its 13(f) rules and, at the very least, accelerate the timetable for quarterly disclosures from 45 calendar days to 5 business days, as the Society-NIRI-NYSE Petition for Rulemaking advocates.

Sincerely,



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