



August 13, 2020

Ms. Vanessa Countryman  
Secretary  
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20549

**Re: Reporting Threshold for Institutional Investment Managers, Release No. 34-89290;  
File No. S7-08-20**

Dear Ms. Countryman:

On behalf of Berry Global Group, Inc. (NYSE:BERY), I am writing to express our opposition to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC" or "Commission") proposed amendments to the Form 13F reporting rules for institutional investment managers.

We believe that the SEC's proposal would result in a significant loss of market transparency to our company and other public traded companies in the United States. The proposed rule, if enacted, would impair engagement with shareholders and impede our ability to attract new long-term investors.

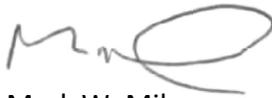
The 13F filings are the only accurate source of ownership information available to our company. While 13F data is not as timely as it could be, it is the only data that we have that shows which "street name" investors are buying or selling our shares each quarter. This information cannot be fully replaced by hiring stock surveillance firms, which themselves rely on quarterly 13F data as a starting point for their research efforts.

We do not believe that the Commission has adequately considered the potential impact of this 13F proposal to our company and our obligation to regularly confer with our investors throughout the year. As a MID-cap company, we are particularly concerned about how the reduction of 13F transparency would impair our ability to identify our most active shareholders and engage effectively with them. Our company uses 13F data to help allocate the limited time of our senior executives among the many requests that we receive from investors for one-on-one calls or meetings. We cannot possibly say yes to every investor request to speak with our senior management, so we try to give priority to not only our largest investors and fund managers but also those shareholders with smaller positions who are interested in increasing their holdings in our company. With this proposed increase in the 13F threshold, we would not have visibility into this important group.

The loss of 13F data also would impede our company's ability to attract new long-term institutional investors. Like many other issuers, we use 13F filings to identify potential shareholders (such as those who have invested in similar companies) and to measure the effectiveness of our outreach efforts to prospective investors. Both of these practices are essential for our company to effectively access the capital markets and to grow our investor base. Under the proposed threshold, the loss of transparency around who is holding as well as buying our shares each quarter would hinder the ability of our company to continue to compete for and raise growth capital.

While we agree that SEC should modernize its ownership disclosure rules, we believe that the negative impacts of this 13F proposal on our company's ability to engage effectively with our shareholders and attract new long-term investors far outweigh the modest cost savings for investment managers. For the foregoing reasons, we request that the Commission withdraw its proposed 13F amendments. Rather than reduce 13F transparency, we urge the SEC to promote more timely and complete disclosure by supporting monthly reporting, requiring the public disclosure of short positions, and reducing the 45-day reporting period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark W. Miles".

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