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Elizabeth Murphy  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20549-1090

Dear Ms. Murphy:

The last thing the economy needs right now is more unemployed people, but that is exactly what the shareholder proxy access rule change will do if passed. Privately owned businesses make their own decisions for a reason, and they should not be subject to more government interference. However, this is what I see the SEC trying to do with this proposed rule. It is not fair to those of us who have built our business from the ground up to have someone who does not know the first thing about our business making important decisions.

Since March of 2009, I have been the owner of Noah's Sandwich Shop, and it means so much to me. This has been a family business for twenty-seven years, and it was passed on to me from my mother-in-law. Years down the road, I would love to see this company progress with a family member of my own. I cannot bear to think about closing my doors or laying off any of my five employees. We have a very friendly work relationship, which helps our business run smoothly.

Noah's Sandwich Shop does many things, and we are very well known. You can dine in and relax, carry out, delivery or best of all, catering. With this deli, you get more than you bargain for. We are convenient and very friendly, and that is what makes us profitable. Since the decline in the economy, business has slowed down; however, I have hopes that it will pick back up.

With the financial struggles that people are going through now, we need proposals that will help businesses succeed, not force them to shut their doors. The shareholder proxy rule change will not even come close to lifting us out of the recession. With that in mind, it is imperative that this rule change be reconsidered. Please realize that this change is not for the best, and many businesses will be devastated it.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Chicko