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Ms. Elizabeth M. Murphy
Secretary
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street NE
Washington, DC 20549-1090

Re: *File No. 57-10-09*
Release No. 34-60089
Facilitating Shareholder Director Nominations

Dear Ms. Murphy:

I am in agreement with the SEC's attempts of keeping corporate governance of U.S. corporations fair and regulated, but I cannot support the Proposed Changes—changes I feel would do more harm than good.

I am the Manager of Southland Properties, a privately-held real estate company. While our business model and services may never lead our organization to becoming publicly traded, it is possible that this one day may be a reality. Instituting these proxy access changes could not only affect such a decision in the future, but it could alter the real estate market when factoring in costs to publicly-traded groups. The changes would institute an environment of confusion, self-interest and division.

It is my concern that, with these proposed changes, directors and company leaders may lose authority and control over their companies' best interests because of changes in the way they are nominated and elected. Through these changes, shareholders would have greater control over these processes, potentially ignoring the preferred method of reviewing qualified candidates.

And in a small company such as ours, we cannot afford to have our employees or directors work in discord or division, and this would undoubtedly be the same for our

shareholders should we go public. Should these people be subjected to the politicization and confusion that would accompany elections under these proposed changes, we would lose efficiency and operative ability.

As you well know, corporate governance standards in this area have changed considerably since the passage of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Like many others, I feel that board accountability to shareholders has been much improved and the need for further mandatory proxy access simply no longer exists.

These types of corporate governance regulations have long been the province of state legislatures. Issues that face businesses in Louisiana may not be the same issues that a business in California, Florida or Minnesota faces, and I would feel more comfortable with a state-tailored corporate governance policy than a blanket, federally-installed one. On behalf of my organization and in the interests of our partnerships, I respectfully suggest that the proposed changes be abandoned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Dumestre", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris Dumestre
Manager, Southland Properties