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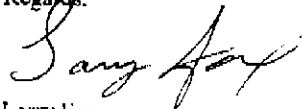
Dear Ms. Murphy:

For the past fifteen years, I have been the owner of West End Paint & Body. Like most small business owners, I have built my business from the ground up, with hard work and dedication. The SEC's proposal on shareholder proxy access is not a wise decision. It could cause so many businesses that are already struggling to see even tougher times in the future.

Currently, I am the owner and operator of West End Paint & Body, and also the sole employee. In the future, I hope to one day pass the business down to my daughter, or at the least sell the inventory and lease the building to someone to continue with my work. With the way things have slowed down recently, both within my business and those around me, I am not sure if that will even be possible. Within the past year, a local car dealership that I did quite a bit of business with shut down. When they shut down, my business dropped significantly. In addition to the loss of their business, incoming business is slower in general. There are times when I even have trouble ordering the parts that certain jobs require. My distributors are carrying less and less inventory, due to the economy and the cost required to keep parts in stock.

After having worked so hard for so many years, it is very disheartening to hear talk of the government interfering with businesses and increasing their control. I am not asking for any bailouts or help of any kind. My only hope is that businesses will be left to do what we do best and continue on without outside interference.

Regards,



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