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Dear Ms. Murphey

Since the 1960's my family has owned and operated a sign company in Texas. The company eventually merged with another in 1995, and is specializing in medical and hospital signs now. We work not only in Texas, but in other states as well. We do not have a lot of employees, and our business has good times and bad times, but we like knowing that we can run our business the way we see fit. The proposed shareholder proxy access rule change would ultimately change all of that.

So far, our company has not really suffered from the economic downturn the country is experiencing, but I do fear we could very well see the effects in the near future. It is scary for many people, especially small business owners like me, because we depend on our companies and suppliers for a living. If we allow the proposed shareholder proxy access rule change to be passed, the larger companies we use for materials and supplies could suffer great consequences, which will eventually hurt our company.

Publicly traded companies should not have to worry about the shareholders making decisions for them. Business owners do not need interference from the government. We must unite to protect and stand up for our democratic rights, because our businesses are what our children and grandchildren will depend on as they grow up in a world full of challenges. This rule change has to be denied in order for us to become the land of opportunity that we once were.

Thank you.



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