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Dear Ms. Murphy,

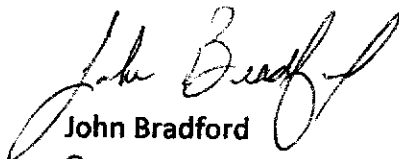
As a small business owner, I am compelled to write to you today to express my concern regarding the SEC shareholder proxy rule currently being considered. Greater government presence in private business will not benefit and, frankly, could be devastating if not disastrous for many businesses. While I am currently a privately held company without public options, I do have investments in businesses that are public traded. The idea that unions or a special interest group could infiltrate the boardroom and impose their personal agenda into a perfectly profitable business is absolutely terrifying.

For the past five years, I have owned and operated S&J Construction, which is a framing company. My specialty is new home construction and as you can imagine, my bottom-line has taken a bit of a hit over the last eighteen months or so with the housing market in dire straights. However, I believe I am fortunate to have any work at all, and it is simply because of the quality of work that I provide my contractors that I am still working while many others are not. The ability to make the tough decisions and the right choices for my contractors is something I cherish, and giving up that ability could result in the loss of business and even put me out of business. This is the reason the SEC shareholder proxy rule change is so disturbing to me. The thought of someone else coming into the business I have built from the ground up and possibly destroying that business with a few uneducated decisions is bewildering.

Allowing uneducated or malicious individuals into the boardroom of a profitable business could be detrimental not only to the business but to the employees, shareholders and customers of the business. What would happen if someone wormed their way into the boardroom of M&M Mars for the sole purpose of destroying the company financially? Think of all of the vendors, suppliers, employees and consumers that would be financially crippled by the destruction of just this one company.

I implore you to consider the possible ramifications of the SEC shareholder proxy rule before it is enacted because it could have irreversible ramifications to not only individual companies, but also the stock market and the economy as a whole.

Regards,

  
John Bradford  
Owner