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Dear Ms. Murphey,

Many innovative Americans begin the exciting journey of small business ownership with the hope that someday their company will grow to the point of becoming publicly traded. Business owners have a unique vision for their companies, wanting them to grow in the direction that they see fit. No one, especially the federal government, should be able to take that from them by instilling rules that grant federal jurisdiction in the boardroom. The proposed changes to the shareholder proxy access rules do just that.

Pleased to have begun my own nursery and preschool sixteen years ago, I enjoy serving the parents that have had to make the recent and difficult decision to return to work to compensate for the failing economy. Although I enjoy these children, and my business has grown, I feel for their parents and the economic pressures that they have to endure. Times of economic struggle, as we are facing today, are the most inopportune times to make decisions that would cause prices to rise. If companies have to spend large sums of money to campaign to keep their board members reelected, we will see a dramatic increase in the cost of goods and services. These large companies will have to compensate for lost monies, and the average citizen will end up paying the price.

Richly invested shareholders and business owners know far more than the Securities and Exchange Commission what is in the best interest of their companies. It is time for the federal government to step aside in matters of American business. The continued monopolies that our government seeks to create bring only harm to the freedoms that citizens rely on. Someday I hope to pass along my business to my future generation and watch as they can grow it in the direction of our initial vision. The only way to remain on that path is to keep interference by the government at a safe distance.

Regards,



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