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Dear Murphy,

Our government is continually seeking ways to take from the pockets of Americans and redistribute as they desire. Redistributing wealth and socializing our nation is not the answer to the economic problems that we are facing. Neither is attempting to gain control of corporate America through changes in the shareholder proxy access rules. Changing the way that companies elect board members will only cause companies to increase their prices on goods to make up for the time and money lost in fighting for seats on their board of directors.

After having enjoyed the success that I have seen in my business, it saddens me to watch as contractors no longer need my services. I am a painter by trade, and I decorate interior wood trim with a huge variety of paints and stains. Since I work mainly with new construction, I have watched as business has trailed off and almost come to a complete halt. I am only about four years from retirement, but with the loss in value that my IRA has taken, and with the inability to put away for the future, I fear retirement may not be an option. Many companies in my area have moved further south to seek cheaper labor and tax breaks, but I have no desire to move. My feet have been firmly planted here, and this is where I prefer to stay.

It is with great concern for the future of our nation, and with a sincere desire to watch our country once again rise to a state of financial stability that I address you about this issue. It is safe to assume that all citizens want our country back on its feet. Allowing boards to function as they currently are will help to maintain stability in the workplace, and it will help boost our economy. Thank you for the time you have taken to consider my stance on this matter. I look forward to a quick and efficient resolution.

Best regards,

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