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Elizabeth Murphy
Securities and Exchange Council
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Dear Ms. Murphy:

Since 1988, I have owned Meister's Landscaping. Unfortunately, our business has been slow over the past year as the economy has slowed down. Most of our customers were new homeowners and contractors. Now that the housing market has collapsed, the phone has stopped ringing. On top of all of my business concerns, I now find myself wondering why the SEC is considering a change in shareholder proxy access rules for public corporations. This change must not be allowed to take place.

The financial market is too unstable to sustain changes that the new shareholder proxy rule could bring. People need to know their stock investments will grow again. After losing so much money last year, people with IRAs and public pension plans are uncertain about tomorrow. They are less willing to spend money when the market is fickle, which means I will continue to lose business.

Not only will this new SEC rule threaten small businesses, like mine, but it will decrease the efficiency of large companies. Corporations that employ thousands of people and whose products and services impact millions of consumers need to stay on track. They should not waste time and resources on popularity contests among unqualified board members due to an unproductive proxy rule change. When the economy is still on shaky ground, the government must not stir the pot in the wrong direction.

Sincerely,



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