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Dear Murphy

Many of Melissa Catering's clientele are wealthy individuals. For the past twelve years, we have managed to keep our doors open largely by catering the events of major corporations. These companies have been seriously hurt by our country's recession, so we have seen a noticeable drop in business as a result. Really, what we need is for American companies, both large and small, to weather this economic storm and come out stronger on the other side.

The SEC's current shareholder proxy access rule serves a very specific purpose; it helps to prevent the wrong people from making their way onto any publicly traded company's board of directors. We have all seen the result of what happens when self-interested agendas find their way onto a company's board. Quite frankly, I believe the whole banking industry nearly failed as a result of this kind of corporate board mayhem.

So far, Melissa Catering is still standing in this economy. But make no mistake, it is completely dependent on a healthy corporate climate to stay in operation. If the shareholder proxy access rule is altered, there will be very little control over who ultimately could gain a seat on a company's board. This could end up being the equivalent of the final nail in this country's economic coffin. Please, leave the shareholder proxy access rule alone. There is no reason to change it in this way.

Yours truly,


James Turnbull