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**Ms. Elizabeth Murphy  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
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Dear Ms. Murphy,

The proposed changes to the proxy system by the Securities and Exchange Commission comes at a time when businesses are struggling enough already. To change the make-up of a board to fit political needs is not only un-American in nature; it is simply playing a game that will hurt our already struggling economy. As a small business owner, I rely heavily on the type of business that would be directly affected by this measure.

As a contractor, work has been increasingly slow. Times have been very tough in the building industry. When projects do come to light, contractors are faced with higher costs on materials and extended waits on delivery. Allowing more red tape for larger corporations will only put me further behind schedule on my jobs. The government simply doesn't need to be more involved in Corporate America. The recent bailouts were taking a step too far in my opinion and this measure is stepping far over the line.

As the changes to proxy votes are evaluated, consider those small business owners, like myself, that rely on larger industries to support our demands. Without reliance, our business folds as well. Please keep America the capitalist country it is by not allowing special interest groups to overtake our businesses. Politics have no place in the workplace.

Sincerely,

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Owner