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Ms. Elizabeth M. Murphy  
Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 "F" Street, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20549



Dear Ms. Murphy:

Since 2003 the Securities and Exchange Commission has considered allowing shareholders access to the nominating process of America's corporations. The Commission has always decided against this action and I ask that you do so again in 2009.

While I fully support the notion of including shareholders in the nominating and election process for directors, I believe the proposal currently before the Commission goes too far. The new rule would give shareholders the power to nominate members to a company's board of directors. Since 2003, the Commission has rejected this proposal by ruling it is an infringement on state corporate governance law. I believe the SEC should reject this rule change for the exact same reasons it has rejected it twice before.

This new rule would politicize elections, make the election process onerous, and would cost corporations considerable sums of money. Considering all of this, it is reasonable to expect many of the nominees will not even be qualified to serve on a board. I believe directors and other board members would be focused on contentious elections that would disrupt the entire elections process.

During difficult economic times where CEO's, presidents, and Chairmen of the Board are focused on keeping their companies competitive and continuing to bring in profit, this rule change would prove to be problematic and make success more difficult to achieve.

I believe improving ways for a corporation or business to encourage stakeholder participation is a positive. However, I believe we need to consider the impact any such rule change will have on a corporation or the overall economy.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tom Kern'.

Thomas L. Kern  
CEO  
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