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Ms. Elizabeth Murphy  
 Securities and Exchange Commission  
 100 F Street, NE  
 Washington, DC 20549

Dear Ms. Murphy,

As a small business owner, I make every attempt to stay abreast of issues affecting the business world. The recent proposal by the Securities and Exchange Commission to change the proxy rules for corporate boards is inexcusable. This treads on the very fabric in which our nation was built. Capitalism at its finest sees politics and the business world as two separate entities. A measure such as this will blur the lines between the two; bringing special interest groups into boardrooms where they do not belong.

My husband, Ray, and I have built our business from a side hobby to a satisfactory income over the last ten years. We both retired from "Corporate America" and decided that retirement was just too dull. Opening our own business puts us in the driver's seat, which is where we belong. If proposals such as this are allowed to seep into the workplace, business owners and corporate boards will waste more time debating business proposals than acting on them. This is not how to effectively run a business or a corporation.

Our antique shop has been a source of pride for Ray and I. We spend quality time buying new merchandise for the store and are really enjoying our Golden Years. Should we be faced with hassles from our vendors due to needless red tape they will be facing on their home front. Having easy access to everyday business supplies is vital to keep our small shop running. We have contracts with Staples for our clerical supplies. A company like this is the very ones that proxy laws will affect. It is time that the government kept politics out of business and in Washington where they belong.

Respectfully,

Pat Fluharty