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Elizabeth M. Murphy
Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street Northeast
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Ms. Murphy:

Small business owners are facing many challenges in our current economy. We are not pleased to hear the distressing news that the Securities and Exchange Commission is considering a proposal to revise federal proxy rules. We have enough government involvement in business operations. My husband, Ronnie and I, formed American Mailing Service, LLC, to avoid corporate America and run a company based on great customer service. We are fortunate to have three children who will share equally in our estate and the shares in our company.

The direct mail business has been severely impacted due to the budget cuts of our customers. We have terminated one employee, reduced salaries, and are struggling to hang on. During this economic downturn, the state, while not thinking rationally, imposed a new tax on small businesses. If we are caught in the backlash of increased prices from our suppliers because of boardroom actions, it could spell disaster for our company.

We need to preserve our freedoms and not surrender them to the federal government. Why do we need a state government, if the federal government is allowed to preempt state law? Less government in our business is the best policy. Since the current shareholder proxy access is working, Ronnie and I think it should remain unchanged.

Cordially,

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