



The Perfect People For A Perfect Pool

Elizabeth Murphy
Securities & Exchange Commission
100 "F" Street Northeast
Washington, D.C. 20549

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Dear Ms. Murphy:

Just this morning, one of my customers started talking with me about the ever expanding role of government into the private sector. It used to be that our elected officials ran the day to day operations of our city, state, and nation, and stayed out of the business world. With each passing day, that aspect is changing.

The SEC is taking public comment on a prospective change in the Shareholder Proxy Access which would more widely open the door for non-business people, particularly those with a specific agenda, to create problems for boards of directors. Thinking about a member of the Sierra Club having a seat on the board of Exxon Mobile because of the rule change is not a pleasant thought.

In recent years, I undertook a career change and now run my own business. With two daughters in college and one in high school, it takes a good living and a fair amount of savings to provide for my family's needs now and in the future. I do not want to see the companies with which I do business, or those in which I am invested through my retirement accounts, become the targets for special interest groups. Any problems that are created by the SEC and your rule change to SPA can damage my financial security. I encourage you to leave the current proxy provisions in place.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Piper", is written over a large, stylized circular scribble.

Bill Piper
Pinch-a-Penny