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Dear Ms. Murphy,

Five years ago, I started my own drywall subcontracting business. Because of the recent problems with our economy, I have had to drop prices by thirty-five percent. This has been a real hardship for me because I have lost almost half of my revenue. Now, the SEC is proposing changes to the corporate board nomination process, which has the potential to cause even more trouble for my small business.

The Washington bureaucrats' proposed rule on shareholder proxy access could spike the costs of doing business by placing large corporations in the position to deal with expensive political board elections. This concerns me because right now, I am having a difficult time bidding jobs out. Currently, I have one full-time employee and twenty part-time employees. It is very important to me to maintain my business, not only for myself, but for my employees as well.

If I continue to lose revenue, I will be forced to shut my doors. The federal government should not be allowed to dictate over businesses. I urge you to do everything you can to protect small business owners. You can help do this by stopping the shareholder proxy access rule change.

Sincerely,



John Arquilla