

Ms. Elizabeth M. Murphy  
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Dear Ms. Murphy,

It concerns me greatly that the SEC is considering a proposal to make changes to the proxy access rule. What I am worried about is what these changes may lead to. Certain special interest groups may seek to influence board elections through the opportunity provided to them by these new rules. These groups do not understand how to govern the businesses they seek to control, nor do they have the best interest of the businesses at heart. Board elections should not be allowed to become a battleground for competing political ideologies. This will only increase the cost of doing business in America, and it will destroy our ability to remain competitive at this critical time.

As the owner of a small business, I am concerned about the impact the government has on the success of small and large companies. Every day, I see people come into my store who are struggling, as well as myself. In this day and age of rising prices, we need our legislators to make the right decisions, which will enable our economy to recover quickly. What we do not need is the SEC making revision in the shareholder proxy access rules, since this could create more troubles for large publicly traded companies and all those who do business with them.

The government should lower its blinders and carefully consider the impact of all its decisions. No reason exists whatsoever to overturn the long-standing state law role in controlling the rules regarding director election. That role should be preserved and protected, with no changes. In order for our economy to move in the right direction and to recover, the government needs to leave the businesses to the business owners and shareholders. Let them have the say in running their companies.

Thank you,



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