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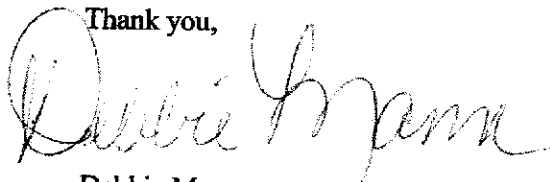
Dear Ms Murphy,

My business cannot afford to see an increase in prices from my suppliers. I am afraid that if the shareholder proxy access rule is accepted that that is exactly what will happen. Issues within the boardrooms of our major corporations could very well create some adverse affects for small businesses all over the country.

Being the owner of a business for over ten years now, I am happy to say that I have not had to raise my prices in the while. Assisting customers with lighting for their homes is what I enjoy doing. However, if prices were to go up again I would not be able to absorb the difference, and I would be forced to raise the prices for my patrons. If the shareholder proxy access rule were to be put into affect I believe that it would interfere with the way our large corporations are able to handle their business. It could very easily mean increased prices and reduced services for the rest of us as the attention of their boards will be forced to be focused on dealing with internal issues and not the everyday running of their companies.

The Securities and Exchange Commission does not need to be placed in a position of authority over our large corporations. Instead our government should be addressing the many other issues that plague our nation. I can only hope that you will not give this unrealistic proposal your support.

Thank you,



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