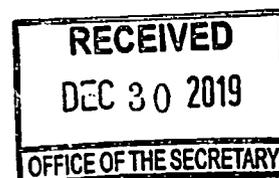


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December 18, 2019

Ms. Vanessa Countryman, Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20549

File Number S7-22-19

Dear Secretary Countryman:

Thank you for taking public comments regarding Proxy Advisors. I write today as both a banker and as an active member of the Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce (CBCC).

The Colorado Black Chamber was established in 1985 with a staff of one and a handful of Black business members, reflecting the needs of local African-American owned businesses. Following the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s, business leaders in the community saw a need to establish a formal advocacy organization. Now the organization boasts corporate partners and business members along Colorado's Front Range. The Chamber remains a solid voice for the Black business community while continuously refocusing its efforts to meet the ever changing needs of its members.

The CBCC provides extraordinary customer service, reasonable member rates and value-added resources. It is the same service I strive to provide while managing a variety of significant investment portfolios. I see every day my customers and my community making decisions for their future based upon a projected set of returns. If those returns are not met because of restrictions, those plans will be destroyed.

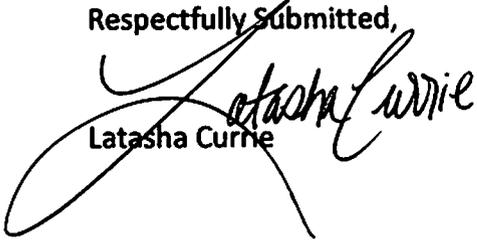
As we've already seen in Colorado, Proxy Advisors have helped put the pension program \$54.6 billion in debt, and as of 2019 it is currently funded at 47.1%. Advocating not for shareholders, but instead for philosophical grandstanding, has summarily destroyed the retirement funds for the very citizens of the state that support it the most.

Until there is reform, Proxy Advisors will take the path of least resistance and/or advocate practices that match their philosophy to the detriment of financial portfolio performance.

Further, the internal lack of transparency on why recommendations are made indicates an inability to even set a barebones standard for future investment choices.

I am not necessarily opposed to the social and political goals of Proxy Advisors. However, pension funds are not the vehicle that should be used to advance political ideas. They are the financial building blocks by which we build our families and advance our communities, and it is the duty of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to protect those precious investments.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Latasha Currie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end. It is positioned over the printed name "Latasha Currie".

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