

Vanessa A. Countryman, Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street NE  
Washington, DC 20549-0609

**Re: File Number S7-22-19**

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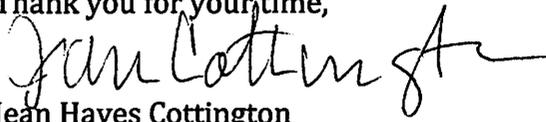
Dear Sec. Countryman:

My husband and I are concerned about the stability of our retirement accounts and appreciate the work the Securities and Exchange Commission is doing to protect investors and investments from the undue and potentially damaging influence of proxy advisory firms.

I understand the role these proxy advisors play in the investment world and I further understand that it does make sense for portfolio managers to use proxy advisors to research and advise on votes for shareholder meetings.

However, I think sometimes these managers rely too completely on the advice of these advisors and cast "straight ticket" votes that are expedient but not necessarily in the best interest of investors. This practice of robo-voting ought to be scrutinized and almost certainly done away with as the SEC considers how best to codify these increased investor protections.

Thank you for your time,

  
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