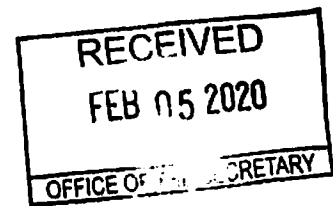


December 26, 2019

Vanessa Countryman, Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street NE
Washington, DC 20549-1090



Re: SEC - Docket Number - S7-22-19

Dear Sec. Countryman:

I live in Pascoag, Rhode Island, and I work at Amgen, a biotechnology company. I am not an expert in investing, but I have a 401k through my company and it doesn't take much expertise to know that additional oversight is warranted by the SEC in dealing with proxy advisory firms.

These firms aren't always recommending sound investment decisions. They instead allow their political and social views to determine their recommendations which hurts working- and middle-class investors. I cannot believe this has been allowed to continue as long as it has, and that just two firms, Glass Lewis and Institutional Shareholder Services, have been able to take over virtually the entire market.

These firms have little accountability or transparency, and they disrupt normal corporate governance. I support the right of anyone to protest, or vote, or make their own politicized investing choices, but those responsible for managing the funds of others owe them a certain standard of care. We don't need third party proxy advisory firms imposing their views on how our retirement savings should be invested.

I am generally in favor of greater oversight in the proxy advisory industry, and the SEC has demonstrated it has the leadership necessary to provide it. We need more transparency and accountability before the power of these firms becomes excessive. Thank you for your great work on these issues.

With Gratitude,

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