

Mr. Brent J. Fields Secretary
A Coalition of Growth Companies
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, NE Washington, DC 20549-1090

Re: File Number 4-725; SEC Staff Roundtable on the Proxy Process

Dear Mr. Fields,

I am a small investor, but I want to be in the driver's seat of how my money is managed and not some third party that could care less about me and my family or the impacts their manipulation over public companies is having on society.

It is time for the proxy advisory firms to put all their cards on the table and let the investors know who they are really working for and what the motivation is behind their votes.

It amazes me that despite the influence these advisory firms have in my funds that they remain largely unregulated and are able to avoid many of the transparency and disclosure requirements other major financial industries have to abide by. I am hoping that the SEC can help change that and hold them accountable.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Smith
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