

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 write today as a concerned shareholder who is worried about not only my future, but the future of my children and grandchildren. There desperately needs to be a better system for proxy voting to foster greater retail participation. As a shareholder, I should be more engaged as to who is representing me, instead of simply relying on the institutional investors who manage my investments.

I believe I should have the right as the investor to communicate directly with my fund managers about how they are voting on shareholder proposals, especially since they are simply relying heavily on the recommendations of proxy advisory firms. I find it disconcerting that there are advisory firms making decisions on my behalf simply to drive their own hidden agenda.

I would like to see firm regulations on proxy advisory firms and much more transparency in this process, as well as a way to direct how my shares should be votes. I have worked too hard and too long to let my interests go to the highest bidder. I will not let my voice be silenced.

Best regards,
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