



November 15, 2006

The Honorable Christopher Cox  
Chairman, Securities & Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20549

**Re: Internet Availability of Proxy Materials**

Dear Chairman Cox:

As the nation's oldest non-profit conservation organization concerned with protection, restoration, and enhancement of the nation's forests and forest ecosystems, we are excited about the substantial environmental benefits that the proposed "Notice and Access" model represents. We estimate that the initiative would benefit the environment and help to solve our global warming problem by reducing the paper in the solid waste stream, reducing the fuel consumed in transporting the proxy materials to the post office and delivering them to shareholders, and help to save trees by reducing the demand for paper. For the 300 million or so packages each year that are currently mailed, the "Notice and Access" model could:

- 1) Save 800,000 trees each year from being cut to produce the paper involved in the mailings, trees which would remove some 267,000 tons of greenhouse gas from the atmosphere annually if left to grow;
- 2) Reduce fossil fuel consumption by approximately 500,000 gallons annually by eliminating the need for 3 million truck miles to transport the proxy materials;
- 3) Prevent 100,000 tons of paper from going to the nation's landfills each year; and
- 4) Eliminate 380,000 tons of greenhouse gas emitted in the manufacturing process<sup>1</sup>.

Over just 5 years, this initiative would save more than 4 million trees from being cut allowing them to continue to grow and continue to absorb 1.3 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>. More than 2.5 million gallons of fossil fuels would be saved, and almost 2 million tons of greenhouse gas that would have been emitted by the manufacturing process would be eliminated. American Forests can provide more detail should that be required.

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<sup>1</sup> From [www.Paper Calculator.org](http://www.Paper Calculator.org)

We strongly believe that these environmental benefits make the “Notice and Access” model a winning proposition across the board. On behalf of American Forests’ 20,000 members and all of us concerned with the environment, we look forward to a favorable decision in this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Deborah Gangloff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "D" and "G".

Deborah Gangloff  
Executive Director