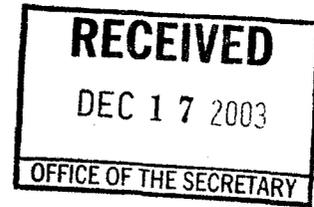


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Secretary Jonathan G. Katz (S7-19-03)
Securities & Exchange Commission
450 5th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20549



Dear Secretary Katz:

I am writing to state my opposition to the proposed regulations known as shareholder access to a corporation's proxy statement and proxy card for the nomination and election of directors as stated in the Notice of Solicitation of Public Views.

I have been an investor for over thirty years. My portfolio is diverse, and I have invested in high technology and gas and oil stocks. All these years, I have never wavered in the belief that the first responsibility of the Board of Directors is to the shareholders - all the shareholders - big and small. They should be independent, ethical, trustworthy, and growth-oriented.

I understand the frustration with firms such as Enron. But, I do not believe that creating a situation where a special interest group or political group of shareholders could place their director in the Board Room is the answer to assuring proper corporate governance and accountability. In fact, I believe the opposite would occur. The presence of a director who may have a special agenda could create a confrontational atmosphere in the board. There simply is no need at this time for changes to proxy rules resulting in risks of dissension within and amongst the board of directors. There is simply no need to mandate a situation that would lead to disruption and obstruction of responsible corporate governance.

I further believe that new requirements and regulations would be added burdens to both the shareholders and the board. Adopting these regulations would result in substantial costs, disruptions, and litigation with the state corporation commissions. This would divert the resources used to create shareholder wealth to administrative and legal costs. This can only result in less growth and less profit. As a shareholder, this would be totally unacceptable.

I urge the SEC to abandon the hasty and ill-conceived proposed regulations stated in the Notice of Solicitation of Public Views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Albert Goodis".

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