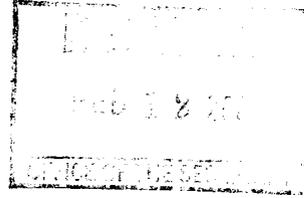


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Jonathan G Katz Sec
450 5th St NW
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Dear Jonathan G Katz Sec,

I am writing in support of shareholders being able to better nominate candidates for corporate boards and I understand my comments will be posted on the SEC's website. I am strongly opposed to the SEC's proposed rulemaking in its current form because it does not adequately ensure corporate accountability. I urge the SEC to support greater democracy in the corporate elections process, which has fallen victim to the special interests of the self-selected directors who now govern publicly held companies in the U.S. The SEC should support investors' rights to nominate legitimate candidates for company boards, and to do so through the company's proxy ballot mailed out to all investors.

Until corporate governance is strengthened to make directors more accountable to shareholders and stakeholders, we'll continue to lose investors' confidence in markets and corporate management. I hope that this time, the SEC will stand by investors, including individual ones that have poured their life savings into the markets, and improve the system to allow for greater shareholder suffrage. Allowing the owners of companies to have a realistic say in the membership of the board is one of the best ways to begin cleaning up Corporate America, and restore our faith in its financial system.

Sincerely,

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