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Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20549-0609

Dear Secretary Katz,

Harrington Investments, Inc. (HII) is a registered investment advisor managing over \$150 million in assets for individuals and institutions concerned with a social as well as financial return. As a financial professional, I am writing in support of the proposed rule making it easier for investors to nominate candidates for corporate boards. Given the rash of corporate scandals occurring the last three years, it would seem that it would now be prudent to support greater democracy in the corporate election process.

The current system makes it extremely unlikely for shareholders to run a candidate for the board. Although the proposed rule would certainly be an improvement, the triggers currently proposed are really unnecessary. The process of finding a qualified candidate and gathering majority support would require such a great amount of effort as to discourage any investor from attempting it unless a company had been grossly mismanaged. There need be no barriers present to make it any more difficult.

Clearly, in considering this rule change the Commission has shown its awareness of the need to make corporate boards more responsive to their shareholders. I strongly encourage the SEC to make this change in a way that is significant enough to give shareholders some oversight of the companies they own.

Sincerely,

John C. Harrington
President

