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Via Internet & USMail

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Mr. Matthew Reed
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21 Century Disclosure Initiative
Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20549-3561

Re: Release Nos. 33-8962; 34-58657; File No. 4-567, Roundtable on Modernizing the SEC's Disclosure System

Dear Mr. Reed:

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on this important initiative.

EnVed is a private, not for profit organization dedicated to educating the public on environmental matters. As advocates for better environmental policy, EnVed and our staff members have (1) advised companies on how to comply with environmental disclosure laws under both the federal securities as well as environmental laws AND (2) worked with shareholders to better understand corporate environmental practices and contingent liabilities. In our efforts, we have used EDGAR extensively and have developed a distinct perspective on its use for academic and investor research.

Investors are all unique and each use disclosure to aid their particular investment goals in their own way. These goals inevitable change overtime. Although EDGAR is a national treasure, like most treasures it needs to be polished to remove tarnish. Modern disclosure must allow investors to search registrant documents in EDGAR to meet the individualized need of each investor/researcher.

Adding a Boolean search feature to the entire text of all documents filed on EDGAR is an important improvement on the current EDGAR system because Boolean searches of SEC filings allow individuals to scan and then pinpoint registrants' documents for information they deem important. Adding a Boolean search feature to EDGAR would increase the transparency of SEC filings and empower investors the opportunity to delve deeper into their investments.

Please contact us if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Glass Geltman
President
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