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Re: Pay Ratio Disclosure, File No. S7-07-13

Dear Ms. Murphy,

I am an investor.

The current norm of top corporate pay is a recent phenomena. That is a very, very important fact to remember. It is merely the result of a recent social/economic experiment. An experiment that has gone wrong.

People try new ideas all the time. It's what people do. This idea has created vast kingdoms for a handful of people and poverty for our many and an future at best for this nation.

A collection of men in power had an idea to improve the economy. It is as simple as that. They strongly believed in the plan. They were privileged enough to be able start the plan. They knew that a nation is like a huge ship. The Queen Mary could not change course quickly but it could change course. The destination can be different, or this case a nation could be different. With what appeared to be, to the public, an unconnected, bland, series of changes in law America changed.

Time has passed now and we are living the results of the their experiment. The tampering has had affects that, I would like to believe, were not intended. This runaway bleed off of capital to unseen 0.0025% is one of those affects. Forty eight percent of our children now living in poverty is another. When you and I grew up we saw commercials showing extreme poverty in far away places. UNICEF and it's like beg for money to help children. Our nation's children now watch these same commercials, except the begging is for American children... What does that teach our children? Does it teach that this is a place where dreams can come true? Does it give dream of college and exceptionalism? This is also a direct, continuing affect of the Greenspan (Chicago Boys) plan as well.

This recent power distortion is what our waves of forefathers fled when they came here. The idea of being able to make a better life without being born rich is why they chose America. The dream of their children being able to be more is why they came here. The notion that you could own a home and have a say in what happens next is why they came. THIS is the core of a healthy Republic, a prospering, great nation. These beliefs are what gathered our forefathers together. It is families with this kind of vision that of built the United States. It was not moguls that use lives life chess pawns. It was not people that work for the moguls having given up dreams due to pre-existing conditions or fears of poverty.

These things happening now are new to us. But, it has happened in other places as well. Numerous other countries have foundered and fixed this in ways that work. You would not be jumping off a cliff on some untried, romantic notion. There are a number of methods to choose from. They work well. Other countries limit top corporate pay to a multiple of the lowest group of their employees. It keeps more assets within the company and creates a

middle class.

Remember, this is a recent flaw. It is doesn't have to be this way. It hasn't always been this way. It can be fixed.

I strongly support regulations that would require publicly-traded companies to disclose CEO-to-median worker pay ratios. It would be a good first step to putting us back on course.

Sincerely,

Mary Schleicher