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Ms. Elizabeth Murphy
Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20549-1090
Security and Exchange Commission

Dear Ms. Murphy:

I wanted to take a brief moment of your time to voice my concern and opposition to a proposal being considered by the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC). The proposed rule would alter the way nominations are made to a company's Board of Directors- essentially giving shareholders the opportunity to nominate a person of their choice.

This proposal is greatly flawed and will essentially allow any special interest or political group the opportunity to purchase shares of a company and give them the authority to nominate someone to the Board of Directors. This process can significantly impact the way a company runs and will force the Board of Directors to consider people who are not qualified. I believe this politicizes the entire process and will prove to wreak havoc on a company and its regular business operations.

This proposal, if enacted, would prove to be a waste of valuable time and resources. The number of nominations that could flood any Board of Directors would take away much-needed focus the Board should have on company business and force them to go through potentially countless nominations. The current nominating process has proven to be successful and efficient so there is no need for change. It is my understanding this change has been proposed in the past and the SEC has rejected it twice. I believe this is the appropriate action here.

If the SEC is searching for ways to improve the nominating process to Boards of Directors and improve the corporate governance of America's businesses, I believe you are moving in the wrong direction. This proposal will do the exact opposite and cause further government interruption in the private sector.

I ask that the Commission reject this proposal.

Sincerely,

Hal Hawk, President & CEO
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