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Secretary Elizabeth M. Murphy
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street NE
Washington, DC 20549-1090

Re: *File No. S7-10-09*
Release No. 34-60089
Facilitating Shareholder Director Nominations

Secretary Murphy:

Out of great concern for the proposed proxy access rules I submit my comments of opposition to the adoption of such rules.

In 2003 and again in 2007, rule changes similar to those now proposed were abandoned, mainly because such laws already existed in our states and the acceptance of such federal mandates would infringe on those existing state laws. Not only are we once again faced with the same issue, and thus hopefully the same outcome, we are now faced with more extensive changes that will negatively affect economic performance.

Share holders, board members and company executives work hard and work together under a current system that is fair, effective and efficient. I see no reason we must adopt these new changes and in fact, feel that these changes will do much more harm than they will good.

I hope you will heed my comments of opposition to the proposed proxy access rules and halt the adoption of the rules in an effort to protect an already effective and efficient system.

Sincerely,

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