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Dear Murphy,

Because I object to more control being handed over to the federal government, I am opposed to the proposal to change the rules for shareholder proxy access. State rulings should not be overridden by the federal government . As a small business owner, I am also very concerned about the economy. Like everyone else, I am struggling to ride out this recession. Therefore, I am opposed to any changes that could potentially drive the cost of operations up.

Six months ago, I started my business, Artistic Land Design LLC. I had many years of professional landscaping experience before starting this business. The rule change proposed for shareholder proxy access will allow unqualified individuals to run for a seat on the board of directors for publicly owned companies. The likelihood of wealthy special interest groups buying their way into board of directors' seats exists. Not only will their private agendas be empowered, but the companies they invade will probably suffer as a result. The American people do not want politics to become an intricate part of daily life. We want our freedom back. Red tape is binding our country, and it drives the cost of living up, making it harder for a small business owners to survive.

With the economy so unstable, we cannot afford to risk the success of small businesses. I have six employees that rely on me for income , and with business this slow , I cannot afford any higher cost. Important business functions should not be left incapable hands. The current proxy rules are sufficient in assuring that those who have the most vested interest in publicly owned companies are in the driver's seat. Please, avoid the proposed changes to shareholder proxy access.

Regards,

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