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Ms. Elizabeth M. Murphy
Secretary
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

Dear Ms. Murphy:

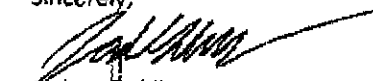
As co-founder and Executive Vice President of Astrum Solar, a privately held solar energy company headquartered in Maryland and operating throughout the mid-Atlantic, I write today regarding the Securities and Exchange Commission's proposed rule regarding proxy access for shareholder nominations of corporate directors. While I certainly appreciate the SEC's focus upon establishing fair regulations for domestic corporations, I fear the proposed changes could hinder effective corporate governance.

In the future, my partners and I may consider taking Astrum public, as we feel that eventually it may be in our best interest, as well as that of our employees. I believe that instituting these proxy access changes could hamper our ability to find and retain corporate directors whose interests are in line with those of our shareholders. In particular, I am concerned that the proposed amendments would allow shareholders to nominate directors through the company's proxy materials. This would permit directors to potentially be nominated and approved without being subjected to the extensive vetting process that should take place. In essence, the proposal would allow special interests to control the nomination of board candidates who have neither the requisite qualifications nor the best interests of the company at heart.

The role of the board of directors is to protect the best interests of the shareholders, as well as to advise and counsel management. These changes could serve to inadvertently put too much power into the hands of a minority of shareholders, thereby disrupting and diminishing the ability of directors to act freely in the best interest of all concerned.

In short, I am opposed to the proposed rule and respectfully ask that the Commission vote to reject it.

Sincerely,



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