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Dear Ms. Murphy:

As a small business owner, I am very concerned about the government considering changes to the shareholder proxy access rule that could hinder the way businesses, including my own, are run. Allowing someone representing a special interest onto the board of directors at a company would be absolutely absurd; the results of this change could be catastrophic. I am deeply against any unnecessary government control or regulation, because we should be allowed to make our own decisions for our businesses. Please consider fighting against this proposal, and work towards keeping the control in the hands of the people, where it belongs.

The main focus of the business that I have owned for fourteen years is construction. With respect to the construction industry, the economy has been particularly harsh and unfavorable towards us. There are very few business owners around who are enjoying the same level of success they had prior to our economic crunch. A good portion of my local competition has simply fallen off the map. My company has gone from a staff of fifteen to just three, and I have had to cut out pensions altogether. If I am able to institute them again, I would not want to see them lose value due to the proposed changes in the proxy access rule. Additionally, if my suppliers get caught up in this mess, prices could go up, which would affect my business financially.

With the economy the way it is, my business would be destroyed if the government imposes more rules increasing the cost for me to do business. The government needs to understand that we know what is best for running our organizations. The changes in the shareholder proxy access rule need to be halted. Thank you for your support of small businesses.

Sincerely,



Sam Caruso