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Dear Murphy:

With our struggling economic situation today, many businesses find themselves struggling as well. Whether you are the guy selling diamonds or the girl selling hammers, people are at a stand still and deeply concerned about what their future holds. I went into this business about sixteen years ago, and I have had to let all my employees go in the wake of this economic crunch. The government has to understand that it cannot raise the cost of doing business in our country. There are very skilled carpenters in my area struggling to pay for things like workman's compensation, and because they cannot afford certain necessities, they are losing their businesses and homes.

The change the government is proposing to the shareholder proxy access rule really worries me. If these changes take place, then it can affect smaller businesses in various ways. As a unique furniture restoration company, I complete jobs ranging from fixing an old rocking chair to much larger commercial work, such as installing conference tables and reception desks. My company works with larger suppliers in Atlanta to acquire the products necessary to complete my jobs. If the vendors we work with fall short due to these new rulings, then it would be a death blow to us. If we cannot get certain parts to finish work, then a project that a contractor spent years on can be flushed down the drain in an instant. At the end of the day, you end up losing money on work you were originally supposed to make a large profit on.

Additionally, the impact this rule change will have on retirement accounts will be disastrous. Some of my clients have taken hits in this area already. If stocks are crashing, most potential clients will not consider bringing the furniture guy in to do work. Obviously, you can see how making these changes will ultimately trickle down and hurt smaller business owners. This is why you must oppose changes to the shareholder proxy access rule.

Sincerely,

Roger Vollrath

