



# Mansfield Children's Center, Inc.

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Ms. Elizabeth Murphy  
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Ms. Murphy:

We have more than enough rules and regulations between the state and the federal government, so the proposal to allow greater shareholder proxy access is unwelcome news for us. My husband, Robert, and I have been dealing with government regulations ever since we opened Mansfield Children's Center, Inc. in 1982. We know that government intervention, such as the ever increasing minimum wage, is more than a nuisance for small businesses. We do not need one more change that could result in corporate red tape and litigation.

Our childcare facility has been severely impacted by the poor economy. In the past we employed as many as twenty-six people to care for an enrollment of 160 children. Now we have a staff of only nineteen and 100 children. People without jobs do not need childcare. Our local school taxes are extremely high, and now the public schools are competing directly with us by enrolling pre-school children. Parents certainly will not say no to "free" childcare and who could blame them.

Our laws and regulations exist for the protection of our citizens and our businesses, and State law should never be preempted by federal law. Less intervention is always desirable. The federal government should not be imposing a rule that could cause our operating costs to rise. Activists in corporate boardrooms will likely cause price increases for small businesses as fallout reaches suppliers. Higher costs for us may generate layoffs, loss of income and overall economic hardship. Since the existing shareholder proxy access works, we hope you will just leave it alone.

Cordially,

Barbara Holloway  
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