

October 8th, 2022

Vanessa Countryman, Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20549-0609

**Re: Reporting of Securities Loans (File No. S7-18-21)**

Dear Secretary Countryman:

I am writing in strong support of rule 10c-1, "Reporting of Securities Loans".

As an average investor, i am really concerned about the situation at hand. It baffles and worries me that hedge funds can hide behind loopholes and practice short selling with little to no consequences.

Being able to sell companies stock short without the ability to know what, why and when a hedge fund does so, enables them to manipulate the price of stocks in order to maximise their profits – without regard of working families or small companies.

It should be allowed to as an average investor who wants to participate in investing and finances, that i can do so on my own. To delay critical informations which prevents me and others from getting the full picture, is like driving a car without a seatbelt:  
Sure, i can also drive the car and it might go alright – but if there is the possibility to increase protection and safety, shouldn't it be completely normal to therefore use it? So if something happens, everything that could have been done was done.

I wish, hope and -yes- demand that our free market should enable everyone to participate with the same tools and be as transparent and safe as possible. Not to enable the rule would just hurt the average investors, working families, smaller companies and the market overall – it would just benefit the hedge funds in their position to hide their true activities.

A good market profits from transparency and supports the flow of information, so more people can and will participate – not less.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Investor